

# A BETTER WORLD

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OBA SEMA SAADARAYEN PILIGANIMU!

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**Social Justice Facts:**

Top 10 Worst Corporations of 2001

- \***Abbott** fraudulent drug pricing and marketing conduct
- \***Argenbright** lied to authorities about poor airport security
- \***Bayer**: price-gouging on anthrax drugs
- \***Coca-Cola**: sugar-addicted children and Colombian death squads
- \***Enron**: um, read your newspaper!
- \***ExxonMobil** is to global warming as Philip Morris is to death
- \***Philip Morris** tired of being byword for evil, changes name, experiments with reverse psychology marketing for kids
- \***Sara Lee**: 21 dead, \$200,000 fine for killer hot dogs
- \***Southern** big coal trades campaign cash for toxic ash
- \***Wal-Mart** sweatshops abroad, anti-unionism at home

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On behalf of the Co-Directors and the Graduate Assistants for the Social Responsibility Program, I would like to welcome you to the first edition of *A Better World*, a newsletter produced by the Social Responsibility Master's program. The goal of this newsletter is to provide current students, potential students, and graduates with important information about course offerings, activist opportunities, career resources, and some interesting facts and information about various social justice issues. We hope to bring this newsletter to you at least twice a semester beginning in the Fall of 2002.

In this issue, we will provide you with a list of all required and elective courses that will be offered for Summer sessions. The Community Corner section will be highlighting a different community organization or event that either works toward or promotes social justice in some way. In this issue, the community organization People Uniting for Peace (PUP) will be spotlighted. Jennifer Kraipowich, a recent graduate of the program, will provide us



with a list of the top six socially responsible career web sites as part of our Socially Responsible Careers section. We will also include poetry, events on campus, and social justice facts in each issue.

We would like this to be an interactive newsletter so please contact us to make comments and to submit your own work to be included in our next issue. Our e-mail address is listed on the top of the newsletter. We would especially like to hear from our Graduates. In our next issue, we would like to highlight a graduate

of the program to find out how they were able to use their Masters degree in Social Responsibility. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and that it helps you on your journey to become a more socially responsible person.

Peace.

*Heather Ebnet  
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## COMMUNITY CORNER: PEOPLE UNITING FOR PEACE

BY THERESA FLINCK

*"The enthusiasm of PUP members to act as positive change agents inspires others to also accept a personal responsibility to act as social change agents"*

People Uniting for Peace (PUP), a student organization at SCSU originated in Brainerd, when student activists at Central Lakes College decided that the college needed a group which took action on a variety of issues including racism, sexism, classism and environmental problems. With the diligent work of a small handful of student activists, PUP became a well-known entity in the Brainerd area, bringing in guest speakers like anti-sweatshop activist, Charles Kernaghan Executive Director of the National Labor Committee, a panel on homelessness and a Indigenous healer from the Chiapas who spoke on issues related to bio-piracy. While PUP is still thriving at CLC, many of the original PUPS found themselves, much by accident at St. Cloud State University in 2001.

So, PUP alumnae moved on and decided to join Students for Social Change, a student organization at SCSU that was in hiatus. But, something just wasn't right about the name. After September 11th, the group decided that it was fit-

ting to have a name change, more in tune with the world events that were occurring. So, PUP SCSU became a franchise, but not the kind that sells cheap, greasy burgers and French fries, but a franchise that seeks to create a better world. PUP is bigger and better at SCSU. The group is constantly growing, with new members joining all the time.

One member had this to say about PUP, "The enthusiasm of PUP members to act as positive change agents inspires others to also accept a personal responsibility to act as social change agents" - Will Mische.

So far this year, PUP has been working hard to educate college students about the effects of the War in Afghanistan. PUP members attended the anti-war rally at the state capitol, held anti-war kiosks, brought in the advisor for Brainerd PUP, Professor Gary Payne, who gave a presentation on "U.S. Sponsored Terrorism in Colombia", and started the group, Voices for Peace which began with the help of some talented faculty, staff and students at SCSU.

The musical group is based on an anti-war, peace and social justice theme. Rehearsals are held on Mondays at 3:30 at University Lutheran.

For more information about how to join People Uniting for Peace and/or Voices for Peace, please e-mail: pupscsu@yahoo.com or call 650-1045.

People Uniting for Peace supports alternatives to war and works towards global peace and social justice. Our group consists of people who are interested in discussion and action regarding a variety of issues such as (but not limited to): racism, sexism, classism, xenophobia, LGBT rights, welfare rights, human rights and environmental issues, etc.



