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Peacemaking is the core discipline for global citizenship

by Kerby Neill

I was stunned when a cousin and former federal judge asked with genuine curiosity, "What would you teach in a peacemaking course?"

Well, for starters, you can teach the principles of organized nonviolence: they guided the U.S. civil rights movement, under Gandhi's tutelage they freed India from British Colonial rule, in Poland they enabled the fall of a totalitarian communist regime.

Realities of peace and justice touch all our lives. Politicians glowingly extol peace, but few study it or fund it. The United States champions its military academies, ROTC programs thrive in high schools and on major college campuses. Proposals for a United States Peace Academy regularly languish in Congress. Some pundits even suggest that peace courses train us for "weakness."

At the Annual Meeting of the Peace and Justice Studies Association in Milwaukee last October, several teachers of peace quipped about their marginal status in their universities. Robert Enright of the University of Wisconsin has over 100 publications, including four books, to his credit, yet he joked that his field—forgiveness—might even be on the margin of peace

studies. Of course, it is impossible to sustain any positive human relationship (or achieve major diplomatic breakthroughs) without forgiveness. Peacemaking is nothing short of the core discipline for global citizenship!

We enjoyed a feast of presentations at the Conference. Sister Helen Prejean spoke of the cultural, moral, and practical benefits of abolishing the death penalty. Jonathan Schell addressed the future of peacemaking in a world wracked by tension and terrorism. Will Allen of Growing Power encouraged us with both his talk on Food, Sovereignty, and Justice and the examples of his national (and increasingly international) work. We heard of mindfulness exercises to compliment the stresses of police work, of conflict resolution efforts in Africa, and much more.

The list of effective nonviolent global changes is long and impressive. Gene Sharp, currently Senior Scholar at the Albert Einstein Institution in Boston, spent 30 years at Harvard's Center for International Affairs working to forge nonviolence as a hard-nosed interdisciplinary field of study—culture, political science, business, psychology, economics. Few academic fields are outside the scope of Sharp's

theories and practice of nonviolent action. Sharp's *Civilian-Based Defense: A Post-Military Weapons System* (1990) explores ways in which nonviolent noncooperation and defiance can deter coups or even invasions. The governments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania relied on this work to plan and prevent Soviet efforts to recapture their newly independent states.

Perhaps, like my cousin, you're skeptical. I suggest you orient yourself in small steps. Start by renting and watching the PBS series *A Force More Powerful*; then move to Mark Kurlansky's short and easy *Nonviolence: Twenty-five Lessons from the History of a Dangerous Idea* (2006). If you want a serious, social science tome you can jump to Sharp's 2005 work, *Waging Nonviolent Struggle*, but you might prefer to pursue a broad-based look at a range of classic texts used in peace studies. Watch future *Peaceways* for lists of suggested readings. Cut them out and save them for reference.

Kerby Neill chairs CKCPJ's
Peace Education committee

(Ed. note: Both Kurlansky's book and the companion book to *Force more Powerful* are available at Lexington's public library. A copy of the *Force more Powerful* dvd is available for loan from Lexington Friends Meeting; contact 859.335.5701).

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The views expressed in *Peaceways* are those of the authors, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice.

CKCPJ in recent Lexington news and initiatives

December 2: On the eve of President Obama's unveiling of his strategy for Afghanistan, the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice's Peace Action Task Group held a demonstration in Triangle Park to oppose the increase in troops. Local media covered the demonstration, including the *Lexington Herald-Leader* which quoted board member Richard Mitchell: "We've been there for eight years, and for those folks, it looks like an occupation. We haven't kept our eyes on the prize, and the prize here is al-Qaida and the Taliban." He said a better way to approach terrorism would be through intelligence, police work and aid, particularly to Afghanistan's education system.

Board member Mary Ann Ghosal was also quoted. She held a sign that said "No Surge," and said that while she voted for Obama, she's disappointed in his decision on Afghanistan, and that decision would be "very bad for Obama. ...There are people who want to see him fail. He could very well end up a one-term president."

