

Event Snapshot

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wednesday July 7		4:30 PM to 6:30 PM Conference Registration Seton Academic Centre	7 PM Public Lecture Alyn Ware Seton Auditorium A Reception to follow
Thursday July 8	8 AM to 10 AM Conference Registration Seton Academic Centre Lobby 9 AM to 10 AM Opening Plenary Seton Auditorium A 10 AM to 10:30 AM Refreshment Break 10:30 AM to 12 PM Concurrent Workshops Seton Academic Centre 5th Floor	12 PM to 1 PM Lunch Dining Room Rosaria Student Centre 1 PM to 2:30 PM Concurrent Workshops Seton Academic Centre 5th Floor 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM Refreshment Break 3 PM to 4:30 PM Plenary Sandra Ionno Butcher Seton Auditorium A	6:30 PM to 7 PM Reception 2nd Floor Rosaria Student Centre 7 PM to 9:30 PM Peace Celebration Dinner and Concert
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Saturday July 10	8 AM to 10:30 AM Bus trip to Pugwash from Rosaria Student Centre, The Mount (Free parking available) 11 AM to 12 PM Presentation Sandra Ionno Butcher Thinkers' Lodge	12 PM to 1 PM Peace Walk 1 PM to 2 PM Picnic Lunch Lobster Factory 2:30 PM Tours of Thinkers' Lodge	4 PM to 6 PM Bus trip to the Mount from Pugwash



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... in our classrooms, our communities and our world

July 7 to 10, 2010

Mount Saint Vincent University

Conference Program

Wednesday, July 7 , 2010

4:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Conference Registration

Location: Lobby, Seton Academic Centre

7:00 PM

Opening Remarks

Alexa McDonough, Interim President and Conference Chair
Mount Saint Vincent University

Hon. Marilyn More, Nova Scotia Minister of Education

Logan MacGillivray, 12 year old award winning human rights activist and filmmaker, Bedford, NS

Public Lecture

Location: Seton Auditorium A, 4th Floor Entrance

Presented by Alyn Ware

From Kindergarten to the UN – Education and Action for Peace

Coordinator, New Zealand Peace Education, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Non Proliferation and Disarmament and Director of AOTEAROA Lawyers for Peace

Alyn Ware played a key role in gaining the International Court of Justice decision declaring nuclear weapons illegal and was instrumental in launching the World March for Peace and Non Violence from New Zealand in October 2009 on the anniversary of Ghandi's birth.

In 2009 Alyn received the Right Livelihood Award, the "alternative" Nobel Prize, awarded to outstanding citizens for promotion of scientific research, education, public understanding and practical activities which contribute to a global ecological balance, are aimed at eliminating material and spiritual poverty, and contribute to lasting peace and justice in the world.



Reception to follow, Lobby, Seton Academic Centre

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Thursday, July 8, 2010

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Registration, Lobby, Seton Academic Centre

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Opening Plenary

Welcoming Remarks: Alexa McDonough, Conference Chair

Title: **Building a Culture of Peace in our Classrooms, in our Communities and in our World**

Location: Seton Auditorium A, 5th Floor Entrance

Moderator: Alyn Ware

Alyn Ware is Coordinator, New Zealand Peace Education, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Non Proliferation and Disarmament, and Director of AOTEAROA Lawyers for Peace

Panelists:

Hetty van Gorp, Peaceful Schools International

Hetty holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the Mount where she is also a part time faculty member. Hetty received a Doctorate of Civil Law Degree from Saint Mary's University in recognition of her work as an educator, author and Peace Builder. She is the Founder of Peaceful Schools International, and has worked with hundreds of schools in Canada and internationally. *Teaching Peace in a Time of War* is an NFB Documentary Film featuring her work with schools in Serbia. Hetty received the YMCA Peace Medal, Nova Scotia Principal of Distinction Award, Canadian Teachers Federation Special Recognition Award, Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission Award, and has been named a Canadian Hero by both TIME MAGAZINE and READERS DIGEST.

Donna Smyth, Voice of Women for Peace

Donna Smyth is a former English and Creative Writing Professor at Acadia University. She was the Founding Editor of [Atlantis Women Studies Journal](#), and well known feminist author, novelist and playwright.

