Center for Justice and Reconciliation
Annual Report
2011-2012
by Dr. Jamie Gates, Director

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Introduction

The activities of the Center for Justice and Reconciliation continue to support the mission of Point Loma Nazarene University by:

- creating opportunities for excellence in teaching and learning by building bridges among faculty and students as a community of learning, and across the academic disciplines, through programs like the Brewed Awakening speaker series (linked to co-sponsorships and classroom assignments) and the South Africa Study Abroad program

- offering curricular and co-curricular activities that encourage reflection on the relationship between Christian discipleship and contemporary social issues related to poverty and oppression. In faithfulness to the Church of the Nazarene and our Wesleyan heritage, the CJR continues to hold in front of our community the prophetic call to be engaged with and for the “widow, orphan and stranger” in our midst.

- providing Student Internships in Human Trafficking, Immigration and Sabbath Economics, internships that deepen the development of students as whole persons, both for the interns and for those that participate in the activities that interns develop.

- promoting a global perspective and experience throughout all of its programming. For example, Roots of Giving Fair grew again this year as an increasing number of students and community non-profits raised awareness about more just economic options for consumers. One of the CJR’s interns raised significant awareness about the plight of undocumented immigrants and cross-border families with the Border Tour each semester.

- deepening students’ ability to reflect on and engage ethnic and cultural diversity. While the Brewed Awakening series brought issues of diversity to the public (e.g. Lorena Gonzalez’s presentation on working families, mostly minority families), our Study Abroad in South Africa program continues to call students to reflect theologically and sociologically on the relationship between race, ethnicity, gender and privilege.

- promoting practices consistent with a Wesleyan understanding of the stewardship of resources. This includes promoting economic practices that care for the “least of these” through our Sabbath Economics internship, Brewed Awakenings, South Africa Study Abroad program and community relations work.

- modeling service as an expression of faith through the student internships and the director’s ongoing active participation in local social service agencies, faith-based initiatives and social movements.
Brewed Awakenings

Monday, September 12; Colt Forum; 7pm (6:30 coffee)
Global Warming and the Risen Lord: Who is hurt by our lack of good stewardship for creation?
Jim Ball, Evangelical Environmental Network
Interviewed by PLNU Journalism professor Dean Nelson
In collaboration with PLNU’s Creation Care Week
45 in attendance

Tuesday, October 25; Fermanian Business Center; 7pm (6:30 coffee)
Not on the Backs of Working Families: Economic justice through collective bargaining
Lorena Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council
In collaboration with PLNU’s Institute for Politics and Public Service
75 in attendance

Wednesday, November 30; Fermanian Business Center; 7pm (6:30 coffee)
Slavery in Our Own Back Yard: Realities of human trafficking in San Diego
Sheriff’s Sgt. Jason King, chair, San Diego Human Trafficking Taskforce
260 in attendance

Wednesday, February 15; Fermanian Business Center; 7pm (6:30 coffee)
Turning Swords into Plowshares: Military veterans promoting peace and opposing war
Barry Ladendorf, Veterans for Peace
www.veteransforpeace.org
65 in attendance

Thursday, March 15; Fermanian Business Center; 3pm
“And What Does the Lord Require of You? ” The ministry of justice and reconciliation in relation to the missio Dei and the missio ekklesia
Ron Benefiel, Dean, PLNU’s School of Theology and Christian Ministry
In collaboration with PLNU’s annual Wiley Lecture Series
85 in attendance

Wednesday, April 11; Fermanian Business Center; 7pm (6:30 coffee)
Environmental (In)Justice Where the River Meets the Sea: The shared ecology of the Tijuana River
Dr. Jeff Crooks, Research Coordinator at Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve and Dan Murphy, Surfrider Foundation
In collaboration with PLNU’s Students for Environmental Action and Awareness (SEA) club
50 in attendance

Urban Term

Urban Term did not recruit enough participants to be viable for the Summer of 2012 (2 applications). Causal factors for this likely include the numerous factors driving down overall demand for summer enrolments at PLNU, the fact that Urban Term ran every other summer (losing marketing momentum) and the startup of Community Classroom absorbing demand. The following table summarizes participation and income from 10 years of Urban Term:
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The university has shifted this year to a new summer school pricing schedule. From its inception we have had special permission to offer Urban Term at ½ Summer tuition. This worked fine when tuition was more expensive but will need to be reexamined now that the overall tuition structure for Summer tuition has been significantly reduced.

