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PEACE LEADERSHIP: EXPLORING PEACEBULDING FROM THE GROUND UP

Explore the peacebuilding stories behind the headlines. Within the broad field of peacebuilding, the scales are decidedly tipped to study the phenomena around conflict resolution, transitional justice, and third-party interventions ~ most of them at the hands of diplomats and politicians. While these areas represent legitimate efforts to negotiate treaties and monitor compliance, history has shown the Sisyphean nature of these approaches in terms of implementation and securing sustainable peace.

What has drawn far less attention are the valiant and courageous efforts of peace builders on the ground who are working in unimaginable circumstances, and in many cases in partnership or cooperation with sworn enemies. This course will examine the elements of a construct known as "positive peace," which can and does exist, even in areas where conflict continues, through the lens of peace activists working on the ground.



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This six-week program will include a mix of background reading, video, faculty presentations, and small-group interaction.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Aleen Bayard, PhD



Aleen Bayard, PhD has been a long-time adjunct faculty member at Northwestern University, teaching courses in leadership and change management for the School of Professional Studies, and Kellogg's Center for Nonprofit Management. Bayard served as the primary faculty member in Northwestern University's partnership with Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership to develop the curriculum for the Certificate in Jewish Leadership and taught in the program for several years. She holds degrees from Stanford University, Columbia University, Northwestern University, and earned her doctorate from the Center in Values Driven Leadership at Benedictine University where she studied peacebuilding. Bayard is the Vice Chair of the Leadership for Peace group of the International Leadership Association and has published two book chapters on peacebuilding. Bayard works with organizations through her consulting practice developing programs on leadership, culture, employee engagement, and team performance.

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5

9am AK | 10am PT | 11am MT | Noon CT | 1pm ET

Each session is 90 minutes

- Live Lecture 2, Tuesday, October 8 Live Lecture 5, Tuesday, October 29
- Live Lecture 3, Tuesday, October 15 Live Lecture 6, Tuesday, November 5
- Live Lecture 1, Tuesday, October 1
 Live Lecture 4, Tuesday, October 22

To register, please contact your local Osher Institute.