Sandra Ionno Butcher, Senior Program Coordinator, International Secretariat of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs Director, Pugwash History Project

Sandra Ionno Butcher is Senior Program Coordinator for the International Secretariat of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, an international network addressing arms control and disarmament issues. As Director of the Pugwash History Project, she has conducted oral histories and research on the Pugwash Movement including the 1955 Russell-Einstein Manifesto, the first meeting hosted by Cyrus Eaton at Thinkers' Lodge in 1957, through to the awarding of the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize, jointly, to Joseph Rotblat and the Pugwash Movement. Having served for seven years as Director of Young Pugwash in the USA, Sandra is passionate about engaging youth around nuclear weapons abolition. In 2009, she led an International Young Pugwash Conference sponsored by the Pugwash Peace Exchange.

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10:00 AM to 10:30 AM Refreshment Break, Seton 5th Floor Hallway

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Concurrent Workshop

A: Sharing Ideas for Peace Education

Moderator: Alyn Ware

Location: Seton 530/531

Facilitators:

Hetty van Gorp, President, Peaceful Schools International

Clare Levin, Executive Director, Peaceful Schools International

Clare has been engaged in peace, environment and social justice issues for many years through her work with a number of different NGOs, both here in Canada and overseas. Clare is a past board member of Peaceful Schools International, the past Chair of the Oxfam Maritimes Regional Steering Committee and a past member of the Sustainable Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone Steering Committee. In all her work, Clare tries to make the links between, peace, development, and environmental issues. Clare has an MA in International Affairs from Carleton University, with a focus on human security and development.

Dr. Felicia Eghan, Associate Professor, Department of Family Studies & Gerontology and Coordinator of the Peace and Conflict Studies program, Mount Saint Vincent University

Workshop description:

Do you have a great idea for making your school or classroom a more peaceful place? Interested in learning more about effective peace education? This workshop will explore educational tools and techniques for teaching peace. Participants will then organize into elementary, junior high and high school groups, and share at least one good idea for advancing peace education.

Reflections on what I learned in this session, and thoughts about my capacity to engage...

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Lunch, Dining Room, Rosaria Student Centre

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10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Concurrent Workshop

C: Pugwash Movement Retrospect - No Strange Dream

Moderator: Dennice Leahey

Location: Seton 528

Facilitators:

Sandra Ionno Butcher, Senior Program Coordinator, International Secretariat of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs Director, Pugwash History Project

Ru Ling Susie Chou, Physicist, Professor of Cardiology (retired), Columbia University Medical School; daughter of Pei-Yuan Chou, Physicist, former Vice-Rector, Peking University; 1957 Pugwash Founding Conference participant.

Ru Ling Susie Chou's father, Dr. Pei-Yuan Chou, was a visionary Chinese scientist who crossed the Iron Curtain in 1957 at the invitation of Nova Scotia industrialist Cyrus Eaton. Dr. Chou travelled to Pugwash to meet other esteemed philosophers and scientists including Bertrand Russell, Joseph Rotblat, Albert Einstein and Linus Pauling. Together, they founded the Pugwash Movement to ensure the peaceful use of scientific discoveries and inventions.

Eric Bednarski is a documentary film director/producer who has studied history and filmmaking in North America and Europe. His work has screened on Canadian, Danish and Polish television, at international festivals, at the United Nations, the European Parliament and the State Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Like [The Strangest Dream](#), his National Film Board of Canada feature length debut, Bednarski's earlier films display a passion for history.

Workshop description:

This workshop will provide a current and historical overview of the role of Pugwash, locally, nationally and internationally, and invite participants to learn from the traditions and achievements of Pugwash in advancing a Nuclear Weapon-Free World.

*In preparation, we suggest you watch the documentary: [The Strangest Dream](#).

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B: Power Wrinkles: Older Women as Peace Activists

Moderator: Sheilagh Martin

Location: Seton 527

Facilitators:

Rita Deverell, Nancy's Chair in Women Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University, performer, broadcaster, playwright, Member of the Order of Canada

Maureen Vine, Grassroots Activist, Raging Grannies

Marilyn Coolen, HIV/ Aids Activist, Grandmothers Supporting Grandmothers (Stephen Lewis Foundation)

Workshop description:

Dr. Deverell will share her work on the effectiveness and strategies of experienced women working for peace.

