

Welcome

Nearly ten years have passed since the Universal House of Justice released the statement *The Promise of World Peace* (Wilmette: Bahá'í Publishing Trust, 1985) addressed to the peoples of the world. Still a harassed humanity loses hope as it vainly attempts to make sense of current crises:

- The rise of racism and fanaticism;
- The increased disparities between rich and poor;
- The swelling waves of exacerbated nationalism;
- The accelerated disintegration of the structures of government and family.

All these points underscore the accuracy of the analysis of the Universal House of Justice and the pertinence of its vision:

Flaws in the prevailing order are conspicuous in the inability of sovereign states organized as United Nations to exorcise the specter of war, the threatened collapse of the international economic order, the spread of anarchy and terrorism, and the intense suffering which these and other afflictions are causing to increasing millions. (14–15)

Hope lies in the “candid acknowledgment that prejudice, war and exploitation have been the expression of immature stages in a vast historical process and that the human race is today experiencing the unavoidable tumult which marks its collective coming of age . . .” (16).

In evoking the “stupendous enterprise of building a peaceful world” the Universal House of Justice then exhorts all of humanity to undertake this mighty task:

That such an enterprise is possible, that the necessary constructive forces do exist, that unifying social structures can be erected, is the theme we urge you to examine. Whatever suffering and turmoil the years immediately ahead may hold, however dark the immediate circumstances, the

Bahá'í community believes that humanity can confront this supreme trial with confidence in its ultimate outcome. Far from signaling the end of civilization, the convulsive changes towards which humanity is being ever more rapidly impelled will serve to release the "potentialities inherent in the station of man" and reveal "the full measure of his destiny on earth, the innate excellence of his reality." (16-17)

Mindful of this call, the Association for Bahá'í Studies has decided to devote the annual conferences of 1994, 1995, and 1996 to the varied facets of the transition from the present anarchy to a new order.

The theme of the first of these three conferences "Anarchy into Order" focuses therefore on the first step, "Understanding Humanity's Role and Destiny."

The objectives of the conference will be threefold:

- To understand the anarchy resulting from the failure of "old world" institutions to address the needs of a changing world satisfactorily;
- To articulate a preliminary vision of institutions in a "new world order";
- To identify current experiments inside and outside the Bahá'í community that appear to reinforce this vision by reinvesting social and political institutions.

The conference will be divided into three segments. The first—Thursday, August 11th—will be devoted to the Special Interest Seminars. The second—Friday, August 12th—will be a preparation for the main sessions on the transition from anarchy into order. The Association invites all participants to attend any of the twenty-four courses or papers being given on Friday, which explore the works and thinking of Shoghi Effendi.

In order to fulfil one of the Association's mandates, "To promote the study of the Bahá'í Faith and its application to the needs of humanity," this conference will encourage reflection within the paradigm of Shoghi Effendi's writings, upon the profound upheavals affecting the world as it approaches the millennium.

As the fabric of society around us unravels, and moral structures and systems of governance decay at an ever more rapid pace, the theme of this conference echoes the lucid analyses of the Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith as well as his encouraging vision of a new order governed by spiritual laws and principles.

Pierre-Yves Mocquais
Academic Director
Association for Bahá'í Studies

Conference Information

Annual Members' Meeting

A special luncheon and annual members' meeting of the Association will take place in the Ballroom, at the close of the conference at 12:30pm, Sunday, August 14. Tickets are available at the Conference Information Desk. The cost is \$25.00/ticket. We hope you will join us for this discussion of the future of the Association in North America. Those unable to attend the luncheon for any reason are invited to attend the annual meeting at 1:30pm in the same room. Extra seating and complimentary coffee and tea will be available. Special gifts will be awarded in appreciation of support of the Association. The numbered luncheon tickets will be drawn to choose gift recipients.

Audiotapes

Images International will be audiotaping all sessions of the conference. These tapes will be available for sale during the conference in the Conference Bookstore. We ask for your cooperation in two respects: (1) Tape recorders are not permitted in the Ballroom; (2) Parents with babies and young children in the Ballroom are asked to sit near an exit. We request that noisy children be taken from the Ballroom as quickly as possible, both out of consideration for other audience members and to ensure that the audiotapes will not be spoiled by the background noise picked up by the sensitive microphones. Please see enclosed flyer for prices of the tapes and other information.

Badges

Please wear your conference badge to every session. Because of space limitations and security reasons, your badge will be used as your "ticket of admission." Security personnel have been instructed to deny entry unless a badge is presented.

Booksigning

Keynote speakers will be available at the Conference Bookstore, Saturday, from 7:00pm–8:00pm to sign copies of their books. To take advantage of this opportunity to purchase inscribed copies of these books, please proceed directly to the Conference Bookstore prior to the Hasan Balyuzi Memorial Lecture on Saturday evening.

Bookstore

The *Bahá'í Distribution Service* will sell Bahá'í books, audiotapes, and other Bahá'í materials in the Coolidge Room on the 3rd floor. Booths and the Bookstore will generally be open between and not during plenary sessions. Times are: Friday: 8:00am–10:00am, 11:00am–1:00pm, 4:00pm–7:30pm; Saturday: 7:30am–9:00am, Noon–2:00pm, 3:30pm–8:00pm; Sunday: 7:30am–9:00am, 10:30am–2:00pm.

Children

The Children's Program, organized for ages 5 to 12, begins Thursday, August 11, at 8:30am, and continues Friday and Saturday from 8:30am–12:30pm, 2:30pm–5:30pm; and 7:30pm–9:00pm. On the last day of the conference, Sunday, the children's program will run from 8:30am–noon. Parents are requested to pick-up their children promptly at the close of each session. Meals are not included in the children's program and are the responsibility of the individual parents.

