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## ECM Art Team

**In April, the ECM's new Art Team will be displaying art in the ECM about El Papaturo, El Salvador and it's Sister Cities relationship with Lawrence.** The ECM has sponsored 4 years of delegations to El Papaturo as part of the Alternative Spring Break trips, which have lead to a deeper connection to this community in El Salvador and awareness about the social and political situation there. The art in this show is expected to feature drawings from children in El Papaturo and work by past delegates on community, culture, the social movement, and history of the civil war in El Salvador.

**In May, the art team will be putting on Reduce, Reuse, Make Art.** This event will offer a fun opportunity to make art objects from recycled and reused items. Projects will be provided for all ages. You can bring your own item to turn into art, or simply come and enjoy creating and learning about art and the environment. All ages will be welcome. For more information on these events or any other Art Team activities, please contact **Sarah Birmingham** at [sbirm@ku.edu](mailto:sbirm@ku.edu) or **Rachel Pearson** at [rachpear@ku.edu](mailto:rachpear@ku.edu).

## ECM Briefs

- ◆ **Veggie Lunch** continues to be successful. We have been averaging around 130 attendees so far this semester. However, we are currently running a deficit between the amount of donations received and the amount spent on food and supplies. Any donation to help cover this gap would be much appreciated. Coordinators are **Miles Grey** at [woundedsouls@yahoo.com](mailto:woundedsouls@yahoo.com), **Lauren Ashman** at [lashman@ku.edu](mailto:lashman@ku.edu), and **Hilah Vanderlipp** at [hvanderl@ku.edu](mailto:hvanderl@ku.edu).
- ◆ **Koinonia** is still accepting upcoming applications for the summer and fall/spring semesters.
- ◆ **Faith Forum** – The new Faith Forum schedule has been posted at [www.ecmku.edu/faith.shtml](http://www.ecmku.edu/faith.shtml)
- ◆ **The Human Sexuality in Everyday Life** class, taught by Dr. Dennis Daley, has been meeting each Thursday so far this semester. We have had about 60 students in the class. The class coordinators are **Lauren Tullis** at [lt88@ku.edu](mailto:lt88@ku.edu) and **Jenny Faber** at [tashbag@ku.edu](mailto:tashbag@ku.edu)
- ◆ On February 21, the **Kansas State Historical Society approved the listing of the ECM building on the National Register of Historic Places**, recognizing its significance for its architecture and its social history.
- ◆ **Fair Trade Team** will meet on Wednesdays, 6:30pm in ECM Campus Ministry office. The coordinators are **Meredith Walfran** at [mwal22@ku.edu](mailto:mwal22@ku.edu); **Hadley Galbraith** at [hadles@ku.edu](mailto:hadles@ku.edu), and **Anna Hoard** at [ahoard@ku.edu](mailto:ahoard@ku.edu).
- ◆ **Ecojustice Team** meets on Thursdays, 4:00pm at ECM
- ◆ ECM's representation on **KU Sophomore Leadership Council** is **Laura Ashman** ([lashman@ku.edu](mailto:lashman@ku.edu))

## 2009 Visiting Scholar

### Peter Gomes

A Member of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Faculty of Divinity at Harvard University, Pusey Minister at the Harvard Memorial Church

#### **Saturday April 25, 7:30pm**

King Lecture, Washburn University, Topeka  
White Concert Hall  
*"Beyond the Bible: Recovering the Gospel"*

#### **Sunday, April 26th, 2:00pm**

Public Lecture, Lied Center  
University of Kansas, Lawrence  
*Being Who You Are*

#### **Sunday, April 26th, 7:00pm**

Plymouth Congregational Church  
925 Vermont St. Lawrence  
*"Informational Dialogue with Peter Gomes"*



#### **Monday, April 27th, 7:30pm**

Religious Studies Department Annual Banquet Lecture  
University of Kansas, Lawrence  
Ballroom, Kansas Union  
*"Transformation and Non-conformity:  
A New Christian Identity"*

All events are free and open to the public!

These events are supported by the following "Visiting Scholar in Religion" sponsors: First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Plymouth Congregational Church, MAINstream Voices of Faith, First Baptist Church, Peace Mennonite Church, Lutheran Campus Ministry, KU Ecumenical Christian Ministries, Presbytery of Northern Kansas, Episcopal Diocese of KS., the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Kansas, Baker University and Washburn University.