December 10 World March for Peace and Nonviolence: On a wet afternoon, marchers moved from Triangle Park in Lexington to the public library for a cultural program that brought together numerous area groups and included a reception hosted by CKCPJ. Local organizer Susmita Barua, pictured on the left in this photo, invited poets, dancers, and peace activists to take part. Photos in the *Herald-Leader* reminded Lexingtonians that peace is desired locally, too. Intended to give a voice to the majority of world citizens who want peace, the march



was an initiative of World Without Wars. It began in New Zealand on Oct. 2, Gandhi's birthday, and concluded on Jan. 2 in Punta de Vacas, Mendoza, Argentina. You can see videos and coverage of the world-wide events at www.theworldmarch.org.

January 9 Kentucky premiere of documentary film *Straightlaced*: The Kentucky State Theater in Lexington was filled for a benefit screening of the film *Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up*, presented by the Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust and the family of Hannah Landers. The film, which features Lexington teen Hannah Landers and the Dunbar Memorial Garden that remembers Josh Shipman, explores the pressures teens endure to conform to accepted gender boundaries. It received front-page coverage (see the article at www.kentucky.com/139/story/1085804.html), where readers learned that in *Straightlaced* teens from all spectrums of life talk about the restraints placed on them to stay within the boundaries of what is deemed masculine or feminine. The film calls upon viewers to "follow the lead" of these youths who accept people for who they are. Co-sponsoring the event were The Kentucky Fairness Alliance; Lexington Gay and Lesbian Services Organization; Gay Straight Alliance; Voices of Change, a suicide prevention organization; and Dunbar's No Day But Today support group. CKCPJ hosted the reception. The film is intended as a starting point for discussions and is available for viewing; contact Rebecca Woloch at rwoloch@insightbb.com, or phone your *Peaceways* editor at 859.335.5701. See the work of the Jesse Higginbotham Trust at www.jessehigginbotham.com.

Letter-writing “Crepes of Wrath” party, anyone?

by Sharman Chapman-Crane

While our state legislators are again meeting in Frankfort I want to tell you about an annual event that we host at our home in Eolia, Kentucky. This year will be our 4th Annual “Crepes of Wrath” brunch.

As hosts, my husband and I supply the crepes and our invited friends bring strawberries (or whatever they prefer: the event is BYOB: “bring your own berries”) as we write letters to state representatives, senators, committee members and editors of newspapers about issues we care about. There were about 10 of us last year, and we generated over 120 letters in about 4 hours and ate approximately 25-30 crepes. One friend after taking her first bite said, “that’s a \$10 crepe!”

How did we generate so many letters? You can write one letter (changing the name each time) and send the same letter to each committee member to maximize your impact. Or you can write a letter to the editor and fax or email it to a number of different newspapers. As the hosts for our party, we provided paper, pens, contact information, current information on bills that were to be voted on, a fax machine, and a computer; some folks brought their laptops.

Why hold a party like this? We realized that a lot of us aren’t able to make it to Frankfort to talk to our legislators. Yet our voices

must be heard as important decisions are made. Letter writing on our own can seem a chore, whereas by joining with friends we found having the encouragement and the time set aside really increased our productivity.

We chose a Saturday morning and my husband Jeff named the event; he also makes the crepes. The Crepes of Wrath just seems a natural—given the social justice aspect of Steinbeck’s novel “The Grapes of Wrath”—and from a literary perspective, as we join a long-standing tradition of adding our written words and participating in our democracy.

This year as a new legislative session begins, choose a date to host your own party, and join us in spirit as we celebrate The Crepes of Wrath—maybe it’ll be the beginning of a crepe movement—and don’t forget to “bring your own berries.”

Sharman Chapman-Crane of Eolia, KY is an artist and activist who works for the Mennonite Central Committee. She organizes and leads tours about Mountaintop Removal in Appalachia. Contact her for tours: appalfinance@mcc.org.