Feedback

Your comments are very welcome. Please use the evaluation form enclosed in your conference registration kit. Forms may be returned to the Conference Information Desk or mailed to Ottawa after the conference.

Membership

In support of the Association's membership drive, we ask you to act as our ambassador to your community by encouraging your friends and Assemblies to join the Association. Please use the membership brochure enclosed in your conference kit. More brochures are available at the Conference Information Desk in the Ballroom foyer.

Paging

There will be no paging in the meeting rooms. If you expect any urgent calls, please inform an usher of your name and where you will be seated.

Sessions

Sessions will begin on time. In every case, the chairpersons have been instructed to begin their sessions at the time printed on the program. We request your cooperation in returning to the meeting rooms promptly after each break and at the start of each day.

Security

The security personnel are there to assist you. Please follow their instructions at all times. They can be identified by red ribbons on their badges.

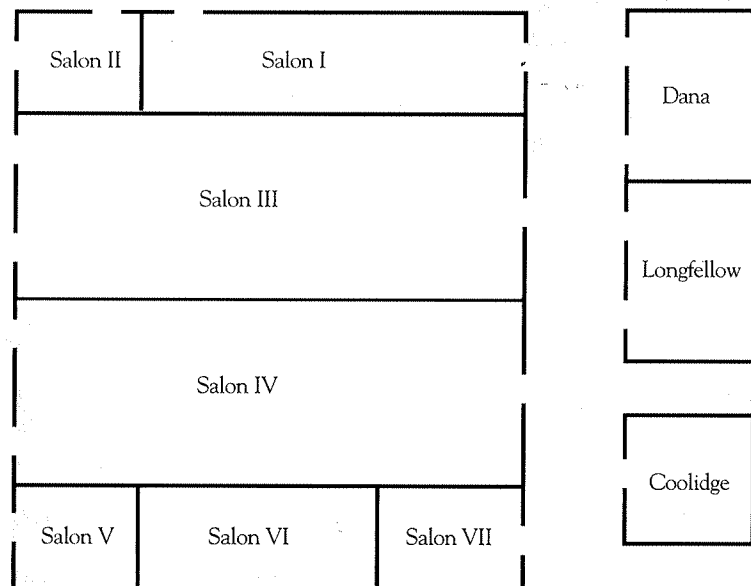
Videotaping

A film crew has been commissioned by the Association for Bahá'í Studies to produce videotaped proceedings of selected sessions. The cooperation of everyone present is requested. The film crew will take audience shots in order to cut away from the speakers. Please cooperate with the film crew.

Transport

Guests leaving for Logan Airport after the conference and needing transportation, should contact the hotel concierge.

Floor Plan of Meeting Rooms



**Grand Ballroom
Second Floor**

**Meeting Rooms
Third Floor**

Note: The conference will also use four suites on the sixth floor which will be announced on site. For the purposes of this program, they will be referred to as Suites 6A, 6B, 6C and 6D.

Thursday, August 11

8:30am–Noon &
2:00pm–5:30pm

Special Interest Seminars

Sessions run for the entire day unless otherwise indicated

Agriculture

Convenors: Nancy McIntyre and
Billy Rogers
Salon III

Arts

Convenor: Anne Gordon Perry
Salon VI

Built Environment

Convenors: Susan Mojgani and
Mahdad Saniee
Suite 6A

Business and Economics (morning only, joins Agriculture Seminar in Salon III in the afternoon)

Convenors: Shahruz Mohtadi and
Keith Christian Jensen
Suite 6D

Bahá'í Computer and Communications Association

Convenor: Mark Towfiq
Suite 6C

Consultation

Convenor: John Kolstoe
Salon VII

Education

Convenor: Leonard Smith and
Cathy Lee
Salon II

Environment (afternoon only)

Convenors: Peter Adriance and
William Gregg
Suite 6D

Marriage and Family I (morning)

Convenor: Margaret Ruhe
Salon I

Marriage and Family II (afternoon)

Convenor: Nosrat Peseschkian
Salon I

Race Unity I (morning)

Convenor: LeNise Jackson-Gaertner
Salon IV

Race Unity II (afternoon)

Convenor: Richard Thomas
Salon IV

Study of Religion

Convenor: Robert Stockman
Suite 6B

Women and Gender Issues

Convenor: Hoda Mahmoudi
Salon V

5:30pm–8:00pm

Dinner Break

8:00pm–10:00pm

From Anarchy into Order: An Evening Devoted to the Role of the Arts

*Presentations include creative devotions,
a short talk by Anne Gordon Perry, musical
performances by violinist Manoucher Vahman
and a choir as well as dramatic performances
by Erika Batdorf and Judith Provost.*

Friday, August 12

8:30am–5:30pm **Intensive Study Classes (given in English) and Special Persian Symposium (given in Persian)**

Four 90-minute periods (see Course Catalog for titles and speakers, and rooms.) Please note that there will be no pre-registration for these classes; courses will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

8:30am–10:00am **Period A**

10:00am–10:30am Coffee Break

10:30am–Noon **Period B**

Noon–2:00pm Lunch Break

2:00pm–3:30pm **Period C**

3:30pm–4:00pm Coffee Break

4:00pm–5:30pm **Period D**

8:00pm–10:00pm **Evening Program**

Presentation from Members of the Continental Board of Counselors for the Americas on "The Unfoldment of a World Civilization and the Present and Potential Contributions of the Bahá'í Community."