The future potential for Urban Term will depend on PLNU’s willingness to integrate Urban Term and Community Classroom. I see the potential for adding strength to strength. The Community Classroom’s strength is in its breadth and its ability to draw a wide range of students and faculty into a classroom setting in City Heights. The strength of Urban Term is its in-depth cohort living-learning community model that combines inter-disciplinary analysis with intense Christian discipleship and draws select students deeper into Christian service and into the community.
South Africa Study Abroad

- Summer 2011, with Drs. Robert Gailey and Lindsey Lupo
  - 3 faculty; 1 staff; 17 students total
  - 11 students enrolled in SOC360-2 Race and Ethnicity South Africa (3cr); taught by Dr. Jamie Gates
  - 11 students enrolled in THE490 History of Christianity in South Africa (3cr); taught by Dr. Jamie Gates
  - 13 students enrolled in ECO490 Microfinance in Southern Africa (3cr); taught by Dr. Rob Gailey
  - Justice and Reconciliation track (7 students)
  - Microfinance track (10 students)

- Semester-long program exploration and strategizing
  - Research team = Rob Gailey, Jamie Gates, Lindsey Lupo, Frank Serna
  - Dialogue/strategizing is advancing with staff from University of Johannesburg and with the University of the Western Cape (Cape Town), the latter through a liaison with Interstudy, [http://www.interstudy.org/](http://www.interstudy.org/)
  - Aiming to model a PLNU program on major aspects of the structure of the International Human Rights Exchange program run between Bard College (New York) and the University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg), [http://www.ihre.org/](http://www.ihre.org/)

CJR Internships

- Beauty for Ashes (human trafficking)
  - Hayley Swan, Sophomore International Studies major, 5hrs/week, FA 2011 and SP 2012
    - Awareness and Advocacy intern
    - Led the Beauty for Ashes student dialogue group
    - Designed and produced a church-based public awareness campaign (a worship service with prayer stations); put on at PLNU, San Diego First Church of the Nazarene and Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene
    - Co-led 2 workshops on HT at the LaPaz Justice and Peacemaking Summit, Pasadena, CA, April 21-22
    - Approximately 25 students involved
  - Paige Milgrom, Junior International Studies major, 5hrs/week, FA 2011 and SP 2012
    - Research intern
    - Created an annotated bibliography of HT-related research relevant to the San Diego/Tijuana abolition movement
    - Assisted with Beauty for Ashes student group and public awareness campaign
    - Co-led 2 workshops on HT at the LaPaz Justice and Peacemaking Summit, Pasadena, CA, April 21-22
  - Sara Crabtree, Senior Social Work major, 5hrs/week, FA 2011 and SP 2012
    - Research intern
    - Development of local database of HT-related organizations
    - Created an annotated bibliography of HT-related research relevant to the San Diego/Tijuana abolition movement
    - Assisted with Beauty for Ashes student group and public awareness campaign
    - Co-led 2 workshops on HT at the LaPaz Justice and Peacemaking Summit, Pasadena, CA, April 21-22
  - Paige Milgrom’s summer research internship, 25+ hrs/week;
- liaison with San Diego County Human Trafficking/Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Advisory Council
- assist with National Institute of Justice Human Trafficking grant proposal
- research and development, Abolish Human Trafficking website
  - Sean Lewis volunteers as web developer
  - Fall 2012 interns = Paige Milgrom and Hayley Swan

- Sabbath Economics (fair trade; radical Christian economics)
  - Marisa Hirtzel, Senior Philosophy Major, 5hrs/week, FA 2011 and SP 2012
    - Developed and led a design and production team of 6 students for the Roots of Giving Market
    - Designed and produced the Roots of Giving Market; 300+ attendees; 27 non-profit vendors; over a dozen volunteers
    - Partnered with the Microfinance Club to organize the $2/Day Challenge
    - Led a workshop on Sabbath Economics and the Roots of Giving Fair at the LaPaz Justice and Peacemaking Summit, Pasadena, CA, April 21-22
  - Fall 2012 Intern = Andrew Schalin, Senior Engineering Physics major