Jeff Chapman-Crane is the activist, artist and sculptor who created “The Agony of Gaia” (see the front page of the March 2009 Peaceways) which has been displayed around the state at MTR events. ■

1 cup all-purpose flour
½ cup whole wheat or oat flour
2 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups milk
2 eggs
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix dry ingredients, stir in remaining ingredients, and beat until smooth. Lightly butter skillet (an electric skillet works especially well for crepes), and heat to medium. Pour ¼ cup batter into skillet, immediately rotate skillet to form thin film about 8” in diameter. Cook until light brown. Run wide spatula around edges to loosen; turn and cook other side until brown
Spreads: Sour cream, cream cheese, plain or vanilla yogurt;

Toppings: Sliced strawberries, chopped pecans, maple syrup (other toppings we’ve had on hand at the Crepes of Wrath brunch include fresh pineapple, peaches, blueberries, coconut, bananas, honey, peach preserves, and orange marmalade: use your imagination!)
To eat, spread crepe lightly with sour cream, plain yogurt, or cream cheese. Place about ¼ cup strawberries in middle of crepe, sprinkle with pecans and drizzle with maple syrup. Fold sides of crepe over roll up (like a burrito). Top with additional berries, pecans and syrup, if desired.

P.S. We also did an Ice Cream Social letter writing event to “freeze out a special session” when the legislators were calling to conduct business behind closed doors... And yes, we use a White Mountain hand-cranked freezer—everyone takes a turn.

Student artist wins holiday card contest

For the second year, CKCPJ ran an informal contest to discover student artists for our holiday greeting card. In the photo at right,



teacher Timi Goodman from Lexington Traditional Magnet School (L) presents this year’s winning artist, Katelyn Conn, with her award.

This fall, we plan to open the contest more widely—look for an announcement later in 2010. ■



MLK Jr. day of service: make it a day “on”

If you're one of the growing number of people who make their observance of MLK, Jr., Day a day of service rather than a day “off,” we'd like to highlight two worthy efforts brought to the Council's attention:

◆ community gardening tasks, making garden signs, trellises and more—for info email Jim Embry at embryjim@gmail.com or go to Bluegrass School Garden network at <http://bgschoolgardennetwork.ning.com>;

◆ Americorps “build-a-bed” project preparations for their 24-hour “build blitz,” to be held at the start of Americorps week (May 9-15). Collecting bedding, pillows, teddy bears, for distribution to Kentucky children. contact Angela at: Angela.Baldrige@ky.gov or call 502-564-4986.

Or you can look at online resources to help you plan your day: www.mlkday.gov.

One World Films presents free showing of “The Night James Brown Saved Boston”

Mon., Jan. 18 at 2 pm in the Kentucky Theatre, 214 E. Main St., Lexington, One World Films will show a 66 minute film “The Night James Brown Saved Boston.”

The night after MLK, Jr., was assassinated James Brown was scheduled to give a concert in Boston, at that time a racially divided city. At first, city officials thought to cancel the concert. The lone African-American councilman persuaded the Mayor not only to allow the concert, but to televise the event with the hope that people would stay home to watch the program and not riot. It worked.

For additional info on One World Films, the documentary, or the 2010 One World Films Festival, see www.oneworldfilmfestival.org or call 859.266.6073.

Join this walk to I Love Mountains Day in Frankfort

Starting the night of Monday, Feb. 8, at 6:00 pm, you have an opportunity to join with others who will walk to Frankfort from Lexington. Events begin with a pot luck dinner open to all, at Lexington Friends Meeting (649 Price Avenue), followed by a forum on ending Mountain Top Removal.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, walkers will begin at Triangle Park in Lexington and walk 12.8 miles to Versailles.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, they'll walk 15 miles to Frankfort.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, walkers will join at 11 am with the KFTC “I Love Mountains” activities at the Kentucky River Park and walk one mile to the state capital building.

Can't make it for the whole walk? Join the portion that works for you. Walkers who register will have overnight accommodations and food arranged for them, and organizers are happy to answer any question you might have:

In Lexington, contact Todd Kelly at 859.333.3794; in Louisville,

call Sam Avery at 502.741.6944; or call Larry Crane at FootPrints for Peace at 859.229.9472.

This drug- and alcohol-free event is co-sponsored by a coalition of area groups: FootPrints for Peace, KFTC, Frankfort Climate Action Network, Kentucky Resources Council, Interfaith Paths to Peace, Appalachia Service in the Public Interest, Kentucky Waterways Alliance, Kentucky Council of Churches, Louisville Peace Action Community, and the Kentucky Solar Partnership.