Eloy Anello	Colombia
Jacqueline Delahunt	USA
Ruth Pringle	Costa Rica
William Roberts	USA
Isabel de Sánchez	Peru
Farhad Shayani	Brazil

Saturday, August 13

Plenary Sessions held in Grand Ballroom, Level 2

8:30am–10:00am **The Battling Forces of Disintegration and Integration: A Bahá'í Perspective on Anarchy and Order**

An attempt to understand the apparent disintegration of society and the concomitant pockets of order amidst the chaos. Speakers will address current events and formulate a Bahá'í perspective.

Pierre-Yves Mocquais

Academic Director, Association for Bahá'í Studies—North America
Welcome

Mehrdad Baghai

Conference Chair
Opening Remarks

Ruth Pringle

"Identifying Patterns of Anarchy and Order in Today's World"

Techeste Ahderom

"The Vision of Shoghi Effendi for the Evolution of Society"

10:00am–10:30am Coffee Break

10:30am–Noon

The Dilemma of the Individual: Finding a Life Purpose in an Anarchic Society

An exploration, from different professional perspectives, of the dilemma faced by individuals and the important role of service and faith in creating a purpose for life. Speakers will present views from the perspectives of law, the arts, medicine, economics, finance, and development.

David Wilkins

“The Moral Significance of Professionalism”

Ivonne A. Baki

“No Boundaries: A Journey into Life and Light”

Panel

Mehran Anvari

Augusto Lopez-Claros

Gisu Mohadjer

Johann Wong

Noon–2:00pm

Lunch Break

2:00pm–3:30pm

Rebuilding Families and Communities

A detailed look into the difficulties facing the institutions of the family and of the community, specifically, why are crime and violence on the rise? What can we do to stem this tide? Why are women uniquely affected by this issue? How can we re-invigorate our dying communities?

Mary Power

“Family and the Nations: A Report on International Efforts to Create Violence-Free Families”

Essy Baniassad

“Building Indigenous Communities in the Third World”

Hossain Danesh

“Fever in the World of the Mind: On Causes and Preventions of Violence”

3:30pm–4:00pm

Coffee Break

4:00pm–5:30pm **Promoting Racial Unity as a Foundation
for Community Life**

A panel discussion on breaking free of the chains of racism. Panelists will discuss actual case studies of projects that are recreating society through education and action.

Jacqueline Delahunt
Moderator

Panel

Richard Thomas
“Applying the Principle of the
Organic Oneness of the Human
Race to Racially Polarized and Fragmented
Communities”

LeNise Jackson-Gaertner
“Dismantling Attitudes of
Racism: Moving toward Unity
through Diversity”

Reginald Newkirk
“In Search of a Social Self: Nihilism and
Hope—The Challenge of Hip Hop”

5:30pm–8:00pm **Dinner Break ***

** Please note that there will be booksigning by
Drs. Ruhe, Danesh, and Thomas at the
Conference Bookstore, 7:00pm–8:00pm.*

8:00pm–10:00pm **Evening Program**

Hasan Balyuzi Memorial Lecture
Dr. David Ruhe
“A New Evolution: Religious Bonding for
World Unity”

Presentation of Annual Awards
1994 Annual Essay Contest Winners

High School Category: Roya Hanna
University Category: Christopher Buck
General Category: Martha Schweitz

Honor Roll
*Recognition for Excellence in Bahá'í Service
and Bahá'í Scholarship*

Anne Gordon Perry
Peter P. Morgan

Sunday, August 14
Plenary Sessions held in Grand Ballroom, Level 2

8:30am–10:00am **Reinventing Structures and Processes of Governance**

An exploration of the changing role of government and a Bahá'í perspective on further evolution of the concept of administration and governance. Panel discussion on Native self-government as a case study, including the submission of the Bahá'í community of Canada to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

Jeffrey Hamley
"The Importance of Community Control to the Self-Determination of Native Peoples"

Paul Chartrand
"Reflections on the Reconstruction of Government"

Patricia Locke
"A Bahá'í Perspective on Aboriginal Governance"

10:00am–10:30am Coffee Break

10:30am–Noon

Creating a Just Global Order: The Imperative of Action

Keynote lectures on the destiny of America, the evolution of the Bahá'í Administrative Order, and collective security as a necessary change in international politics.

Sandra Hutchison
"A Divinely Appointed Mission: Shoghi Effendi and the Destiny of America"

Kerry Stirton
"Issues and Possible Scenarios along the Path toward the Future Bahá'í Commonwealth"

John Woodall
"The Next Six Years—Passing through the Crucible"

Mehrdad Baghai
Conference Chair
Closing Remarks

12:30pm–2:30pm **Annual Luncheon and Meeting**
Lunch tickets are for sale at the registration desk.

2:30pm–5:00pm **Optional Visit: Green Acre Bahá'í School, (Eliot, Maine) open to visitors.**
For travel arrangements, please enquire at the registration desk.

Special thanks to Ross Woodman, professor emeritus of English literature at the University of Western Ontario, who specially created the dramatic monologue presented during this conference, and also to George Davis, who travelled from Rockford, Illinois, to perform this piece.

Biographies of Plenary Session Speakers

Techeste Ahderom

A citizen of Eritrea, Mr. Ahderom was the general manager of the National Urban Planning Institute in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, before coming to the Bahá'í International Community in 1990. From 1979 to 1983 he was the president and associate professor of Asmara University in Asmara, Eritrea. Mr. Ahderom has more than twenty-five years of academic and professional experience in urban development, design and construction of social facilities. He holds three master's degrees including city planning and transportation planning degrees from Yale University. He has more than thirty publications to his credit. Since January 1990, Mr. Ahderom has been the main representative to the United Nations of the Bahá'í International Community. He is also the chairman of the board of directors of the Mottahedeh Development Services.

