

## Jeremy A. Rinker

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### Education

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2009 *Doctor of Philosophy - Conflict Analysis and Resolution*  
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA  
Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (now a School rather than an Institute)

Dissertation title: “Justpeace Prospects for Peace-building and Worldview Tolerance: A South Asian Movement’s Social Construction of Justice.”

Research interests: Worldview Conflict; Religion and Interfaith Peace-building; Social Movement Organization and Framing; Trauma, Remembrance, and Storytelling; Restorative Justice and Conflict Transformation; Socially Engaged Buddhism, and; Reflective Third Party Practice.

2001 *Master of Arts - Asian Religion*  
University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

1995 *Bachelor of Arts – Political Science and Philosophy (Dual Major)*  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

### Selected Teaching Experience

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2015 to Present *Assistant Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies – University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), Greensboro, NC.*

Courses Taught: Foundations of Conflict Transformation & Peace Studies (PCS 600-Graduate level; PCS 305 – Undergraduate level)

Conflict Transformation: Justice and Reconciliation (PCS 610-Graduate level)  
Conflict Research Methods (PCS 607-Graduate level; 311-Undergraduate level)  
Culture and Conflict (PCS 601-Graduate level)

On-line Courses Designed:

Culture and Conflict (PCS 309 – Undergraduate level)  
Conflict Research (PCS 311 – Undergraduate level)

2011 to 2015 *Visiting Assistant Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies Department - Guilford College, Greensboro, NC [Department Chair AY 2014-2015].*

Selection of Courses Taught:

Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies (Intro 100-Level);  
First Year Experience “Storytelling, Violence and Change” (100-level Gen. Ed.);  
Mediation and Conflict Intervention (200-Level Practice Class);  
Religion, Conflict, and Social Movements (200-Level);  
Writing Across the Curriculum: Partition & Conflict in South Asia (200-level Gen. Ed.)  
Buddhism and Peace (200-Level Experiential Learning January Term Course)  
Approaches to Conflict Resolution in Multicultural Settings (300-Level);  
Nonviolence: Theories and Practice (300-Level);  
Senior Seminar (400-Level Major Capstone).

3/2013-7/2013 *Fulbright-Nehru Teaching-Research Awardee, Malaviya Centre for Peace Research – Banaras Hindu University (MCPH-BHU), Banaras, India.*

Courses Taught: Religion and Conflict (MA Graduate Level Course);  
Multinational Peacebuilding Operations (MA Graduate Level Course).

2009 – 2011 *Visiting Assistant Professor – Conflict Studies Program, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN*

Courses Taught: Introduction to Conflict Studies (Intro 100-Level);  
Conceptions of Practice (200-Level)  
Religion, Conflict and Social Movements (300-Level)  
Senior Seminar (Capstone course for Undergraduate Conflict Studies Majors)  
Winter-Term-in-Service “India as Paradox” (Led Experiential Learning Study Abroad Trip to Banaras, India – January 2011)

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- 2001-2002      *English Teacher*, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province, People's Republic of China (PRC)  
1995-1997      *T.E.F.L Instructor*, United States Peace Corps, High School #3, Kyzyl-Orda, Kazakhstan.