## Ecumenical Christian Ministries at the University of Kansas

### Alternative Beaks

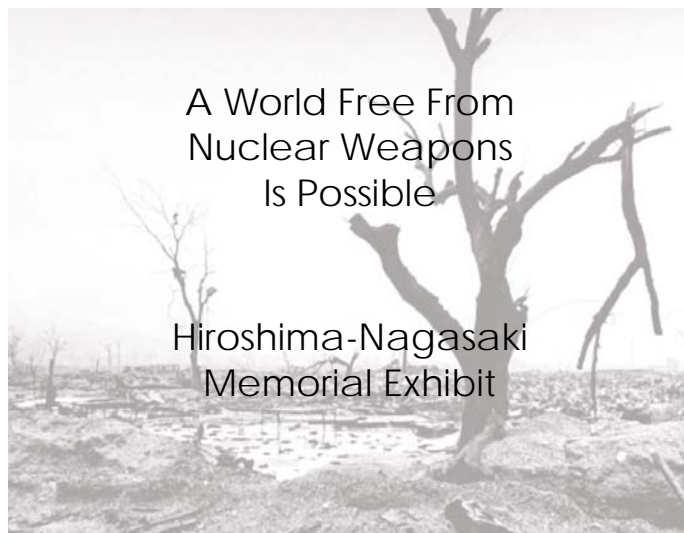
ECM's slate of Alternative Spring Breaks filled quickly this year. We have 20 people going on the **New Mexico** trip, "What do I Want My Life to Say?" The **Arizona** trip, "Learning What Sustainability is in a Traditional Sense", will have 16 participants. Another group is going to **New Orleans** under the theme "Solidarity, Not Charity", where the 7 participants will help with reconstruction efforts and learn about the built environment of the city. We are also offering a new break this spring, "The New York Experience", where the 10 participants will have an urban immersion experience in **New York City**.

We are also proud of our 6 participants who went on our winter break trip to **Immokalee, Florida**. Under the theme "Think Slavery Doesn't Exist in the U.S.?" they spent time with members of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, agricultural workers who are organizing to receive a fairer wage for their work. There they learned about agricultural and employment practices, and how these contribute to a culture of poverty and sometimes enslavement. They also learned about the attempts by workers to organize and fight for higher wages.

### Peace with Justice Prepares for Hiroshima-Nagasaki Exhibition

The **Peace with Justice Group** of the Ecumenical Christian Ministries, in collaboration with the **Honors Program Student Council**, and with support from the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum in Japan, is hosting an exhibit at Nune-maker Center March 8<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. **There will be an opening reception on**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Nunemaker, with speakers presenting at 3:00 pm.** Ms. Masuoka, a survivor of the bombings, will speak about her experiences and Ms. Miyamoto, her translator and Professor of Religious Studies at DePaul University, will also speak. The exhibit includes large posters with photographs and information sent by the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, along with books and video. Attendees will also have the opportunity to make a paper crane to contribute to the exhibit. The Nunemaker Center is located at 1506 Engel Road, and is open 8:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Friday, and is closed on Saturdays. Additional parking for the opening reception will be provided by the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center at 1631 Crescent Rd (about 1/2 block away). If you would like more information about this event please contact **Katherine Logan** at [myidname@ku.edu](mailto:myidname@ku.edu).



### Eco-Justice

The **ECM EcoJustice Team** is currently working on two campaigns to help turn the KU campus and the Lawrence community "greener". The first is leading towards an **optional fee that KU students can pay to have their electricity consumption on campus offset with wind power**. The team hopes to have this option available to students for the Spring 2011 semester.

The second major campaign is focusing on **protecting the Haskell-Baker Wetlands from the proposed construction of the South Lawrence Trafficway**. The team is organizing a fundraiser benefit for the wetlands on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, that will feature wine and cheese, live music, and a silent auction. On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the group will be hosting a rally at South Park to raise public awareness of the consequences of construction and to have a public show in support of preserving the wetlands.

The team is also planning several trips for its members to explore the natural heritage of Kansas, and the consequences of abuse of the earth. One trip will be to the **Konza Prairie at Kansas State University** to observe the **Prairie Chicken Boom**. Another will be to Galena, in southeast Kansas, to learn about the effects of years of lead mining in the area.

Finally, the team is planning several public events for the week leading up to **Earth Day**, including a **public forum on the green burial movement**. Look for more information about these public events in the near future.

For more information on these events or any other EcoJustice activities, please contact **Jason Hering** at [jason711@ku.edu](mailto:jason711@ku.edu) or **England Porter** at [englandg@ku.edu](mailto:englandg@ku.edu).

### University Forum

The University Forum at ECM continues to be a success this semester. So far, our speakers have taken us back in time, around the world, and up into space. The following events are scheduled for March.

- ◆ **March 4, 2009** – Let America Be America: Race Relations and Democracy in Lawrence and at the University of Kansas, 1850s to the 1960s, Bill Tuttle, Professor of American Studies, KU
- ◆ **March 11, 2009** – Values, Art, and Responsibility: Three Years after the Cartoon Conflict, Z. Hall PhD, Communication Studies, KU
- ◆ **March 29, 2009** – Community, Health and Development, Steven B. Fawcett, Professor of Community Leadership and Human Development, KU.

All events are free and open to the public. An optional lunch for \$6.25, or \$3.00 for students, is at 11:30 AM, with presentations beginning at 12:00 noon.

### New Ministry Intern

"I am a 2004 graduate of DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, and a 2007 graduate of Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee. After graduation, I went to work for a small company that worked in the educational technology market. However, I still felt called to the ministry, and when I saw the posting for the ECM internship, I realized it would be a perfect opportunity for further vocational exploration. I have been grateful for the warm welcome I have received from the ECM community, and I look forward to continuing to learn and work here. You can get in touch with me at [andrew.raker@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.raker@gmail.com)"

Best, **Andrew Raker**

### Power Shift 2009

Power Shift 2009 is a national gathering in Washington, DC that seeks "to take a message of bold, comprehensive and immediate federal climate action to Capitol Hill." The events will also provide a chance for **Jason Hering, England Porter** and **Juliana Tran** to network with others who are working to tackle climate change and environmental injustice.