Mehran Anvari

Mehran Anvari is an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery at McMaster University, and one of the leading surgeons in the field of laparoscopic surgery. Dr. Anvari obtained his medical degree from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the United Kingdom and completed his specialty training in surgery at McMaster University. He then spent three years as a lecturer at the University of Adelaide while completing his Ph.D. and developing new laparoscopic techniques in gastrointestinal tract surgery. He has contributed to many publications and has been a member of several regional and national Bahá'í committees in Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

Ivonne A. Baki

Ivonne A. Baki received her master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is the director of the Harvard Foundation for the Arts, the artist-in-residence at Dudley House, Harvard University, and the Curator for the Esfendy Foundation of the Arts, Maryland. She has to her credit numerous individual exhibitions of international caliber and renown, and her paintings are on permanent exhibit at the Galerie Katia Granoff, Paris and the Keith Green Gallery, New York. Many of her works are also on permanent display in museums, public and private institutions, and art centers. Other achievements include many international awards and commendations. In the diplomatic field, she is currently the Consul General Ad-Honorem of Ecuador, and Head of Mission in Lebanon.

Essy Baniassad

Essy Baniassad is an architect, an architectural critic, and a teacher. He has practised in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada, and has directed research in architectural education and social development through architecture in several countries including Peru, Colombia, and Guinea and has served on several international design juries including the 1992 Reynolds Awards of Excellence and is past president of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Having just completed his term as dean at the technical university of Nova Scotia, he is currently professor of architecture and is engaged in research and publications on Canadian architecture as well as the development of architectural education and research in Africa and South America.

Paul Chartrand

Paul Chartrand is a member of Canada's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, and of the Department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba. A Métis, Mr. Chartrand grew up in Manitoba and graduated from the Manitoba Teachers College and the University of Winnipeg. He later studied law at the Queensland University of Technology in Australia, graduating with an honors degree, and at the University of Saskatchewan, where he specialized in native law and received the degree of Master of Law. Professor Chartrand has written a book on Métis land rights, as well as articles and other publications. In recent years, he has been an advisor to government agencies and to Aboriginal organizations at the local, national, and international level.

Hossain Danesh

Hossain Danesh is a writer and international consultant with over thirty years' experience in the fields of psychiatry and family medicine, community development, ethics and world order studies. His areas of research and expertise include anger and violence, marriage and family, the psychology of spirituality, cross-cultural issues, death and dying, and consultation and conflict resolution. In 1985, after being elected to the post of secretary-general of the Bahá'í Community of Canada, Dr. Danesh left his academic position as an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Ottawa. He has recently been appointed as the director of Landegg Academy-Institute of International Education and Development in Switzerland.

Jacqueline Delahunt

Jacqueline Delahunt serves as a member of the Continental Board of Counselors for the Bahá'í Faith in the Americas. This is full-time voluntary service that involves travel to visit

indigenous and other communities throughout the Americas, and supervision of the work of the twelve members Auxiliary Board responsible for Alaska, western Canada, and part of the United States. Ms. Delahunt has worked extensively with various organizations, such as the YWCA of the United States, and Ohoyo National Resource Center for Professional Indian and Alaskan Native Women.

Jeffrey Hamley

Jeffrey Hamley is the director of the Harvard Native American Program and a lecturer on contemporary Native issues at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He has conducted extensive research on Native American educational institutions and Native American history. He has served on several advisory committees and is currently the treasurer on the board of directors of the North American Indian Center of Boston. He is also an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe of North Dakota.

Sandra Hutchison

Sandra Hutchison received her Ph.D. in English literature (modern poetry) from the University of Toronto and was subsequently awarded a Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the University of British Columbia to pursue research on the literary left-wing movement of the 1930s in Canada. After her postdoctoral studies, she pioneered to China where she worked as a foreign expert teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in Shakespeare, modern literature, and Canadian literature. Most recently she has served in the English section of the Research Department at the Bahá'í World Centre. She is now living in Toronto and completing a book of stories on her experiences in China, for which she was awarded a works-in-progress writer's grant from the Ontario Arts Council. She is also engaged in academic study of the writings of Shoghi Effendi.

LeNise Jackson Gaertner

LeNise Jackson Gaertner is the founder of Mothers for Race Unity and Equality. She chose a career as a race relations and multicultural specialist in order to sensitize teachers, university professors, community agents, professionals, and others on matters of race, cultural diversity, and prejudice.

Ms Patricia Locke

Patricia Locke received her bachelor's degree in education and her master's in public administration from the University of California at Los Angeles. She has established seventeen tribally controlled colleges and in 1991 received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship recognizing her work in preserving American Indian tribal languages and culture. She is currently the national coordinator of the Coalition for the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendment, Association on American Indian Affairs. She has been a member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States of America since 1993.

Augusto Lopez-Claros

Augusto Lopez-Claros is a graduate of Cambridge University and Duke University, where he obtained a Ph.D. in economics in 1981. He currently holds the position of resident representative, International Monetary Fund, Moscow, Russian Federation. He has worked for the IMF since 1984 and has lived in Moscow since 1992. He is the author of many papers on economic policy issues and has lectured extensively on a variety of topics including, most recently, the problems of transition facing former central-planned economies. In 1994 he lectured at the Joint Vienna Institute in Vienna, the Bank of Spain in Madrid, and the Bulgarian Writers' Union in Sofia. Until being posted to Moscow, Dr. Lopez-Claros was a member of the International Board of the Association for Bahá'í Studies.

Gisu Mohadjer

Gisu Mohadjer is an economist at the World Bank, working on environmental issues in Mexico. She was previously assistant to the president of the World Bank, and worked on agriculture, industry, and energy related issues in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Prior to joining the World Bank, Ms Mohadjer worked at the Boston Consulting Group. Ms Mohadjer holds an M.B.A., M.P.A., and an A.B. from Harvard University. She has lived in the Philippines, India, Israel, Japan, England, and the United States.