### **Selected Presentations/Workshops/Trainings**

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- Oct. 2017      Peace and Justice Studies Association, Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL  
Two Paper Presentations entitled: "Identity, Rights, and Awareness: The Power of Discourse to Change Systems of Oppression" and "Building Collective Resilience and Belonging in the Piedmont-Triad Area Bhutanese Refugee Community."
- May 2017      Completed *Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience Level II (STAR II) Training*, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA.
- Apr. 2017      The Center for Global Development and Sustainability, Brandies University Conference entitled "Re-imagining Religion, Caste, and Social Justice in South Asia," Boston, MA  
Paper: "United Anti-Caste Activism: Strategic Systems Thinking for Narrative Change in Caste Oppression."
- Apr. 2017      Global Communications Association, Annual Conference entitled "Global Discourse and Discord," Greensboro, NC.  
Paper (with Dr. Narayan Khadka): "Empowering Resilience and Belonging in the Piedmont-Triad Area Bhutanese Refugee Community. "
- Feb. 2017      International Studies Association, 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.  
Two Paper Presentations entitled: "*Collective Trauma: Mapping the Legacy of Torture, Organized Violence, and Displacement in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding*" and "Narrative Violence and Injustice Awareness: Reading Anti-Caste Activism as Narratives for Social Change."
- Feb. 2017      WISE Conference on Intercultural Education, Winston-Salem, NC.  
Co-led workshop Session (with Dr. Heather Hayton, Guilford College) entitled "Going with the Flow: Teaching Students to Be Adaptable and Resilient When Abroad"
- Sept. 2016      Completed *Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience I (STAR I) Training*, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA.
- Aug. 2016      Led Workshop entitled "Peace, Conflict, and Caste" at TBMSG's Nagaloka Institute, Nagpur India.
- Apr. 2016      Invited Speaker for B.R. Ambedkar's 125 Birth-Anniversary Celebration (Sponsored by the Ambedkar Association of North America and MSU, Department of Religious Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Paper: "Chosen Traumas and Chosen Glories: Reading Dr. Ambedkar as Narrative for Social Change."
- Mar. 2016      International Studies Association, 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA  
Two Paper Presentations entitled: "*Mapping Narrative Reconciliation: The Power of Stories to Transform Oppressive Systems*" and "*Relational Networks of Belief and Identity: Religion as a Cause for Positive Peace and Development*"  
Discussant: ISA Working Group: Religion and Peace: Possibilities, Challenges, and Prospects
- Oct. 2015      Peace and Justice Studies Association, Annual Conference, Harrisonburg, VA  
Paper Presentation: "*Counting Stories/Discounting Numbers: Unmasking the Effects of Narrative in Creating Equality and Peaceable Community*"
- Oct. 2014      Peace and Justice Studies Association, Annual Conference, San Diego, CA  
Paper Presentation: "Narrative Reconciliation as Rights-Based Peace Praxis: Custodial Torture, Testimonial Therapy and Overcoming Marginalization"

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- Oct. 2013 42<sup>th</sup> Annual South Asian Conference, Pre-Conference on Partition Narratives  
Paper presentation: "Contemporary Hindu-Muslim Violence and the Legacy of Partition in Banaras"
- Oct. 2013 Anthropology 334: "People and Cultures of South Asia," Wake Forest University.  
Undergraduate Seminar Guest Lecturer in Dr. Steven Folmar's Class: "The On-going Legacy of Hindu-Muslim Communalism and Violence in India."
- Jul. 2013 Delivered two Guest Lectures in Mumbai, India and one workshop in Pune, India. The workshop entitled "Conflict Resolution and Caste" was facilitated at the Manuski Center a Dalit run human rights center in Pune, while the guest lectures at Mumbai University and Tata Institute for Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai were both entitled "Dalit Identity Justice and the Discursive Space for Inclusion."
- Jun. 2013 Guest Lecture at Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal entitled "How do you talk to people who do not want to talk to you?": A Dalit Buddhist Social Construction of Change."
- Jun. 2013 Led a half-day Conflict Resolution training session for teachers and staff of South Point School, Banaras, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- May 2013 Led a one-day Conflict Resolution training session and discussion with the People's Vigilance Committee for Human Rights (PVCHR), a local NGO in Banaras, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- Apr. 2013 Guest Lectures at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh  
Two Paper Presentations entitled: "The Pedagogy of Peace and Conflict Studies: Where Research Meets Praxis" and "How do you talk to people who do not want to talk to you?": A Dalit Buddhist Social Construction of Change."
- Apr. 2013 Participant, Conflict Resolution in Global Perspective Workshop, Malaviya Centre for Peace Research (MCPR), Banaras Hindu University, Banaras, Uttar Pradesh, India.  
Paper Presentation: "Conflict Resolution in 'Glocal' Perspective: Connecting 'Traditional' and 'Non-Traditional' Knowledge Structures for Transformative Change"