Community gardens continue to provide bounty in winter

Pumpkin muffins, anyone? Those who came to the reception prior to the documentary film *Straightlaced* (see page 2) might have sampled muffins made from pumpkins grown this summer and processed by many hands. In a recent post on the blog at Bluegrass School Garden Network, (<http://bgschoolgardennetwork.ning.com>), you could see photos and read about a number of them. For example, Seedleaf, an organization dedicated

to nourishing the community through growing, harvesting, cooking and recycling food (www.seedleaf.org), held its First Annual Pumpkin Pie Party at La Roca United Methodist Church in Lexington where 10 pumpkins were processed to create 20 homemade pumpkin pies as well as 10 extra cups of pumpkin puree put in the freezer awaiting a soup-making event. In Agriscience classes at Eastside Technical Center, Compton Fellow Miranda Hileman led students in making real pumpkin pies from scratch before their Thanksgiving meals.

If you have stories and photos of such events, let us know at gmkkentucky@gmail.com.

Point-in-time count needs volunteers

The 2010 Point-In-Time Homeless Count will take place throughout the state on Thursday, January 28, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Kentucky Housing Corporation is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) every other year to conduct a Point-In-Time Count (PITC) of Kentucky's homeless. Kentucky conducts the count every year.

Findings from the homeless count demonstrate the need for resources for housing and services for homeless persons in each community. The count also helps determine how much federal funding

will be awarded from HUD for homeless programs.

In addition, the count helps assess progress under Kentucky's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and provide important information for updating the plan. The count takes place every year on the last Thursday in January.

For example, the results of a two-year study conducted by the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville showed that it cost nearly \$89 million over a two-year period to shelter and care for just over 7,000 single homeless adults. The study also showed that providing permanent housing to these individuals over the two-year

period would have saved \$6.4 million. Recent increases in unemployment rates dramatically affect the homeless and precariously housed. At 10.9 percent, Kentucky's unemployment figure is almost a full point higher than the national average.

The Point-in-Time count is a practical, necessary way you can help. Volunteers are needed to ensure the count is as accurate as possible.

If you are interested in helping, you can contact board member Billie Mallory at 859.285. 5211 or by email at: mallory.billie@yahoo.com.



An appeal from the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

We have until February 1st at 4:30 pm to submit comments to the Kentucky Department of Corrections regarding its lethal injection and electrocution protocols.

Let Kentucky officials know what you think about how it kills people and wastes tax dollars in your name.

The Department of Corrections is not accepting e-mails, only letters by mail or fax.

However, we have an important window of opportunity. On Nov. 25, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that the Commonwealth's lethal injection and electrocution protocols were not legal. As a result, the Department of Corrections has to allow for public comments on the process for how it executes people. The Department is required by law to read your letter

and send you a substantive response, so your letter will make a big difference.

You can find a copy of the proposed regulations by following the link on the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty website: www.kcadp.org (or go to your public library. The mailing address of the Coalition is P.O. Box 3092, Louisville, KY 40201-3092). The website also includes a list of talking points and writing tips.

Remember that the most powerful letter is the one written in your own voice.

Unlike a letter to the editor, feel free to make your letter as long as you want. Don't worry about your grammar—all that matters is getting your thoughts on paper and sending them to Kentucky's Department of Corrections by Feb. 1.

KCADP would love to read your thoughts, and is asking that you e-mail (or post) a copy of your letter to: staff@kcadp.org.

If you do not receive a response, or feel that your comments were not adequately addressed, let KCADP know!

The Department of Corrections has also scheduled a one-day public hearing for Jan. 29 at 9 am. The more speakers the better. For you to comment, provide written notification of your intent to do so by letter or fax by Jan. 22: contact KCADP for details at staff@kcadp.org or call Kaye Gallagher at 502.721.8885. The meeting will be held at the Transportation Cabinet Building's Auditorium: 200 Mero St., Frankfort, KY 40601. Directions are available by clicking on the KCADP website.