Reginald Newkirk

Reginald Newkirk is a graduate of the University of Lethbridge with a degree in history and philosophy. He has served extensively in the field of human rights with the Canadian Human Rights Commission and provincial Human Rights Commissions in Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon Territory. Mr. Newkirk has also worked in the areas of Native rights, labor relations, and family violence protection. He currently serves as the Secretary-General of the Bahá'í Community of Canada.

Mary Power

Mary Power, Director of the Bahá'í International Community Office for the Advancement of Women, has, since 1991, served as Chairperson of the Non-governmental Organization (NGO) Committee on the Status of Women in New York. In this capacity, she serves as a member of the global NGO Facilitating Committee, which is organizing the 1995 NGO Forum taking place at the time of the United Nations Fourth World Congress on Women, to be held September, 1995, in Beijing, China.

Ms. Power also serves as Convenor of the Advocates for African Food Security: lessening the burden for women, a coalition of organizations, United Nations agencies and government bodies all working together to bring attention to the critical role of African women farmers in achieving food security for the continent.

Ruth Pringle

Ruth Pringle is a registered nurse and for the past fourteen years has served as a member of the Continental Board of Counselors for the Bahá'í Faith in the Americas, and has served in this capacity for fourteen years. She is a nursing instructor and the developer of one of the first practical nursing programs in Latin America. She has been a counselor to cultural, educational and family projects in Panama and a hospital home for abandoned girls in Honduras.

David Ruhe

Dr. David Ruhe has served the American Bahá'í Community in many capacities, as a member of various committees, local Spiritual Assemblies, and from 1959 to 1968 the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States of America. From 1968 to 1993, Dr. Ruhe was a member of the Universal House of Justice. During this period authored two books, *Door of Hope* (1983) and *Robe of Light* (1994). Dr. Ruhe's professional career as a physician and educator included thirteen years with the United States Public Health Service, and nine years as professor and chairman of the department of medical communication and associate professor of preventative medicine and public health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City. Dr. Ruhe has received many awards and citations for his pioneering work in medical films and television.

Kerry Stirton

Kerry Stirton is a manager with the international consulting firm of McKinsey & Company in Toronto. He received his master's of law from Harvard Law School, his bachelor of law from Osgoode Hall. He has clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada. As a Rhodes Scholar, he received a BA (Juris) from Magdalen College at the University of Oxford, after obtaining a master's in political science from Trinity College, University of Toronto.

Richard W. Thomas

Richard W. Thomas is a professor in history and urban affairs at Michigan State University. He is the co-founder of Father, Inc., a non-profit black youth organization in Detroit. He has taught courses in African-American history and race relations at various universities for more than twenty years. In 1986, he was one of two American scholars invited by the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations at the University of Warwick, at Coventry, England, to discuss the racial conflicts in urban communities in the United States and England. He is also founder and president of New World Associates, Inc., a consulting firm in the area of race relations and diversity issues. Dr. Thomas has published books, articles, and chapters in fields of race relations and African-American history. He is also a poet whose work has appeared in many reviews and anthologies.

David Wilkins

David Wilkins is a professor of law at Harvard Law School, where he teaches courses in civil procedure and the legal profession. He is the director of the program on the Legal Profession, the faculty associate of the program in Ethics and the Profession, and from 1989 to 1990 he was a Fellow for the Harvard program in Ethics and the Profession. His work experience includes litigation practice at the leading law firms

Nussaum, Owen & Webster, Washington D.C.; Morrison & Foerster, San Francisco; Covington & Burling, Washington D.C.; and Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago. He has published widely in legal circles, including prestigious journals such as the Harvard and Stanford Law Reviews. He served as clerk to the U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and to the Honorable Chief Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Johann Wong

Johann Wong is a chartered financial analyst, and is the president of Tremont (Bermuda) Limited, a company specializing in multimanager investment advisory services. Since 1982, Mr. Wong has been an officer, director, and shareholder of several private investment and financial advisory firms, including One World Asset Management Limited, a Bermuda investment advisory firm and investment manager to One World Capital Partners Limited, a private Bermuda-based investment fund. Mr. Wong is also the director of Children's Media Network, Inc., Vista Technologies Inc., Brandt Technologies Inc., Advance Orthopedic Technologies Inc., and is treasurer and director of Jupiter Acquisitions. He currently holds a position with the ZERRON Group as a senior investment advisor to several private investment funds with over U.S. \$50 million in assets under management.

John Woodall

John Woodall is on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He is the Medical Director of the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic at the Brockton Veterans' Administration Medical Center. In addition to his work with combat veterans, he has treated refugees from Cambodia, El Salvador, and the former Yugoslavia. As a representative of both the Department of Public Information of the United Nations,

and Physicians for Human Rights, he has investigated the status of refugees and human rights abuses in the former Yugoslavia. As a result of these investigations, he organized a series of policy round-table discussions at the John F. Kennedy School of Government on the dangerous human rights, psychological, and geopolitical implications of war crimes in that area. Dr. Woodall has provided expert consultation to the United Nations War Crimes Commission, the United States State Department, and the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

Thursday, August 11

Special Interest Seminars

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unless otherwise indicated.