Marilyn Coolen will explain the role of women activists in the Canadian 'Grandmothers Campaign (Stephen Lewis Foundation) in support of Grandmothers in Sub-Saharan Africa raising 13 Million HIV-AIDS Orphans.

The Raging Grannies will demonstrate how the Raging Grannies combine music, humour, and

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2:30 PM to 3:00 PM Refreshment Break

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C: Making Progress Towards a World without Nukes

Moderator: Alexa McDonough

Location: Seton room 528

Facilitators:

Dr. Erika Simpson, Associate Professor of International Politics, University of Western Ontario, London, Vice Chair, Canadian Pugwash

Alyn Ware, Coordinator, New Zealand Peace Education, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Non Proliferation and Disarmament, Director of AOTEAROA Lawyers for Peace, 2009 Recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, the “alternative” Nobel Prize.

Workshop description:

Dr. Erika Simpson and Alyn Ware have been extensively involved in the international movement to rid the world of nuclear weapons, and have participated in several of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Reviews at the United Nations.

They will share their assessment of the May 2010 NPT review which, thanks to President Obama’s early initiatives and civil society’s exhaustive efforts, resulted in 189 countries agreeing for the first time in a decade to strengthen, however modestly, the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the 1968 pact that is the cornerstone of nuclear arms control. The participants will engage with Alyn and Erika in a discussion of where we go from here to achieve a world without nukes.

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6:30 PM to 7:00 PM Reception, 2nd Floor, Rosaria Student Centre

7:00 PM to 9:30 PM Peace Celebration Dinner & Concert, Rosaria Dining Room

Featuring:

Award-winning Poet: [Lorri Neilsen Glenn](#)

Lorri Neilsen Glenn is Professor of Literacy Education at Mount Saint Vincent University. She is the author and editor of eleven books of non-fiction, scholarly writing, and poetry. Lorri was Poet Laureate for Halifax for 2005-2009, recipient in 2005 of her University's research excellence award, and of Halifax's 2009 Women of Excellence Award for her work in the arts. Her work appears in national and international journals and anthologies, and she has led workshops in Australia, Ireland, Chile and across Canada. Currently, Lorri is completing a collection of essays on grief and loss, an anthology of writing about mothers, and a memoir.

The musical harmonies of: [Clearing By Noon](#)

with special guests:

[The Elastic Millennium Choir](#)

The Elastic Millennium Choir started life almost 20 years ago as a group that concentrated on the music of the "shape note tradition". Over this time the choir has done much research and added Maritime-composed pieces to a repertoire that included songs from the American Sacred Harp movement, which was the music of ordinary folk.

In the past few years the group has explored international music with special significance to its members. The pieces they will perform speak of the shared values of a commitment to justice for children around the world and caring for a peaceful earth.

[Melanie Donnelly, Joanna Butler, Catherine Kinsman](#)

These three songwriter/performers are each accomplished in their own right. They originally came together to blend their unique music and lyric writing styles in November 2007, with an interest in writing songs that might make a difference.

Their first song, Stand Together, is an inspirational anthem of hope and unity, which they performed at the Obama Welcome Rally during the U.S. President's inaugural visit to Canada. "Stand Together delivers a wonderfully melodic vocal arrangement and compelling lyric..." is among the many accolades that accompanied a Great American Song Contest Honour Award in 2009. Haligonian.ca named the music video Stand Together For Service, video of the week in honour of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The co-writers' flair for cause-inspired writing is heard in Every Step Of The Way, a song inspired by children who face frightening life challenges which was performed in support of the IWK Hospital annual telethon, centennial and other events. Their most recent music project We'll Find a Way was written to bring awareness and inspire action to take care of the planet. Funds raised through sales of the song will benefit the planet through support of environmental organizations in Canada and abroad.

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8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Registration and Information
2nd Floor, Rosaria Student Centre

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Plenary

Sex, Death, and Violence in the Disarmer's World

Moderator: Rita Deverell

Location: Seton Auditorium A

Facilitator:

Dr. Erika Simpson, Associate Professor Political Science, University of Western Ontario, and Vice-Chair, Canadian Pugwash.

Erika Simpson's 30 years of disarmament activism have included campaigning against cruise missile testing in Saskatchewan, working with End the Arms Race, and extensive research with senior level diplomats and defence policy makers.

