

## **District 5300 Rotary Peace Fellow Lindsey Doyle - August 2016 Update**

- **Currently exploring the role of the performing arts in conflict resolution during my Applied Field Experience (AFE) in South Africa:** From June 2016 to January 2017, I am living in Cape Town, South Africa to examine how performance art can be used as a tool for reconciliation and community building in a post-colonial/post-apartheid environment. I am partnering with the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, University of Cape Town, Baxter Theater, and independent South African artists to explore this topic through research, teaching, and performance. I will be presenting the outcomes of my work at the annual Rotary Peace Conference in Uppsala in May 2017.

I am also supporting the Uppsala City Theater and Rotary Club Södra (District 2360) as they pursue a District Grant for funding to do similar theater programs in Sweden to address the pressing social needs of refugee children displaced by the conflicts in Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq and Swedish youth in juvenile detention.

- **Led the Master's Practicum on Security and Development with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and Uppsala University Peace and Conflict Research Department:** I worked with my academic department and SIPRI to develop a new program for students to get involved in a conference that is focused on international security and development policy. Four of the five students chosen by the department for this program were also Rotary Peace Fellows. After the conference in April, we helped draft policy notes to inform on-going discussions about topics such as migration, worldwide employment, and peacekeeping operations, to name a few. Check out our work at SIPRI's webpage: <https://www.sipri.org/event/2016-Stockholm-Forum-Security-Development/reports> After the conference, we wrote articles reflecting on the Forum that are now published on the Uppsala University website: <http://www.pcr.uu.se/collaboration/stockholm-forum/> SIPRI has expressed interest in continuing this program next year, as well.
- **Spoke at the Rotary District 2360 Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden in mid-April and moderated part of the Annual Rotary Peace Conference in Uppsala:** I traveled to Gothenburg (coastal city south of Uppsala) to speak about the role of the dance in peacebuilding. Krystal Renschler, second-year Rotary Peace Fellow, also presented her research on reconciliation in Cambodia following the genocide carried out by the Khmer Rouge from 1975-1979. Earlier this month, the Rotary Peace Center hosted an annual conference for donors to hear about the research and field work of the second-year fellows, which served as the end-of-the-year wrap up event. Three first-year fellows, including myself, helped moderate the panels. Speeches by classmates helped inspire Rotarians and current students to continue to develop their own projects and research for peace. In 2017, I will sit on the committee to design and run the next Peace Conference.

- **Progressing with coursework:** I have completed courses on Causes of Armed Conflict, Research Methods in Peace and Conflict, International Conflict Resolution, Leadership and Conflict, and Gender, War, and Peace. All courses are taught by the lead researchers at the academic department.
- **Participated in Rotary Peace Fellow Trip to Oslo, Norway in January 2016:** Seven fellows from Uppsala and I met a group of fellows from Bradford University Rotary Peace Center in Oslo for a study trip about peace-related institutions in Norway. We visited the Nobel Peace Institute, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Nobel Peace Museum. Please see the following article about our trip in Rotary Voices written by two of my colleagues:  
<http://blog.rotary.org/2016/02/29/rotary-peace-fellows-unite-in-oslo/>
- **Learning from global leaders in peacebuilding:** On October 22, I had the privilege of meeting 2011 Nobel Prize Winner, Leymah Gbowee, who led the nonviolent women's movement in Liberia in 2003 that successfully expedited peace negotiations. Her work is credited with contributing to the end of the 14-year civil war in Liberia. I also attended an event with the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize winner, the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet, in Uppsala.
- **Engaging with local Rotary clubs, Rotaract, and Peace Fellows about conflict resolution:** On November 17, I presented at my host club, Rotary Club Uppsala-Linne to share about the Rotary Peace Fellowship and one of my nascent areas of focus -- the role of the private sector in peacebuilding. Our fellowship cohort has met with local Rotaract Clubs to support their work, contribute to their volunteer opportunities, and help them grow membership. Exchanges with current and second-year Peace Fellows and other local Rotarians are on-going.