Agriculture

Convenors: Nancy McIntyre, Billy Rogers
Salon III

Morning

Agricultural sectional meeting

Cecil Cook, *South Africa*

Trauger Groh

Afternoon

The Village Storehouse and the Local House of Finance

Joint Panel with Economics Seminar:

Panel Presentations and Discussion

Panelists

Laurent Girard, Carolyn Wade, Jeff Ashe, Barbara

Rodey

Moderator

Keith Christian Jensen

Arts

Convenor: Anne Gordon Perry
Salon VI

Morning

U.S. National Arts Task Force

Catherine Chapman

BAFA Report

Erren Celimli

Bahá'í Historical Fiction

Kathleen Hite Babb

The Painted Image

David L. Taylor

Afternoon

Don't Let the Muse Say No

Michael Fitzgerald

Visual Arts & Socio-economics Development in Africa

Geraldine Robarts

Fostering World Unity through Art

Ivonne A. Baqi

Built Environment

Convenors: Susan Mojjani, Mahdad Saniee
Suite 6A

Morning

Architecture of Service and Participation

Siamak Hariri

Architecture in the Spirit of Service

Noushin Bryan

Afternoon

Consultation, Collaboration, and Individual Expression

Mahdad Saniee

Business Meeting

Business and Economics (morning)

Convenors: Shahruz Mohtadi, Keith C. Jensen
Suite 6D

Morning

Development of Human Resources in Financial Management : The need for competence, decentralization and trustworthiness

Roberto Nothaft & K.C Jensen

Consultation on the future of the Seminar, its links to the Bahá'í Development Network—Noble Creation, and the European Business Forum

Moderators: Shahruz Mohtadi & K.C. Jensen

Afternoon

Joint session with Agriculture seminar

Bahá'í Computer and Communications Association

Convenor: Mark Towfiq

Suite 6C

Description unavailable at press time.

Consultation

Convenor: John Kolstoe

Salon VII

Morning

The Essence of Consultation

Afternoon

Consultation in today's world

Education

Convenor: Leonard Smith

Salon II

Description unavailable at press time.

Environment (afternoon only)

Convenors: Peter Adriance, William Gregg
Suite 6D

Afternoon

Indicators of Sustainability: A Bahá'í Perspective

Overview of global environmental issues and a discussion of concepts of sustainable development. The Bahá'í role in the Earth Summit and its follow-up will be considered. The objective of the seminar is to encourage and facilitate Bahá'í involvement in local initiatives in support of sustainability.

Marriage and Family I

Convenor: Margaret Ruhe

Salon I

Morning

Guidelines for Marriage

A step-by-step outline of the role of marriage in the Bahá'í Faith, and guidelines to the nature of marriage.

Marriage and Family II

Convenor: Nosrat Peseschkian

Salon I

Afternoon

The Application of Bahá'í Principles in Positive Psychotherapy

Positive Psychotherapy and Positive Family therapy deal with elementary human capacities, therefore these methods are in a position to speak to people of all languages and social strata, and to cope effectively with cross-cultural problems.

Race Unity I

Convenor: LeNise Jackson-Gaertner
Salon IV

Morning

Dismantling Attitudes of Racism Moving Towards Unity through Diversity

An important aspect of this particular program will be the examination of the responsibility borne by all people, institutions, and communities in the perpetuation of racism and, more importantly, in their collective and individual struggles against it. The workshop is designed to provide a deeper understanding and awareness of how to move toward unity through diversity, racial cooperation, and peaceful coexistence among diverse peoples.

Race Unity II

Convenor: Richard Thomas
Salon IV

Afternoon

Unifying Racially Polarized Communities: A Long Term Systemic Approach Based Upon Racial Unity

This course will examine a new approach to racial polarization and fragmentation in metropolitan communities. It will discuss how the Bahá'í principle of the organic unity of the human race when applied to racially polarized and fragmented communities can improve race relations. Participants will be encouraged to discuss their own communities within the course's theoretical framework.

Study of Religion

Convenor: Robert Stockman
Suite 6B

Morning: **The Bahá'í Faith and Other Religions**

Propositions of Comprehensive Theology

Jack McLean

A Sip from the Cup of the Choice Wine: A Metaphorical Analysis

Theresa M. Malioneck

Native Messengers of God in Canada? A Test Case for Bahá'í Universalism

Christopher Buck

Lotus Symbolism in the World's Religions.

Julie Badiee

Afternoon: **Aspects of Bahá'í History**

Myths and Realities: Pilgrim's Notes of 'Abdu'l-Bahá and the Development of the American Bahá'í Community

Christopher White

'Abdu'l-Bahá's Visit to Dublin, NH, 1912

Phillip Tussing

Toward a History of the American Bahá'í Community, 1894-1994

Robert Stockman

Business Meeting

Women and Gender Issues

Convenor: Hoda Mahmoudi
Salon V

"The Need for Radical Action in the Feminization of Society"

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Salon III	Persian Symposium—Part 3 (Session given in Persian) Shoghi Effendi's Letters to & about Women Baharieh Rouhani Ma'ani
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Period D: 4:00pm–5:30pm

Salon I	A Vision of the Future Commonwealth John Kolstoe
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Brian Aull

The Promised Day is Come: The Saga of the Prisoner and the Kings

Salon VII

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Robert Ahdieh

Heretical Reflections on the Nation-State in a Post-Modern World

Salon IV

Period A: 8:30am–10:00am (paper) and

Period: B 10:30am–Noon (panel)

Babak Bahador

The Path to World Unity

Suite 6A

Period A: 8:30am–10:00am

Amin Banani

Persian Symposium—Part 2 (given in Persian)

Shoghi Effendi's *World Order* Letters

Salon III

Period B: 10:30am–Noon

Sue Blythe

Educating for Oneness: The Day is Come

Suite 6A

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John T. Dale Jr.

