Careers and the Common Good: Peace & Justice Studies Across the Disciplines

LEWIS UNIVERSITY
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES AND THEOLOGY

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION
Intersections
Theology and Peace & Justice Studies

All Life is Valuable

Catholic Social Teaching
Exemplary People
Lasallian Values
Justice through social action

- Advocacy
- Pastoral Care
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Active Nonviolence
- Mediation
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES AND THEATRE

CONNECTING PEOPLE
THEATRE AND
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES

• Advocate for a student to critically decode social, political, cultural, philosophical, and theological concerns from multiple points of view.

• Theatre & Peace and Justice Studies connect communication and listening skills, compassion, respect, inclusion, and diversity.

• Develop a person within their community who is positioned to become a life-long, respectful, truth learner and listener.
THEATRE + PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES

EDUCATION + ENTERTAINMENT + ENLIGHTENMENT
As created by Brazilian theatre visionary and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Augusto Boal (1931-2009), Theatre of the Oppressed is a form of popular community-based education that uses theater as a tool for social change. It is used all over the world for social and political activism, conflict resolution, community building, therapy, and discerning government legislation. It is also practiced on a grassroots level by community organizers, activists, teachers, social workers, cultural animators, and more.
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES
AND EDUCATION
EDUCATION AND PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES

(Toh & Cowagas, 2002)
Yes, I’m a history major.
No, I’m not going to be a teacher.
Peace & Justice Studies enhances career prep for History Majors
History + PJS → prep for Law and Justice

History is the only major that appears in the TOP 4 for both LSAT preparation & law school admissions.

Peace & Justice Studies is also excellent preparation for a career in law or legislative activism.
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES AND SOCIOLOGY

A LONG HISTORY OF COOPERATION AND RESEARCH
TRAINING SOCIOLOGISTS

• Sociological imagination and research training
• Research preparation in qualitative and quantitative methods
• PJS intersections useful in local, state, federal governmental and NGO positions
• Study the effectiveness of humanitarian emergency responses
• Gain skills in organizing outreach programs
• Data analysis useful in corporate professions, human rights protection, conflict resolution, cultural studies, violence prevention, human resources, business relations, and corporate responsibility – to name just a few!
RECENT PJS-RELATED SOCIOLOGY JOBS OBTAINED

• University of Massachusetts Lowell
• Human Rights Officer, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
• Project Officer, Catholic Relief Services, Neighborhood Action Planner, City Commission
• Researcher and International Relations Expert, Institute for Trade Studies and Research
• Chief of Media and Public Information

• Communication Coordinator/Assistant, Community Development Organizer, Congressional or Legislative Aide Educator, Human/Civil Rights Officer, Journalist, Media Critic/Specialist, Program Assistant/Associate/Coordinator, Public Advocate/Activist, Public Relations Officer, Research Assistant, Speechwriter (from University of Utah)
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES AND PSYCHOLOGY
Interpersonal, Spiritual, and Familial Peacebuilding:

- Psychotherapeutic Techniques, Conflict Resolution
- Psych of the Minority Experience, Psychology of Women, Abnormal Psychology
- Infancy & Childhood, Adolescence, Adulthood & Old Age, Death & Dying

Local, Regional, Systemic Peacebuilding:

- Social Psychology, Group Dynamics, Cross Cultural Psychology
- I/O Psychology, Organizational Leadership, Organizational Staffing, Organizational Training

National, Multinational, and Global Peacebuilding:

- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
Transformative justice & peace building
PRINCIPLES OF PEACEMAKING CRIMINOLOGY

• The current criminal justice system is a failure because it is rooted in the same problem it wants to eliminate – violence.

• A major result of peacemaking criminology is that it alerts politicians, the media and criminal justice actors that there are alternatives to ceaseless wars on crime.

• Diversity of roots (strength and weakness) – informed by anarchism, humanism, Christian socialism, liberation theology, Eastern meditative thought, penal abolitionism, feminism and Marxism.
PRINCIPLES OF PEACEMAKING CRIMINOLOGY

• Crime is suffering, and crime can only be eliminated by ending suffering.

• Crime and suffering can only be ended through the achievement of peace.

• Human transformation will achieve peace and justice.

• Human transformation will occur if we change our social, economic and political structure.
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PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES
AND SOCIAL WORK
INTERSECTIONALITY

- Levels of practice
  - Micro practice
  - Mezzo practice
  - Macro practice
- Common themes
  - Social justice
  - Community engaged learning
- Vulnerable populations
- Unique features of social work
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES AND LITERARY STUDIES

- PEACE STUDIES AS A LITERARY HERMENEUTIC?
- CASE STUDY: SHAKESPEARE’S *MEASURE FOR MEASURE*
- CAREERS THAT DRAW UPON PEACE STUDIES
PJS AND LITERARY STUDIES:
Careers in Structural and Institutional Change

• Teaching (and Research)

• Careers in Law

• Careers that draw upon a particular combination of skills: narrative interpretation and conflict resolution
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
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CAREER POSSIBILITIES IN PJS & POLITICAL SCIENCE

• Law  
• Government  
• Diplomacy  
• Community organizing  
• Issue advocacy  
• Public policy analysis  
• Economic, social, and political development
PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES
AND COMMUNICATION
## COMMUNICATION AND PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES

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<td>• Be a voice of reason and compassion</td>
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