- Welcome the Stranger (immigration and border issues)
  - Christina Marcial, Junior Political Science major, 5hrs/week, FA 2011 and SP 2012
    - Co-led Border Tour in Fall and Spring semesters (see Cross-campus Collaborations below)
    - Weekend Immigration Detention Center outreach
    - Student Dialogue group
    - A Better Life documentary and discussion
  - Fall intern = Christina Marcial

Research and Data Advisory Roundtable (RADAR)
- Homelessness RADAR
  - Ongoing research directed by Prof. Pat Leslie
  - Partnership with the Fermanian Business and Economics Institute for a $30,000 consultancy measuring the costs of the 25 most frequent users of services related to homelessness (http://homeagainsd.org/our-progress/project-25)

- Human Trafficking RADAR
  - HT-RADAR was established this year out of the director’s work with the San Diego County Human Trafficking and CSEC Advisory Council
  - CJR Director serves as the Research and Data sub-committee co-chair of the San Diego County Human Trafficking and CSEC Advisory Council
  - CJR Director co-authored a $400k collaborative grant proposal to the National Institute of Justice (Department of Justice) with Dr. Ami Carpenter, University of San Diego (principal investigator) and Dr. Dana Nurje, San Diego State University to improve the measurement and mapping of human trafficking in SD County particularly as it relates to the relationship with gangs; Submitted May 29, 2012
  - PLNU students will have access to ongoing HT-related research projects through local professors associated with HT-RADAR regardless of which university sponsors the project
Conferences

- LaPaz Justice and Peacemaking Summit, April 20-21, Pasadena, CA
  - CJR Director recruited and coordinated PLNU’s participation
  - 5 CJR interns led 4 workshops; CJR Director co-led two of them
  - 9 PLNU workshops total
  - 4 PLNU faculty, 12 PLNU student presenters total
  - 500+ attendees

Cross-campus Collaborations

- Monthly (on average) meetings with directors of the Wesleyan Center, Center for International Development, MOSAIC and the Institute for Politics and Public Service and Study Abroad to explore collaborative opportunities and calendaring
- Border Tour in collaboration with International Ministries, Fall and Spring semesters
  - Co-led by Jamie Gates and Melissa Tucker, assisted by CJR Intern Christina Marcial and International Ministries intern
  - PLNU and Azusa Pacific University collaboration
  - FA2011 – 11 PLNU students, 20 APU students (La Term)
  - SP2012 - 20 PLNU students, 20 APU students (LA Term)
- Brewed Awakening co-sponsorships
  - Creation Care Week and Jim Ball, Evangelical Environmental Network
  - Institute for Politics and Public Service and Lorena Gonzales
  - Wiley Lecture Series and Ron Benefiel
  - PLNU Students for Environmental Action and Awareness (SEA) and the Surfrider Foundation
- Co-sponsored the Micro-finance Club’s $2/Day Challenge, 20+ students sleeping on the student lawns to raise awareness of global poverty; 24 PLNU participants

Co-sponsored Community Events

- La Posada sin Fronteras; cross-border advent celebration co-sponsored by the Ecumenical Council; December 10, 2011; 120 participants; 40+ PLNU participants
- Good Friday Walk with the Suffering; Holy Week public walk for the suffering downtown San Diego on Good Friday; co-sponsored by the Ecumenical Council; April 6, 2012; 60+ participants; 8 PLNU participants
External Relations

- Board Memberships
  - Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, Board of Directors, current President
    - Monthly Executive Committee meetings (4th Wednesday of every month; ICWJ offices)
    - Monthly General Meetings (first Friday of every month, Christ the King Church)
    - Community advocacy campaigns and public actions for low wage workers
    - PLNU/CJR table at annual Voices for Justice Breakfast, honoring of worker-friendly leaders; *table of 10 PLNU participants*
  - Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, Advisory Board Member
    - Quarterly meetings with IPJ staff and board to advice on activities and develop collaborations
  - San Diego County Human Trafficking and CSEC Advisory Council, co-chair of the Research and Data sub-committee and member of the leadership team
    - Monthly meetings of the Advisory Council (2nd Wednesday of every month)
    - Monthly meetings of the Research and Data sub-committee that the CJR director co-chairs
    - Ad-hoc meetings with remaining 5 committees for purposes of networking and research (minimum once a month)
  - Friends of Friendship Park, member of the executive committee
    - Once a month meeting, shifting schedule

