



Co-creating Stories with Women PeaceMakers: An Act of Reciprocity

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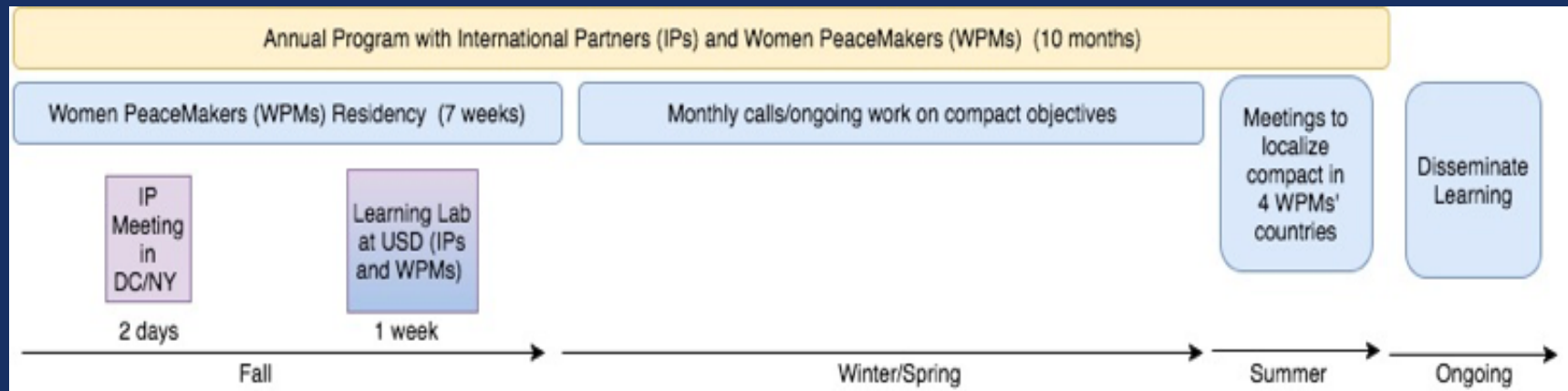
Women PeaceMakers Program 2003-2016

14 years of documenting
and learning from 56
women leaders in
peacebuilding and human
rights from 38 countries



2017 Women PeaceMakers

Problem Statement: Effective peacebuilding requires strong local and global cooperation. Yet in most cases international actors and local peacebuilders fail to form effective partnerships, thus harming the potential for peacebuilding efforts to succeed.



Why Narrative Inquiry?

The Methodology Emphasizes:

- Reflective peacebuilding through storytelling
- Trust building processes between Writer and PeaceMaker
 - The co-creation of knowledge
 - Authenticity of voice



Woman Peacemaker (2015)
Pauline Dempers with her Peace
Writer, Jenna Barnett

Women PeaceMakers Database



Women PeaceMakers Program

The Women PeaceMakers Program, based at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (part of the University of San Diego's Kroc School of Peace Studies), annually hosts four women from around the world who have been involved in human rights and peacemaking efforts in their countries. Women PeaceMakers are paired with Peace Writers to document their stories of living in conflict and building peace in their communities and nations. These are their stories.



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The Land on Which She Treads

The Life and Work of Fatma Mehdi Hassam of Western Sahara

BY SERENA PELKA

Filter by PeaceMaker name All countries All regions All years



Narrative: The Woman Who Talks with Boko Haram

Region: Africa, Nigeria
PeaceMaker: Hamsatu Allamin, 2016
Peace Writer: Sue Diaz

Read full narrative



Narrative: From the Hard Earth a Leader Emerges

Region: Africa, Kenya
PeaceMaker: Jane Anyango, 2016
Peace Writer: Maggie Thach Morshed

Read full narrative



Narrative: There is Another Way

Region: Middle East, Israel
PeaceMaker: Galla Golan, 2015
Peace Writer: Claire Doran



Narrative: A Bridge to Truth

Region: Africa, South Africa
PeaceMaker: Glenda Wildschut, 2015
Peace Writer: Maggie Thach Morshed

By integrating the narratives students can...

Apply a gendered perspective to analyze a conflict
Analyze international instruments – UDHR
Practice narrative inquiry as a methodology



Questions for Discussion

How would you envision using the Women PeaceMaker's narratives in the classroom or in international programs?

What kind of support would you need to incorporate the narratives into your curriculum or respective programming?

What are some strategies can we use to make the database of narratives more accessible to students and educators?

2016 Woman PeaceMaker

Judge Najla Ayoubi

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