Plenary description:

This presentation will explore how women are treated differently...Why male policy-makers avoid talking about death and destruction...Whether men are inherently more violent than women... Whether nuclear weapons are here to stay because women will never rule the world!

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10:00 AM to 10:30 AM Refreshment Break

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C: Can the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapon-Free ZONES get us to Nuclear ZERO?

Moderator: Alexa McDonough

Location: Seton 528

Facilitator:

Adele Buckley, MSc, PhD, DSc, Physicist, aerospace engineer and environmental scientist, Immediate Past Chair, Canadian Pugwash, current member, International Pugwash Council, Former VP, Technology and Research, Ontario Centre for Environmental Technology Advancement, Former VP, Solarchem Environmental Systems, Founding partner of MDS-SciEx, which became a division of MDS, Inc.

In 1959, the Antarctic (South Pole) became a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (NWFZ). Today 56% of the earth's land area is part of a NWFZ. 116 nations have declared themselves NWFZ. Canada is one of only two countries in North, Central, and South America – the other is the USA – who have yet to declare themselves a NWFZ. Canada is also one of only two nations in the 56 member francophony that have, along with France, declined to take any initiatives to become NWFZ.

In 2007, under Adele's Presidency, Canadian Pugwash called for an Arctic Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone. Since that time, she has written and presented a series of research papers advancing an Arctic NWFZ, including at a Parliamentarians for Non Proliferation and Nuclear Disarmament conference in 2008 hosted by the Pugwash Peace Exchange; an Arctic NWFZ Conference in Copenhagen in 2009; and most recently, the United Nations Civil Society Forum on Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones in the Arctic in May 2010.

Workshop description:

Adele Buckley will share her vast knowledge of NWFZ's and explore how citizens can contribute to the movement for Canada to join the 144 Zones already declared Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones.

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A: Civil Society Engagement: From Awareness to Mobilization

Moderator: Sherida Hassanali

Location: Don MacNeil Room, 3rd Floor, Rosaria Student Centre

Facilitators:

Nancy Covington, as Canadian President of Physicians for Global Survival, led Canada's International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), dedicated to adoption of a Nuclear Weapons Convention, an international treaty banning the development, possession, and use of Nuclear Weapons, based on prescribing that Nuclear Weapons are Bad for your Health.

Joan Hicks, Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace Steering Committee member with 35 years experience on Community Boards and innovative projects including Word on the Street, Chebucto Community Net, African Heritage Month, Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women, and Metro Council on Continuing Education.

Bill Siksay, Member of Parliament, Burnaby-Douglas since 2004, Chair, Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament (PNND) Canadian Chapter, Member of PNND Global Council, and Department of Peace Initiative Champion

Alyn Ware, Coordinator, New Zealand Peace Education, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Non Proliferation and Disarmament, Director of AOTEAROA Lawyers for Peace, 2009 Recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, the "alternative" Nobel Prize.

Workshop description:

These effective peace activists will share successes and frustrations in their struggle to advance Peace, and encourage lively conversation among participants about worthwhile initiatives and innovative strategies.

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C: Effective Communication Strategies for Disarmament and Peace

Moderator: Bobbi Dunham-Carter

Location: Boardroom, 2nd Floor, Rosaria Student Centre

Facilitators:

Bruce Wark, Inglis Professor of Journalism, University of King's College

Prior to teaching, Bruce was a CBC Radio Journalist responsible for network programs such as The World at Six and World Report, and was the first producer of The House (the Saturday morning program on national politics). Bruce served as Legislative Reporter in Ontario and as National Reporter for the Maritime Provinces. He produced CBC Radio's The Media File, a weekly network program reporting on issues relating to journalism and the media. Currently, Bruce writes a regular column for the alternative Halifax weekly, The Coast.

Chris Campbell, Media creator with a keen interest in combining storytelling with new technologies and a faculty member in the Screen Arts program at the Nova Scotia Community College.

Richard Zurawski, Documentary film maker, writer, meteorologist, television and radio host and public speaker.

Workshop description:

This workshop will focus on a critique of the mainstream media — mainstream news media clearly prize controversy and conflict over compromise and consensus. This persistent storytelling bias makes it hard for peace activists to be heard over the shouts of sabre-rattling politicians and the voices of pundits who justify war. The workshop will also examine different ways that peace activists can have their voices heard using both traditional and new media.

