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SUBJECT: BOOK FORUM ON US EMPIRE, MILITARISM, AND WAR ON TERROR

When: Friday, September 21, 2012 (United Nations International Day of Peace)
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology
3274 Lee Ave., behind FedEx, north of Office Depot, extra parking in front of Liquor World.

Moderated by Dick Bennett

PANELISTS (IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION)

Empire Abroad
John Gray, Killing Hope by William Blum
John Rule, Blood on Our Hands by Nicholas Davies

Empire at Home
Military Industrial Complex
Dick Bennett, The Military Industrial Complex at 50. Ed. by David Swanson.

Attack on Liberties
Bettie Lu Lancaster, Taking Liberties by Susan Herman
So long as the fear-mongering myths continue of enemies who ‘hate us for our freedoms” and “US invasions and bombings protect those freedoms,” US imperial interventions will continue, innocent people will be killed, our troops will futilely die, and our treasury wasted. People around the world hate our imperial practices. But you and I are not helpless; we are not powerless. We can contribute to an end of US wars of conquest or repression by refuting lies and fears and by advocating nonviolence, empathy, knowledge, reason, evidence, and diplomacy. Let us therefore be informed and not be silent.

This Forum reports on a few of the hundreds of books which our good scholars and publishers provide for our understanding of US imperialism and the so-called “War on Terror.” Chalmers Johnson’s “Blowback” tetralogy critically examines hundreds of aspects of the development of the US empire. Nicholas Davies’ *Blood on our Hands* identifies many of the specific violations of Geneva Conventions and Nuremberg principles committed in the invasion and occupation of Iraq. But the consequences of empire are not limited to its foreign wars. Empire also results in war against its own people—McCarthyism abroad, McCarthyism at home. Susan Herman in *Taking Liberties: The War on Terror and the Erosion of American Democracy* examines case after case of unconstitutional violations of domestic liberties. Other books will be cited. For a list of 46 books on these topics, contact Dick Bennett at jbennet@uark.edu

1. *International Day of Peace* - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
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   To inaugurate the day, the "Peace Bell" is rung at UN Headquarters (in New ... Tuesday 21 September 1982 was the first occurrence of the International Day of ... 2. *International Day of Peace* - Time and Date
   www.timeanddate.com › Calendar › Holidays Cached - Similar
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   The United Nations’ *(UN)* International Day of Peace is annually held on September 21 to recognize the efforts of individuals, organizations and governments to ... 3. *World Peace Through Global Campaigns - Peace One Day*
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   Support Global Truce and Peace Day on the 21st September by promoting peaceful communities and an international ceasefire. ... group of supporters for Peace Day 21 September 2012. ... In November 2011, Jeremy met with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who recorded a statement to camera saying that ... 4. *United Nations: International Day of Peace*
   www.upf.org/idp2012Cached
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   Each year on September 21, the UN invites all nations and people to honor a cessation of
hostilities and commemorate the International Day of Peace...

5. International Day of Peace 2012 - UN Peace Day
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International Day of Peace: September 21, 2012. "There has never been a network of Peace Makers on Earth; at one time, of one heart, of one mind, of single ...

[These following 3 messages arrived on Sept. 21, 2011, too late to be included in our 2011 Newsletter]: The Peace Alliance, Global Peace Foundation, Cindy Sheehan

THE PEACE ALLIANCE

Take Action for International Day of Peace
Three Things Congress can Do Now
Sign the Petition Today!

Dick, Today, September 21st, is the U.N. declared International Day of Peace. Take a stand for peace today by calling on Congress to support the three peacebuilding actions listed below. They all have momentum and need our active support. SPREAD THE WORD! See our Facebook and Twitter tips and samples below.

Sign the Petition Now! Tell our leaders we must make peace a priority.

Three things Congress can do now to prevent violence and war:

1. Enact the Youth PROMISE Act (HR 2721), groundbreaking, bipartisan legislation that will provide our communities with transformative support to prevent youth violence. In our nation’s most violence-ridden communities, the legislation will provide a lifeline for our nation’s greatest asset: our young people.

2. Rapid Response Funding: In late 2007, Kenya erupted into violence after disputed elections. The State Department wanted to support the African Union mediation process, but did not have unprogrammed funds available. Congress should fully fund the Complex Crises Fund at $75 million, a flexible pool of money to allow the State Department and USAID to respond quickly to emerging crises.

3. The United States Institute of Peace helps prevent and mitigate deadly conflict in places like Iraq, and by educating the U.S. public on peacebuilding and conflict

Ben & Jerry’s Capitol Hill Event Success!

Yesterday we held a very exciting and successful event scooping ice cream for Congress! Dozens of energetic volunteers joined us to urge Members of Congress and their staff to support these three key peacebuilding issues. Over 1000 attended the event! Follow-up with action to build upon the buzz!