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Suite 6A

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Sandra Fotos

Spiritual Transformation through the Creative Word: A Language Processing Model of Cognitive Restructuring
Salon II

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Sandra Hutchison

Processes of Integration & Disintegration: The American Bahá'í Community & the Advent of the Kingdom

Salon V

Period B: 10:30am–Noon and

Salon VI

Period C: 2:00pm–3:30pm

Keith Christian Jensen

The Theory on Which the Administrative Order of Bahá'u'llah is Based

Salon VI

Period A: 8:30am–10:00am and

Suite 6B

Period C: 2:00pm–3:30pm

Mehran Kia'i

Prerequisites for Fulfilling America's Destiny: *The Advent of Divine Justice*, An Inspiring Guide

Suite 6B

Period A: 8:30am–10:00am and

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Period C: 2:00pm–3:30pm

John Kolstoe

The Majestic Process

Salon I

Period B: 10:30am–Noon

A Vision of the Future Commonwealth

Salon I

Period D: 4:00pm–5:30pm

Michael LaMarche

The Guardian's Paradigm for Organic Change in *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*

Salon V

Period A: 8:30am–10:00am and

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Period C: 2:00pm–3:30pm

Margot Léonard

Changing Anarchy into Order: The Role & Importance of Verbal Communication

Salon II

Period B: 10:30am–Noon

Augusto Lopez-Claros

Priorities for Economic & Social Reform: The Example of Russia in the 1990's

Salon IV

Period A: 8:30am–10:00am (paper) and

Period B: 10:30am–Noon (panel)

Diana Malouf

Values as Analyzed in Bahá'u'lláh's Writings

Salon IV

Period A: 8:30am–10:00am (panel) and

Period B: 10:30am–Noon (paper)

Manooher Mofidi

Collective Security: Theoretical Underpinnings & Possible Practical Manifestations in the Emerging Global Equation

Salon IV

Period A: 8:30am–10:00am (panel) and

Period B: 10:30am–Noon (paper)

Gisu Mohadjer

Development with Dignity

Salon IV

Period C: 2:00pm–3:30pm

Shahruz Mohtadi

Shoghi Effendi's Vision of a World Commonwealth

Salon VII

Period B: 10:30am–Noon and

Salon V

Period D: 4:00pm–5:30pm

Shahrokh Monjazei

Divine & the Entropy of the Heart—Part 1

Salon II

Period C: 2:00pm–3:30pm

Divine & the Entropy of the Heart—Part 2

Salon II

Period D: 4:00pm–5:30pm

Michael L. Penn

The Path to Racial Harmony as Explicated in the Bahá'í Writings

Suite 6B

Period B: 10:30am–Noon and

Salon VI

Period D: 4:00pm–5:30pm

Nosratollah Rassekh

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Individual Freedom & Social Responsibility: An American Dilemma

Salon III

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Persian Symposium—Part 3 (given in Persian)

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Salon III

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Salon VI

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Course Catalogue for Friday Study Classes

CATEGORY I: THE WRITINGS OF SHOGHI EFFENDI

Courses Examining Specific Texts of Shoghi Effendi

I-i *The Promised Day is Come: The Saga of the Prisoner and the Kings*

Dr. Brian Aull
Lincoln Laboratory
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, MA

Course Description/Objectives: Participants will study key passages from *The Promised Day is Come* by Shoghi Effendi pertaining to Bahá'u'lláh's appeal to the political leaders of the 19th century and the fates that befell them in subsequent years. The objective of the course is to give the student a deeper appreciation of the nature of Bahá'u'lláh's message to the kings, and the profundity of the sweeping changes that occurred as a result of their failure to heed His call for a new order to replace the anarchy of the sovereign state system.

Course Format: Lecture, readings

Time: Period A 8:30 – 10:00 am; Period C 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Salon VII

Course Enrollment: 40

Brian Aull is a Technical Staff Member in the Electro-optical Devices Group at MIT Lincoln Laboratory. He received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from MIT in 1985. A Bahá'í since 1981, he has served on local Spiritual Assemblies in Cambridge and Somerville, MA and in Tainan, Taiwan. He has also served as chairperson of the Cambridge Peace Commission

and has been active in articulating the insights of the Bahá'í Faith to peace and justice activists. He has published in *The Journal of Bahá'í Studies* on the subject of science and religion and on the process of social change.

I-ii *The Prerequisites for Fulfilling America's Destiny: The Advent of Divine Justice, An Inspiring Guide*

Mr. Mehran Kia'i
St. Albert, AB

Course Description/Objectives: To present an overview of the divinely appointed mission of America in establishing the federated world commonwealth and the means of fulfilling it as outlined in *The Advent of Divine Justice*.

Course Format: Lecture and discussion

Time: Period A 8:30 – 10:00 am; Period C 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Period A - Suite 6B; Period C - Salon V

Course Enrollment: Period A - 30; Period C - 40

Mehran Kia'i holds a B.Sc. degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's of Engineering in Structures. He is currently a senior instructor of architectural technology at Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He serves as a member of the local Spiritual Assembly of his area and has taught in-depth courses on *The Advent of Divine Justice* for the Association for Bahá'í Studies on Campus at the University of Alberta.

I-iii The Guardian's Paradigm for Organic Change in *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*

Mr. Michael LaMarche
St. Peters, MO

Course Description/Objectives: It is the intent of this course to examine the contents of Shoghi Effendi's paradigm for organic change through study of the Guardian's Writings in the light of some of the Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh and the Master, and to contrast that model with the current standards and practices evident in the greater American, as well as within the Bahá'í, communities.