### **Selected Service, Awards, and Professional Experience/Memberships**

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- Fall 2017 Member, HHS Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
- Fall 2017 Member, International and Global Studies Human Rights Film Series Committee.
- Spring 2017 Member, HHS Dean's ad-hoc committee to assess Community Engaged Scholarship within the School of Health and Human Sciences (HHS).
- April 2017 Awarded \$10,000 HHS Research Excellence Internal Award, with Dr. Jigna Dharod, UNCG Nutrition Department to conduct community-based participatory action research entitled the "Bhutanese Health and Wellness Project."
- 2016-Present Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, UNCG.
- 2016-Present Member, Humanities Network and Consortium (HNAC) Steering Committee, UNCG.
- 2016-Present Member, Violence Prevention Research Network (VPRN), UNCG.
- 2015-Present Research Fellow, Center for New North Carolinians (CNNC), UNCG.
- April 2016 Inducted into UNCG's Eta Delta Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta International Scholars Honor Society.
- April 2015 Lead organizer, Annual Fleming Lecture at Guilford College delivered by Chris Hedges entitled "Wages of Rebellion."
- Feb. 2015 Awarded ASIANetwork Faculty Enhancement Program Grant aimed at Deepening Asian Studies in Liberal Arts. Funded by the Mellon Foundation, the 2015 Thailand Seminar, entitled "Thailand: Power, Land, and Belief in a Divided Society," brought scholars to Thailand in the summer of 2015 for three weeks of focused learning.

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- 2015-Present Lead Facilitator, *Counter Stories*, Restorative Justice Working Group.
- Mar. 2012 Awarded 2012-2013 Fulbright-Nehru Teaching and Research Grant from U.S. Department of State to work at Malaviya Centre for Peace Research, Banaras, India (March-July 2013).
- 2011-Present Member, Peace and Justice Studies Association. (Member Publications Committee since 2015)
- 2009-Present Member, International Studies Association, Peace Studies Section.
- 2005-Present Facilitator, Community Conferencing - A Restorative Justice Processes for Victims and Offenders.
- 2005-2007 Community Service Program Coordinator, Offender Aid and Restoration, Arlington, VA.
- 2001-2005 International Relief and Development Worker with The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) & CitiHope International.
- 1995-1997 Peace Corps Volunteer, Kyzyl-Orda, Kazakhstan.

### **Publications (Note: and asterix (\*) appear next to publications to be counted towards tenure process)**

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#### Full Length Manuscript:

\*Rinker, Jeremy. Identity, Right, and Awareness: Anti-Caste Activism and the Awakening of Justice through Discursive Practices. Approximately 260 pages. (Currently Under Review with Lexington Books).

#### Book Chapters:

\*Rinker, Jeremy & Khadka, Narayan. "Resilience and Belonging Among Bhutanese Refugees: Using Trauma Discourse to Overcome Community Discord," in *Global Communications Reader*, Ed. Yahya Kamalipour (Forthcoming Cambridge Scholars Publishing).

\*Rinker, Jeremy. "Collective Trauma and Narrative Harmony: Mapping the Legacy of Trauma and Displacement in Post Conflict Peacebuilding" in *Transformative Harmony*, Ed. Ananta Kumar Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies (Forthcoming from Indian Publisher).

\*Rinker, Jeremy. "Engaging Narrative as Rights-Based Peace Praxis: Framing, Naming, and Witnessing in Overcoming Structural Violence and Marginalization," Chapter 18 in *Communication and Conflict Transformation through Local, Regional, and Global Engagement*, eds. Matyok, T. and Kellett, P. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2017), 355-376.

\*Rinker, Jeremy. "Buckle in the Hindu Belt: Contemporary Hindu-Muslim Violence and the Legacy of Partition in Banaras, Uttar Pradesh" in *Revisiting Partition: New Essays on Memory, Culture, and Politics*, eds. Singh, Iyer, and Gairola (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016), 283-304.

#### Articles:

\*Rinker, Jeremy & Khadka, Narayan. "Bhutanese Refugees: On Understanding the Links between Trauma, Displacement, and Community Resilience" *Global Journal of Peace Research and Praxis* (Forthcoming/Under production Special Issue, Winter 2018).

