

CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

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Mir Centre for Peace

Based on the history and the traditions of the Kootenay region, the Mir Centre for Peace explores cultures of peace, human rights and social justice, environmental studies, global politics, conflict resolution and cultural and individual healing. You are invited to experience the unique programs, courses, discussions and lectures offered through the Mir Centre.



Visit selkirk.ca/research/mir-centre-for-peace/ for detailed information.

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PEACE STUDIES PROGRAMS

Selkirk College's School of University Arts and Sciences and the Mir Centre for Peace currently offer two interdisciplinary university transfer programs, combining coursework in the humanities, social sciences and sciences with core courses in peace studies and conflict resolution. The Associate of Arts Degree in Peace Studies focuses on peace and the environment. The Liberal Arts Diploma in Peace Studies emphasizes peace in a cultural and international context. For more details visit selkirk.ca/programs/uas/twoyear.

MIR PEACE CAFES

Selkirk College's Mir Centre for Peace and the Cocoa-Nut Lounge in Nelson have joined together in the name of peace, up-stream thinking, coffee and meaningful conversation. The "Peace Café" is an ongoing initiative that will provide an opportunity for individuals to produce community-based solutions for global challenges and will encourage "reconciliation and connection" through open discussion.

Join us in an informal intimate cafe setting. Come participate in one or all four discussions! Admission is FREE. Dates TBA.

WARS UNLIMITED?

Exploring Humanitarian Boundaries in Armed Conflict. George Chandler, Manager for the Red Cross Humanitarian Issues Program leads this four-part interactive dialogue to explore modern warfare, international humanitarian law and justice.

Nelson: Cocoa-Nut Lounge,
116 Vernon St.
4 classes: Nov. 4-25, Wed. 7-9 pm
George Chandler

KNIT FOR PEACE AND KNIT-A-THON FOR PEACE

See p.6, Arts & Culture, for details.

MIR LECTURE SERIES

We recognize that world peace will come, not through one simple act but rather as the final outcome of thousands of smaller undertakings. There is no doubt that dialogue will play a key role. The Mir Lecture Series seeks to encourage this dialogue and will bring the following inspiring local/regional and international speakers to our area, promoting cultures of peace in our community.

SEE LISTING OF MIR LECTURES SERIES 2009/10 ON FOLLOWING PAGE.

Mir Lecture Series 2009/10

THE SPIRIT OF PEACE

Honour the United Nations' International Day of Peace! Engage in meaningful conversations intended to inspire personal reflection and connection with others.

John Verigin Jr., Dr. Duncan Grady,
Linda Wilkinson
Sept. 21, Mon. 6:30-8:30 pm
Castlegar: Brilliant Cultural Centre
Tickets: \$10 Advanced/\$15 Door/Students \$8

WHITE GRIZZLY: THE CLASH OF CULTURES

Artist, sculptor, painter, designer and author, Lawney Reyes, grandson of Alex Christian, known as "White Grizzly" among the Sinixt first Nations of the Kootenays, explores what knowledge might be gained from cultural conflict.

Lawney Reyes
Oct. 1, Thur. 7-9 pm
Castlegar Campus: Mir Centre
By Donation. Please pre-register.

THE PURA VIDA FOUNDATION

Pura Vida presents the documentary "Through Their Eyes" and shares their goals and current projects and how they are changing the world one small step at a time.

Marni Beninger, President & Exec. Director
Oct. 22, Thur. 7-9 pm
Castlegar Campus: Mir Centre
By Donation. Please pre-register.

PARTICIPATORY PRACTICES OF LIBERATION ARTS

Reflect on types of healing necessary for building resilient citizens and fostering just and peaceful places. Janis Timm-Bottos, an adjunct instructor for Gonzaga University, founder of two successful nonprofit organizations.

Janis Timm-Bottos PhD, ATR-BC
Nov. 12, Thur. 7-9 pm
Castlegar Campus: Mir Centre
By Donation. Please pre-register.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

Dr. Hugh Brody, internationally recognized scholar, anthropologist, land claims researcher, policy adviser, film-maker and writer, will show a segment of his film "Meaning of Life" and share his research related to aboriginal land claims and aboriginal youth.

Dr. Hugh Brody
Winter 2010
Castlegar Campus: Mir Centre

HUMANITARIAN ACTION

A young medical student, James Orbinski, embarked on a research trip to Rwanda—a trip that would change who he would be as a doctor and as a man. Investigating the conditions of pediatric AIDS, he confronted widespread pain and suffering. Fueled by this injustice, he helped establish the Canadian chapter of Medicin Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders).

Dr. James Orbinski, Medecins Sans Frontieres
Mar. 19, Fri. 7-9 pm
Castlegar: Brilliant Cultural Centre
Tickets \$20

Additional lectures to be announced. Visit selkirk.ca/research/mir-centre-for-peace/.

Help Us Inspire Others to Live Lives of Peace

With your support, the Peace Lecture Series at the Mir Centre for Peace will attract speakers of great vision and passion; engaging audiences, expanding perceptions and inspiring individuals to live lives of peace.

If the Mir Centre for Peace Lecture Series is to reach its potential, \$200,000 must be raised by March 31, 2010. These funds will go directly into the Mir Centre Speaker Series Endowment. The annual rate of return on the endowment investment will help support the Lecture Series for years to come.

The first 100 donors to give \$100 or more will receive a 09/10 Mir bronze medallion created by Kootenay School of the Arts metal student Eric MacLellan. Each medallion is one of a kind - handcrafted. As a medallion recipient, you will also receive 50% off the ticketed events for the Mir Lectures held in fall 2009 and spring 2010.

Donations to the Mir Centre for Peace Lecture Series can be made by email mircampaign@selkirk.ca, phone 250.505.1324 or visit selkirk.ca/waystogive.



