

Community-Engaged Learning Spring 2011 Presentation Series

March 22nd ♦ 11:45am – 12:50pm ♦ Farrell Room

Volunteers For Peace: Short-term International Voluntary Service Opportunities for All Ages

Volunteers For Peace is a Vermont non-profit that has been organizing and placing volunteers in international service projects around the world for 29 years. In 2010 they moved from Southern Vermont to Burlington. **SMC Alumnus** and President/CEO of VFP **Meg Brook** will share the history of the organization and highlight some of the more than 3000 very affordable voluntary service opportunities available in 100 countries, including a current special project focused on Haiti. Meg will be joined by **Tyler Gillingham** and **Allison Bleil**, two SMC student interns with VFP this semester. **Students, professors, and campus members alike are invited to learn more about VFP and its VOLUNTEER, INTERNSHIP, OR SERVICE-LEARNING opportunities.** For more information visit <http://www.vfp.org/>

Co-sponsored by the following offices: Community-Engaged Learning, Internships, Multicultural Affairs, Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts (MOVE), and the Political Science Department

March 29th ♦ 4:00pm ♦ Farrell Room

Welcome to Vermont: Film Screening and Discussion with Mira Niagolova

Bulgarian born, Mira Niagolova is an internationally recognized award-winning documentary filmmaker committed to telling socially conscious stories portrayed with sensitivity and compassion. *Welcome to Vermont* is a compelling work-in-progress documentary which chronicles the refugee experience of four families building new lives in Vermont after being forced to flee their homelands. Mira will be joined by a representative from the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program to talk about recent arrivals to our community and possible volunteer or service-learning opportunities. An open discussion with the filmmaker will follow. Visit Mira's website at: <http://miraniagolova.com>

April 14th ♦ 11:45am – 12:50pm ♦ Farrell Room

Sixteen Days in Bhutan: St. Michael's Students and Professors Work with Bhutanese Youth to Develop Media Education Projects

Bhutan, having only recently opened itself up to the West, struggles to maintain its identity as a small Buddhist Himalayan Kingdom in the face of increasing exposure to a globalized media. Over the recent winter break, a group of SMC students in the interdisciplinary anthropology/journalism course *Youth, Media and Development* traveled to Bhutan under the guidance of Professors Jon Hyde and Adrie Kusserow to explore the impact of mass media on youth in developing nations. The group worked collaboratively with the Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy to conduct media literacy workshops for Bhutanese students in high school media clubs from all over the country.

