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PEACE HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT USJ
Sessions on Peace Activism & American Catholic Peace Movement
Free and Open to the Public

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (October 9, 2015) – The University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, Conn., will host the annual Peace History Society Conference from October 22-24, 2015 at its main campus, located at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. The 2015 conference, entitled “Historical Perspectives on War, Peace, and Religion,” includes panels and presentations on a range of topics related to the conference theme.

Founded in 1964 to encourage and coordinate scholarly work exploring the causes of peace and war, the Peace History Society boasts an international membership representing the following disciplines: history, anthropology, economics, sociology, literary studies, performance studies, communications, religious studies, and political science.

Several conference sessions are free and open to the public, including:

“Supernaturalism and Peace Activism: Expanding the Boundaries of Peace History” presented by keynote speaker Dr. Leilah Danielson on Friday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hoffman Auditorium, Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities.

Danielson will explore the role of religion and culture in shaping peace activism in the 20th century. She argues that attention to these factors can help to set a new agenda for peace history, one that will be more fully engaged with historiographical trends and will up possibilities for a truly international peace history.

“American Catholic Peace Movement: Past and Present,” a scholarly roundtable discussion on Saturday, October 24 at 10:30 a.m. will take place in the Hoffman Auditorium, Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities.

This session will highlight 20th-century Catholic peacemakers in the United States. Papers will be presented on Ben Salmon, one of only four U.S. Catholic conscientious objectors in World War I; Dorothy Day, a co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement in 1933, who has been dubbed the “Mother of the American Catholic Peace movement;” and Father Carl Kabat, a Catholic priest and anti-nuclear weapons activist during the Cold War. Respondents are Tom Cornell, a long-time Catholic Worker and co-founder of the Catholic Peace Fellowship, and

Chris Allen-Doucot, a member of the Hartford Catholic Worker and an activist in the Plowshares movement.

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