Check out our website  
<http://www.geocities.com/pupscsu/PUP.html>

## SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE CAREERS: TOP WEBSITES

BY JENNIFER KRAIPOWICH

#1

Action Without  
Borders, Inc.  
[www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)

#2

National Organizers  
Alliance  
[www.noacentral.org](http://www.noacentral.org)

#3

Human Rights  
Job Board  
[http://www.hri.ca/  
jobboard/](http://www.hri.ca/jobboard/)

#4

Public Citizen  
[www.citizen.org](http://www.citizen.org)

#5

Coalition on Human  
Needs  
[www.chn.org](http://www.chn.org)

#6

One World  
International  
[www.oneworld.net](http://www.oneworld.net)

# COURSE OFFERINGS

## Summer 2002 Social Responsibility Courses

### TEACHING NON-VIOLENCE

000071 HURL 630 01  
2 credits  
MTWHF 8:00am-12:10pm  
EB B110  
Instructor: Julie Andrzejewski

\*\*Class meets  
June 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18.

### CHANGE AGENT SKILLS

000022 HURL 591 01  
3 credits  
06/10/2002 07/12/2002  
TWH 10:00am-12:35pm  
EB A123  
Instructor: Suellyn Hofmann  
\*Co-requisite: HURL 592

### PRACTICUM SOC EMPOWERMENT

000025 HURL 592 01  
1 credit  
06/10/2002 - 07/12/2002  
TWH 12:35pm-1:25pm  
EB A123  
Instructor: Suellyn Hofmann  
\*Co-requisite: HURL 591

### AMERICAN INDIAN ISSUES

000136 HURL 507 01  
2 Credits  
07/15/2002- 08/15/2002  
TW 5:00pm-7:30pm  
EB B107  
Instructor: Gary Cheeseman

### SEXUAL ASSAULT ADVOC TRNG

000665 HURL 506 01  
000127 WS 506 01  
3 credits  
06/10/2002 07/12/2002  
M W 5:00pm-9:00pm  
SH 102  
Instructor: Gerianne Klug

# POETRY FOR CHANGE

**The Cost of My Clothes**  
By: Heather Ebnert

Women labor hot and tired  
Quotas to fill  
Families to feed

Never ending days  
Lead to never-ending nights  
Of pain in the soul

Exhaustion of the body  
Aching for rest  
Pleading for mercy

No rights  
No rest  
No hope

Denied wages  
Loss of family  
Stripped of culture

Sexually used and exploited  
Forced birth control  
Removal of choice

Corporations and government draft laws  
Free trade and others  
Far from these women

Stories untold  
Profits increase  
Prices fall

Until we stand  
Demand the truth  
Tell the stories

Protest the injustice  
Uncover our eyes  
Fight for justice

Justice for All

*For more information on  
what you can do to help  
eliminate the use of  
sweatshops go to:*

*National Labor Committee:*

*[www.nlcnet.org](http://www.nlcnet.org)*

*Sweatshop Watch:*

*[www.sweatshopwatch.org](http://www.sweatshopwatch.org) or*

*Coop America:*

*[www.coopamerica.org](http://www.coopamerica.org)*

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### Feedback:

We would like to hear  
from you! If you would  
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ments or story ideas, or if  
you have any  
questions...

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Call: 650-1045 or 203-6132

# EVENTS!

BY MINAKO KAWASAKI



## **March: National Women's History Month --**

*Women's Center \**

25th - Judy Richardson "Eyes  
on the Prize," 3:00pm - 4:30 p.  
m., Kimberly Ritsche Auditori-  
um, Stewart Hall

26th - "Dance Perspectives-  
Our Stories," Performance by  
the SCSU Repertory Dance  
Theatre and guest artists,  
Directed by Debra Leigh,  
Associate Professor of Dance,  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Kimberly  
Ritsche Auditorium, Stewart  
Hall

*\*For more information on  
Women's History Month events,  
please contact SCSU Women's  
Center, 255-4958*

March 27 "Cuba: Fact and  
Fiction"  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Atwood Little  
Theatre

April 2 --Lou Ann Matosian  
of the Cafesijna Family  
Foundation "The Armenian  
Genocide and Our Times"  
7:00 p.m. Atwood Little  
Theatre

April 10 -- Elisabeth Duban  
"An International Perspective  
on Domestic Violence"  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Atwood Little  
Theatre

April 16 --Hinda Kilbort  
"Surviving the Holocaust and  
My Life Today"  
7:00 p.m. Atwood Little  
Theatre

April 17 -- "What They Did  
Not Know Harmed Them:  
The Tragedy of the U.S.  
Military's Toxic Waste in the  
Philippines"  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Atwood Little  
Theatre

April 19-20 --Earth Day  
Halenbeck Hall, SCSU

April 20 --SCSU Annual  
Traditional Pow-wow  
1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Grand  
Opening Ceremonies  
Halenbeck Hall Field House

April 23 --Dan Rethmeister  
"Postal Artifacts of the  
Holocaust"  
7:00 p.m. Atwood Little  
Theatre

April 24 --"From Powerless to  
Empowered: Women and  
Poverty in Kenya and Uganda"  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Atwood Little  
Theatre

April 30 --Roger Aitken  
Contemporary American  
Indian Issues  
12:30-1:30 p.m. Atwood Little  
Theatre,