

CHILDREN OF WAR SYMPOSIUM

March 6 & 7, 2009

Children of War Symposium is a complimentary service offered by the American Red Cross to educate the public on the psychological and physical effects of war on children by five renowned international speakers. These speakers, who have firsthand knowledge of the plight of children, will share their experiences during the time they lived and worked in war zones around the world.



VENUES:

Santa Cruz Area High Schools
Friday March 6, 9 am – 1 pm
(For students only)

University of California Santa Cruz
Friday, March 6, 2 – 4 pm
Namaste Lounge at College 9
RSVP: Jill Hofmann, (831) 566-8841, jilljonn@hotmail.com

Monterey Institute of International Studies
Friday, March 6, 7 – 9 pm
McCone Bldg, 499 Pierce St, Monterey 93940
Irvine Auditorium (Betw. Jefferson & Franklin)
Paula Herrera, (831) 375-5730 or 424-4824

Stanford University
Saturday, March 7, 9 – 12 pm
Stanford Law School
559 Nathan Abbot Way, Rm 190, Stanford 94305
RSVP: <http://law.stanford.edu/childrenofwar>
After 2/28, call for availability, Esther Ng (650) 721-2101

Santa Clara University
Saturday, March 7, 2 – 5 pm
Daly Science Center
Building 211, Room 207, Santa Clara 95053
RSVP: <http://law.stanford.edu/childrenofwar>
After 2/28, call Vaughn Klebig (408) 577-2070

For further information regarding attendance at any of these events, Contact Jill Hofmann, ARC Carmel jilljonn@hotmail.com or (831) 566-8841

SPEAKERS



Michael Khambatta

International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), Deputy Head of Regional Delegation, US & Canada

Mr. Khambatta previously served as ICRC Deputy Head of Operations for the Middle East and North Africa, covering operations in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iran and Kuwait, including the 2006 conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. During this time, he chaired the task force to support the rapid build-up of the ICRC delegation in Lebanon. Mr. Khambatta began his career with the ICRC in Rwanda in 1999, served in Sarajevo, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Afghanistan. He has managed the Peshawar sub-delegation, which had responsibility for the Northwest Frontier Province and for logistically supporting the Afghanistan delegation.



Dr. Marc Sommers

Associate Research Professor of Humanitarian Studies, Institute of Human Security, Fletcher School, Tufts Univ.; Research Fellow, African Studies Center, Boston Univ.

Dr. Sommers has worked in 20 war-affected countries over the past 2 decades. He has presented and published extensively on youth, child soldiers, education, peace education, conflict negotiation, urbanization, forced migration, and human rights. He has consulted for policy institutes, United Nations, non-government organizations and donor agencies. He received research support from the Ford, Guggenheim, Mellon and Rotary Foundations. His first book, *Fear in Bongoland: Burundi Refugees in Urban Tanzania*, received the 2003 Margaret Mead Award.



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SPEAKERS



Dr. Ashis Brahma

Sole Doctor for Darfur refugee camp for 2 years, now working in Uganda.

Dr. Brahma is a native of Netherlands. He has experience in caring for the ill in developing countries like India, Nepal, Burundi, Sudan, Uganda, and Ethiopia. He worked as the sole doctor at the Oure Cassoni camp in Chad caring for 27,000 Darfur refugees. He has appeared on CNN and 60 Minutes with Scott Pelley in the "Searching for Jacob" segment. His work has included the International Rescue Committee and the Genocide Intervention Network.



Dorothy Sewe

Tracing Specialist and former Refugee Camp Resident

Dorothy Sewe was a refugee in Mkuyu and Mkugwa UNHCR refugee camps. She, along with her family, lived there until they were separated. She was resettled to the United States in 2001. She initiated International Family Tracing Services at the Grand Rapids Michigan Red Cross Chapter. For over five years, she has been directly responsible for reuniting dozens of refugees with their families. Mrs. Sewe is now working on a Masters degree at SIT Graduate School in Brattleboro, Vermont.



Meghan Frank

Senior at Granby High School, Norfolk, VA. Daughter of a US Navy Captain.

Meghan Frank's lifestyle and view of the world was significantly altered on September 11, 2001. Since that day, 17 year-old Meghan has seen her father deployed six times. Meghan discovered that she has the ability and a responsibility to affect change in the world. In 2004, while her father was deployed to Afghanistan, Meghan completed her Girl Scout Silver Award Project: Operation Pen & Pencil, by collecting school supplies for Afghan teachers to use in their classrooms in Kabul. Meghan is the winner of awards including the Presidential Volunteer Service Gold Award.