Widening our circle of compassion

by Obiora Embry

We stand at a crossroad, as we approach the end of a year, the beginning of a new decade, and the end of a human epoch ...we can choose to stay the same (course) or we can make needed changes in the way that we live our lives, treat each other and ourselves, treat our only home—Gaia—and the principles and values by which we choose to live our lives.

If we as a species want to continue living, doing, and thinking the same way—classical thinking—that we have, then we will see the end of human life on Mother Earth.

However, if we are willing and wanting to start a new epoch in order to save ourselves (S.O.S.) from our imminent downfall and extinction (if we stay the course), then we—the people—will have to make immediate, drastic, holistic, and life altering changes (not reforms). These changes are not really anything new as they encompass a return to indigenous, holistic, or Earth-based thinking. This thinking through work and research done by Max Planck, Albert Einstein, Buckminster Fuller, and others is often referred to as quantum thinking.

Classical thinking on the other hand has brought US the notion and idea of “being green”—a simple-minded action often limited to reducing our energy consumption. These activities have not led to a change in our mindsets, lifestyles, or even made us care more about each other, let alone the Earth. This is because our focus is more on saving or making money, on the self, and not the collective whole—humans and the inhabitants of Mother

Earth. “Being green” has not undone the desecration, pillaging, and rape of Mother Earth and in

A human being is part of the whole, called by us "Universe," a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest - a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

- Albert Einstein, 1950

some ways, “green” actions have continued what we have been told they would prevent by going with the less “bad” option. By switching from one evil to a lesser evil—from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), from a gasoline engine to a hybrid gas/electric engine, or from energy powered by coal to nuclear or hydrogen power—our individual and collective actions cannot restore our

For more information on Gaia, check out the following:

Gaia: Greek Goddess of the Earth:
<http://www.paleothea.com/SortaSingles/Gaia.html>

Gaia - the Living Earth:
<http://www.kheper.net/topics/Gaia/Gaia.htm>

2006 Gaia Theory Conference:
<http://www.gaiatheory.org>

only home, Gaia, to a stasis or equilibrium that can continue to sustain humans. If we are to S.O.S., then we the people will have to create new options based on a new way of thinking, which means that we have to go beyond conserving electricity, recycling, and using “energy-efficient” products. In

doing so, we will have to collectively and individually develop a deeper consciousness of how we think, live and behave. In becoming eco-conscious, we will have to resurrect the indigenous thinking that we have cast off, and instead use principles and ideas left behind, to resurrect lost understanding of the sacred and symbiotic relationship between the human body and Mother Earth. After all, we come from the Earth

and are “walking rocks.” To heal Mother Earth for our continued survival, we must change the way we live our lives, and this means that we need to become responsible for our actions and conscious of the effects our actions have on the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land from which our food grows.

We need to become quantum thinkers that look at our bodies and the Earth as interconnected, complex systems that have a positive and negative effect on each other.

By emphasizing the inherent inter-relatedness of the world’s human and natural systems, quantum thought and eco-conscious thinking emphasize our need to assess the Life Cycle Analysis—themanufacture/production, distribution, packaging, shelf life, use, and end-of-life—of the products that are being marketed as “green” or eco-friendly. In an upcoming issue, I plan to look eco-consciously at compact fluorescent lights.

Obiora Embry, a Lexington native, has been an environmental steward since he was in elementary school. You can find more info on his commitment to the environment and on his locally owned and operated business, EConsulting™ at <http://www.econsultingllc.org>.

Events at a Glance

Events listed here and on our Justicelist listserve (see: www.peaceandjusticeky.org) reflect a broad spectrum of views, all intended to advance justice, peace, and a sustainable environment. The Council does not necessarily endorse the views of the originators of any event.