- CJR Director Representing PLNU and the work of the CJR
  - Presenter, Center for Ethics in Science and Technology’s Science and Ethics Forum: Henrietta Lack Series; “The Politics of Race, Class, Gender and HIV/AIDS in South Africa as seen through the lens of Henrietta Lacks;” Fleet Science Center, October, 2011
  - Community Representative, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Community Dialogue; December, 2012
  - Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, guest facilitator of dialogue on immigration and the church, May 2012
  - Invited speaker, “Capitalism and Christianity,” Graduate Christian Fellowship of UCSD; May 2012
  - Nazarene Compassionate Ministries – Consultant re: NCM Magazine; May 2012
  - Community Representative, Bi-National Region Conversation Group, US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership and Public Conversations West, April-May 2012

CJR in the PointWeekly, 2011-12


http://www.pointweekly.com/2012/03/19/lecture-series-examines-wesleyan-holiness-tradition/ - CJR participation in Wiley Lecture Series

http://www.pointweekly.com/2012/02/21/veterans-for-peace-speak-at-brewed-awakening/ - Brewed Awakening, veterans of peace


CJR in the ViewPoint,
- Fall 2011 "100 things we love about PLNU: No. 58 Centers and Institutes"
- Fall 2011 Global Classroom: South Africa
- Fall 2011 "PLNU's X Factor: Hospitality" :Dialogues
- Fall 2011 "headlines"
- Summer 2011 "Q&A with Professors Pat Leslie and Kay Wilder" :Question 1
- Spring 2011 "headlines"
- Summer 2011 "letter from the president"
- Summer 2010 "notables" :New Sustainability Studies Minor for 2010-11
- Spring 2010 "notables" :Nurturing the prophetic imagination
- Fall 2009 "Beauty for Ashes"
- Fall 2009 "Last point"
- Winter 2009 "Movers and shapers"
- Winter 2009 "have more give less" mentioned in Roots of giving
- Winter 2009 "have more give less" mentioned in conclusion
- Fall 2008 "tomorrow's grads: Angela Compton"
- Fall 2007 "notables" :Nazarene Youth Conference 2007
- Winter 2006 "Homelessness Issues hit home for PLNU professor Pat Leslie"
- Winter 2006 "Social Justice: What does the Lord require of you?" article
- Fall 2006 "Chelsea Klaseus Grows"
- Spring 2006 "letters to the editor"
- Fall 2004 "Centers and Institutes"
- Spring 2004 "Notables" :It's all academic
- Spring 2003 "notables" :PLNU responds to security concerns
### CJR 2011-12 Expenses

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* We were under budget this year primarily due to lower than expected expenses on Brewed Awakening honorariums and fewer hours in summer student research than planned.
Sample of Support

Solana Beach Presbyterian Church
a growing community of fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Tom Theriault
Assoc. Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Dr. Jamie Gates
Pt. Loma Nazarene University
3900 Lomaland Drive
San Diego, CA 92106

May 17, 2012

Dear Jamie,

Again we want to thank you for the stellar job you did last night at our Immigration Focus Group. Your presentation on the history of immigration was full of illuminating facts and brimming with gospel passion. You have an uncommon gift of communication, explaining an almost endlessly complicated topic in terms that all of us could understand. It was so helpful to both our English and Spanish speaking group members to see the larger picture of worldwide immigration and the recurring themes of immigration to America. I only wish we had another three hours to properly explore the crucial issues you raised.

We are committed as a Focus Group to stick together, dissolving the walls of hostility that Paul was so convinced should be dissolved by the reconciling death of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your warm encouragement of this venture.

I don’t know if Pastor Juan Daniel mentioned that we brought this topic before our congregation a few years ago. We hosted an evening forum, inviting a sociologist from UCSD and a political scientist from USD. They were good, but your presentation served up similar information in a much more digestible fashion.

I applaud PLNU for supporting you and the Center for Justice and Reconciliation. Immigration is a Goliath-like giant living in our backyards. We who love the God of all peoples can hardly ignore the giant and regard ourselves faithful servants of that God.

God’s best to you in your important academic and advocacy work.

Tom Theriault

cc: Dr. Kerry Fulcher