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Saturday, July 10, 2010

Field Trip to the Village of Pugwash, Nova Scotia

During the day-long field trip to Pugwash, participants will visit the historic home of the Pugwash Movement, learn more about its storied past, especially the early contributions of women to the Pugwash Movement, and tour the recently restored Thinkers' Lodge, designated a National Historic Site in 2008.

8:00 AM **Motor Coach departs from Mount Saint Vincent University**
Rosaria Student Centre (Free parking available in the Rosaria parking lot)

10:30 AM **Arrival in Pugwash, NS.** Meet at the Lobster Factory, Dining Hall adjacent to Thinkers' Lodge for refreshments.

11:00 AM **Presentation by Sandra Ionno Butcher** **Location: Thinkers' Lodge**

Learn about how the **1957 Conference** hosted at Thinkers' Lodge by Nova Scotian Industrialist Cyrus Eaton, as envisioned by Lord Bertrand Russell and Albert Einstein, came to be held in the tiny Village of Pugwash, NS.

Celebrate the contributions of Anne Eaton and Ruth Adams, women pioneers in the early days of the Pugwash Movement.

12:00 PM **Peace Walk**

Carrying World Peace March torches through Pugwash Village, ending at the Peace Garden.

1:00 PM **Picnic Lunch** **Location: Lobster Factory**

2:00 PM **Remembering 1957, Presentation by Ru Ling Susie Chou**

Ru Ling Susie Chou remembers the journey taken by her father, Pei-Yuan Chou, to Pugwash in 1957, and how this courageous Chinese scientist's visit the West after 1949 Liberation contributed to the lasting success of the Pugwash Movement.

2:30 PM **Tours of Thinkers' Lodge**

Discussion groups and viewing of the Nobel Peace Prize Medal, jointly awarded in 1995 to Joseph Rotblatt and the Pugwash Movement.

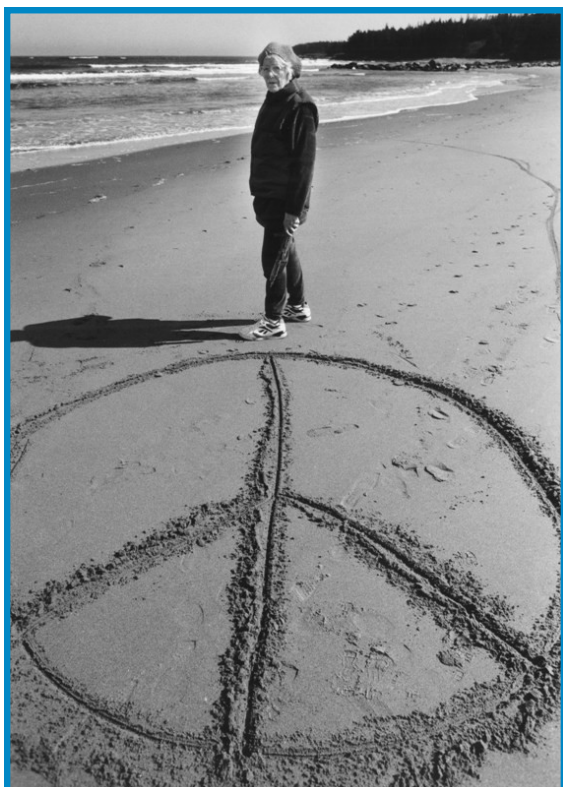
Tours of Thinkers' Lodge restoration will be available throughout the day. Residents of the Village "Famous for Peace" welcome visitors exploring the sights and shops of Pugwash.

4:00 PM **Meet the Bus** at Thinkers' Lodge for return to Halifax
(Arrival at the Mount at approximately 6:00pm)

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Muriel's Song

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Voices calling, rising falling
And the earth is alive with your song.
Children dreaming, starlight streaming
And the earth is alive with your song.

We will stop these stupid wars, the hatred
and the lies.
We will light this darkest hour and not be
terrorized.

Fire burning, planets turning
And the earth is alive with your song.
Loving, growing, giving, knowing
And the earth is alive with your song.

We will stop these stupid wars, the hatred and the lies.

We will light this darkest hour and not be terrorized.

In your name, we'll carry on, speaking out for everyone
And honour all that you have done with passion and with grace.

Voices calling, rising falling
People dreaming, starlight streaming
And the earth is alive with your song. (3x)