<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Event Description</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Sunday, January 17 2:00 pm Lexington Public Library, 140 E Main St. Lexington	Charter for Compassion , a project of Karen Armstrong: Join the conversation toward compassionate thinking and action. Lance Brunner speaks on the Buddhist perspective, and we will consider proposals for local actions. For background info on the Charter, see: www.FranciscanVision.org . or go to http://charterforcompassion.org .	For more info: Franciscan Peace Center, 859.230.1986, or email: FranciscanVision@aol.com .
Monday, Jan. 18 meet at 9:30 at Heritage Hall	Lexington's MLK, Jr., Day Parade: Join with other members of CKCPJ as we affirm Dr. King's vision of peace, justice, and racial equity. Encourage your own group to march, or come as you are—look for us and join with us behind the Council's banner.	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
Wednesday, Jan. 27 th 8:00 pm at Al's Bar 6th and Limestone, Lexington	Holler Poets Series: Holler#21 with Whitney Baker, Marta Miranda, music by Matt Duncan.	For more info: www.myspace.com/hollerpoets
Thursday, March 4 7:30 pm Newman Center 320 Rose Lane Lexington	Save the Date: Father John Dear, speaking on "Following the Nonviolent Jesus in a World of Violence and War": Internationally known voice for peace and nonviolence. His many books include <i>Living Peace</i> ; <i>Disarming the Heart</i> ; <i>Jesus the Rebel</i> ; <i>The God of Peace</i> ; and most recently <i>A Persistent Peace</i> .	For more info: www.newmanfnd.org or call 859.255.0880.
1 st Wednesday 7:00 pm	CKCPJ Board Meeting , in our offices at 112 N. Upper St. All are welcome.	Arne Bathke, co-chair 859.257.3610
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace , Triangle Park in downtown Lexington—now in its eighth year....	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
1 st Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	Kentucky Migrant Network , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road	Jennifer Hubbard-Sánchez jsanchez@lfucg.com
2 nd Tuesday 7:30 pm	Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky , KCCJ office, 112 N Upper St. info@lexfair.org	Paul Brown, Chair, heme1588@yahoo.com
1 st Wednesday 4:00-6:30	Franciscan Peace Center , 3389 Squire Oak. FranciscanVision.org	Pat Griffin 859.230.1986
2 nd Wednesday of each month 7:00—8:30 pm	Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA) , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.: February 10, Prof Jim Krupa, PhD, speaking on Darwin Day.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029
3 rd Thursday 7:00 pm	Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) , Episcopal Diocese Mission House, 4th St. and Martin Luther King	Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm	NAMI Lexington Support Groups -- Faye Morton Center, Eastern State Hospital, Lexington, Wendall Building basement	call 859.272.7891 or go to lexington.nami.org



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"No problem can be solved from the same
level of consciousness that created it."

- Albert Einstein

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Volunteer Needed

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice is looking to multiply our efforts for peace, justice, and a sustainable community. To accomplish this, we are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator.

This individual would come to the Council office at 112 North Upper Street once a week. The Coordinator would:

- become familiar with the work of the Board, its projects, and committees;
- help recruit volunteers;
- match volunteers with the efforts of the Council;
- and work with our data manager to develop a team of volunteers.

Please send inquiries with a statement of your interests and qualifications, Attention:

Volunteer Coordinator—by email to tkneill@earthlink.net or by post to CKCPJ at 112 North Upper St., Lexington, KY 40507. ■

3rd annual MOSAIC conference

Bluegrass Community and Technical College Office of Multiculturalism and Inclusion has announced the 2010 MOSAICC (Multicultural Opportunities, Strategies and Institutional Inclusiveness Conference) with the theme: *Kentucky, a State of Omission*, on Feb. 25-26.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. George Wright, noted African-American scholar, and the seventh President of Prairie View A&M University. He was

presented the Governors Award by the Kentucky Historical Society for his books *Lynchings*, *Mob Rule*, and *"Legal Lynchings,"* and the *Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky 1865-1930*.

The MOSAIC conference will take place at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Oswald Building, 470 Cooper Dr., Lexington, KY 40506-0235, and will feature the expertise of innovative local and national diversity leaders. Concurrent sessions will establish the groundwork for establishing useful ideas and practices of inclusiveness. Group discussions will include questions that arise during sessions.

Registrations are due by Feb. 15th. Call Charlene Walker: 859. 246.6439; or e-mail her at Charlene.walker@kctcs.edu for details and cost. ■

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