\*Rinker Jeremy & Lawler, Jerry. "Trauma as a Collective Disease and Root Cause of Protracted Social Conflict" *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology* (Forthcoming – accepted for publication 10/16/17).

\*Rinker, Jeremy. "Reading Dr. Ambedkar as a narrative for Social Change" Forward Press - <https://www.forwardpress.in/2017/04/reading-dr-ambedkar-as-a-narrative-for-social-change/> (April 2017) To be published in a book collection of articles on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (Forthcoming from Forward Press).

\*Rinker, Jeremy. "Narrative Reconciliation as Rights-Based Peace Praxis: Custodial Torture, Testimonial Therapy and Overcoming Marginalization" *Peace Research: The Canadian Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies* 46, no. 1 (2016), 121-143.

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\*Rinker, Jeremy & Jonason, Chelsey. "Restorative Justice as Reflective Practice and Pedagogy on College Campuses" *Journal of Peace Education*, Volume 11: Issue 2 (January 2014): 162-180.

Rinker, Jeremy. "Nonviolent Action and The Paradoxes of Sustaining Nonviolent Strategic Choice," *Peaceworks: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. Banaras Hindu University: Malaviya Center for Peace Research (4:1, 2014), 27-45.

\*Rinker, Jeremy. "Why Should We Talk to People Who Do Not Want to Talk to Us? Inter-Caste Dialogue As A Response To Caste-Based Marginalization" *Peace and Change*, Volume 38: Number 2 (April 2013): 237-262.

Rinker, Jeremy. "Vowing to End Injustice: A Buddhist Social Movement's Narrative Construction of Social Change" *In Factis Pax*, Volume 6: Number 2 (2012): 85-106 <http://www.infactispax.org/journal/>

Rinker, Jeremy. "Transnational Advocacy and the Dalit Rights Movement: Secular versus Religious Social Justice Narratives of Assertion on the Front-lines of Global Community," *Working Paper in Global Studies Series*, Center for Global Studies, George Mason University (August 2009) – Available at: <http://cgs.gmu.edu/publications/wpgs.html#gswp5>.

### Position papers and Online Posts:

\*\*"Peace and Justice Activism in an Era of Disruptive Political Theater" (with S. Jafari and T. Seidel) – Peace and Justice Studies Association, Position Paper (March 2017) - <https://www.peacejusticestudies.org/peace-and-justice-activism-era-disruptive-political-theater>

\*\*"Rethinking the On-Going Refugee Crisis: Listening to Refugees as Key Stakeholders" – *SCAR Newsletter* (George Mason University, February 2017) - <http://scar.gmu.edu/newsletter-article/rethinking-going-refugee-crisis-listening-refugees-key-stakeholders>

\*\*"Position Paper: International Migration and Refugee Crisis Intervention" (with L. Findley) - Peace and Justice Studies Association, Position Paper (March 2016) – <https://www.peacejusticestudies.org/position-paper-international-migration-and-refugee-crisis-intervention>

### Book Reviews:

\*Book Review on Gandhian Nonviolent Struggle and Untouchability in South India: The 1924-25 Vykom Satyagraha and the Mechanisms of Change by Mary Elizabeth King (2015). *Peace and Change* (Forthcoming, January 2018 Issue).

\*Book Review on Connecting Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation by Elizabeth Porter (2016). *Peace and Change*, Volume 41, Number 4: (October 2016): 570-571.

Book Review on Between Terror and Tolerance: Religious Leaders, Conflict, and Peacemaking edited by Timothy Sisk (2011). *Peace and Change*, Volume 39, Number 1: (January 2014): 133-135.

Book Review on Organizing Urban America: Secular and Faith-Based Progressive Movements by Swarts (2008). *Sociology of Religion*, Volume 17, issue 3 (Fall 2010), 375-376.

Book Review on Being Benevolence: Social Ethics of Engaged Buddhism by Sallie King (2006). *Journal of Religion, Conflict and Peace*. (Fall 2009). Available at <http://www.religionconflictpeace.org/node/36>.