Huge thanks to partner orgs:

Alliance for Peacebuilding,
Friends Committee on National Legislation,
3P Human Security,
Rotary International,
Shalom Educating for Peace,
The Institute for Multitrack Diplomacy.
resolution. Investing in USIP will help the U.S. save lives and treasure in the long-run by preventing wars rather than fighting them. Congress should fully fund USIP at $43 million.

These three areas can make a significant difference and all help lead the way to greater investment and infrastructure in the future by making a powerful case about the effectiveness of the work.

**Sign the Petition Now!**
**Tell our leaders we must invest in peace.**

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GLOBAL PEACE FOUNDATION

We're writing to invite you to celebrate International Peace Day on September 21st. We suggest three ways you can participate.

First of all, you can watch the Live Webcast of Peace Day 2011 through our partner Earthgrid.

Watch Live Webcast Here  [https://earthgrid.com/?a=lightparty](https://earthgrid.com/?a=lightparty)

Secondly, we are proud to present the **World Peace Anthem**, sung by Valentina. Last week she performed the World Peace Anthem, **"Peace on Earth"** at ONE: The Event in Seattle, which was also webcast to over tens of thousands of viewers. Watch The World Peace Anthem Video Replay Here [https://earthgrid.com/?a=lightparty](https://earthgrid.com/?a=lightparty)

Finally, The Shift Network is presenting a Free Global Telesummit with an inspiring line-up of inspiring leaders and peacebuilders such as Alice Walker, Deepak Chopra, Marianne Williamson, Arun Gandhi, Michael Bernard Beckwith, Daniel Goleman, Jane Velez-Mitchell and many more. You'll also gain access to the full library of recordings from last year's summit.

Sign up for the Global Tele-Summit Here. [https://shiftnetwork.infusionsoft.com/go/pwk2EG/egrid/](https://shiftnetwork.infusionsoft.com/go/pwk2EG/egrid/)

We thank you for joining us and thousands of others from around the world -- all of whom deeply care about the future of our planet and the potential for humanity to make a profound shift from a culture of violence to a culture of peace.

Please do share this invitation with friends and colleagues -- all are warmly welcome to participate!

Sincerely,

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Reply | Cindy Sheehan's Soapbox via uark.edu to jbennet
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Cindy Sheehan's Soapbox

“I AM TROY DAVIS”

DEAR FRIEND IN PEACE,

On the ironically named International Peace Day, our country is being "led" (really, I think presidents just do what they are told and the same entities have been in charge since the beginning) by a Nobel Peace Laureate who is in more conflicts than most analysts can count; denies Palestinians the same human rights as Israelis, is getting ready to murder Troy Davis (whenever this state murders anybody--we all lose some of our humanity), and is committing economic terrorism here in our own country.

International Peace Day was instituted by the United Nations in 2002 and it seems that since then the global situation has deteriorated with the US Empire's War OF Terror against the world and the United Nations seems to exist to legitimize those wars and to give Israel a free pass when it commits crimes against humanity in Palestine.

For what it's worth, the only thing I think that we can do at this point is to create healthy systems outside of the ones that are currently oppressing and killing us. This can't save Troy Davis and the people who are being occupied and killed have an urgent need to protect and defend themselves, but the truism of Peace Begins With You has never been more valid. Even in my own case, my son Casey would still be alive if we didn't trust the system that killed him.

Most of us teach our children "well" that violence is not the way to solve problems by using our words and other coping skills when faced with issues. Even considering that most of the "problems" that the U.S. sets out to solve are manufactured or greatly exaggerated, we are constantly bombarded by the State and its propaganda branches of CNN, NBC, CBS, ABC and Fox that violence is just about the only acceptable way for problems to be solved. Top down violence from
this nation is the overwhelming rule and not the exception and one is considered a lunatic in this truly Orwellian paradigm if a different perspective is proposed.

Shifting paradigms can only originate out of the grassroots and civil societies, so a few years ago, my non-profit, Peace of the Action, proposed a people’s solution to war and violence called the International People's Declaration of Peace (IPDOP)--signed by Yoko Ono Lennon and others--please check out the link below.

Love & Peace    Cindy Sheehan

International People's Declaration of Peace (IPDOP)

PREAMBLE
We the undersigned, as responsible citizens of this planet, hereby recognize the immediate universal need for sustained “security through peace” for present and future generations of the human family.

In order that we all may live and prosper in dignity, we recognize the need for a genuine worldwide grassroots commitment by all humans to break the dehumanizing chains of the inherent savagery of militarism, of economic exploitation, of slaveries, of torture, of killing, and of all aspects of the culture of war and brutality that threatens survival of civilization on this planet.

We recognize that the present geo-political paradigm is systemically incapable of delivering us from the merchants of war and exploitation; and void of offering positive, alternative solutions. Thus we come together, as responsible citizens of this planet, to declare peace and work together as brothers and sisters for our collective freedom now.

May this Declaration of Peace be the spark for this manifest of commitment as initially discussed amongst citizens of this planet upon the sailing vessel, the Mass Transit, in Martha's Vineyard, on August 27th, 2009.

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