Course Format: Lecture and dialogue

Time: Period A 8:30 – 10:00 am; Period C 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Period A - Salon V; Period C - Suite 6A

Course Enrollment: Period A - 40; Period C - 30

Michael LaMarche received his undergraduate degree in philosophy, English literature and creative writing from Hiram College. His graduate degree is in international relations from Webster University. A member of the St. Louis Speakers Bureau, Mr. LaMarche has been active in conducting both youth and adult classes for a number of years and has appeared a number of times on both television and radio presenting the Bahá'í Faith to the greater St. Louis, Missouri community. An active speaker within the St. Louis business establishment, Mr. LaMarche recently completed a series of Bahá'í classes to OASIS, an older adult education institute in St. Louis.

I-iv The Advent of Divine Justice

Mrs. Margaret Ruhe
Newburgh, NY

Course Description/Objectives: An examination of *The Advent of Divine Justice* in terms of practical applications to living in today's world.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Period A 8:30 – 10:00 am; Period C 2:00 – 3:30pm

Location: Salon I

Course Enrollment: 110

Mrs. Margaret Ruhe received her B.A. in sociology from the University of Illinois, and her master's in social work from Bryn Mawr College. She lived in Haifa, Israel, for twenty-five years with her husband Dr. David Ruhe, a former member of the Universal House of Justice, where she served as a guide at the Shrine of the Báb and the Archives Building. They now live in Newburgh, New York.

I: THE VISION OF SHOGHI EFFENDI

II-i The Path to World Unity

Mr. Babak Bahador
Waterdown, ON

Course Description/Objectives: The objective of this course is to outline a framework which explains how Shoghi Effendi's vision for global unity is coming to fruition. This presentation will be a unique attempt to portray this vision from both a realistic and idealistic perspective, according to international relations theory.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Period A 8:30 – 10:00 am

Location: Suite 6A

Course Enrollment: 30

Babak Bahador graduated from the University of Western Ontario with an honors B.A. in economics and political science. He has worked as a research assistant at the Centre for the Study of International Economic Relations, and the National Centre for Management Research and Development at the University of Western Ontario. He will be attending the London School of Economics starting in September, 1994, where he will work towards a master's degree in international relations and international business.

II-ii Educating for Oneness: The Day is Come

Ms. Sue Blythe
Gainesville, FL

Course Description/Objectives: To develop Shoghi Effendi's themes of overcoming violence and racism as a prerequisite for rebuilding families and communities. To propose a variety of educational programs successfully addressing these issues. To demonstrate computer networking and several sample programs and to inspire creative interaction with peace educators and development of local community and on-line coursework for the International Year of the Family (1994) and UN50 (1995).

Course Format: Interactive workshop, with demonstration of computer networking (Facilities permitting.)

Time: Period D 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: Suite 6A

Course Enrollment: 30

Sue Blythe received her B.A. in psychology from Simmons College, and her M.Ed. from Lesley College. She is the founder and executive director of Peace Education Now of Gainesville, Florida, an organization that provides resources for creating peace in homes, schools, and communities.

II-iii Processes of Integration and Disintegration: The American Bahá'í Community and the Advent of the Kingdom

Dr. Sandra Hutchison
Toronto, ON

Course Description: In this course we will examine excerpts from the writings of Shoghi Effendi concerning the mission and destiny of the American Bahá'í community. Drawing primarily *The Advent of Divine Justice*, the course will focus attention on the special challenges facing the American Bahá'í community in its efforts to fulfill its role as the "chief creator and champion-builder of the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh" and as the "chief executor...of the Divine Plan" of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

Course Format: Seminar

Time: Period B 10:30am – noon; Period C 2:00 – 3:30pm

Location: Period B - Salon V; Period C - Salon VI

Course Enrollment: Period B - 40; Period C - 95

Sandra Hutchison received her Ph.D. in English literature (modern poetry) from the University of Toronto and was subsequently awarded a Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the University of British Columbia to pursue research on the literary left-wing movement of the 1930s in Canada. After her postdoctoral studies, she pioneered to China where she worked as a foreign expert teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in Shakespeare, modern literature, and Canadian literature. Most recently she has served in the English section of the Research Department at the Bahá'í World Centre. She is now living in Toronto and completing a book of stories on her experiences in China, for which she was awarded a works-in-progress writer's grant from the Ontario Arts Council. She is also engaged in academic study of the writings of Shoghi Effendi.

II-iv The Theory on which the Administrative Order of Bahá'u'llah is Based

Mr. Keith Christian Jensen
San Diego, CA

Course Description/Objectives: To investigate through the Writings the "theory on which the Administrative Order is based" (*World Order of Bahá'u'lláh* 152). What are the axioms, assumptions and basic formulation? What are the general principles, the implications, and propositions of the "theory"? How do we examine the "example of the Bahá'í Community" as a "model of that theory"?

Course Format: Presentation and group exercises

Time: Period A 8:30 – 10:00 am

Location: Salon VI

Course Enrollment: 95

Currently assistant professor of economics at National University, San Diego, CA. Doctoral candidate in economics, and MA in economics from Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia. Bachelor of General Studies, with areas in economics and international affairs from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Two years of work experience at the United Nations Secretariat, New York. One year of study under Buckminster Fuller in his "World Game Project."

II-v The Majestic Process

Dr. John Kolstoe
Palmer, AL

Course Description/Objectives To understand the ten-part, organic metaphor which the Guardian used as he traced the development from Adam to the Kingdom of God on earth through the study of the Guardian's second message to the All-American Intercontinental Conference dated May 4, 1953 (*Messages to the Bahá'í World* 146-56).

Course Format: Lecture and discussion

Time: Period B 10:30am – noon

Location: Salon I

Course Enrollment: 110

II-vi A Vision of the Future Commonwealth

Dr. John Kolstoe
Palmer, AL

Course Description/Objectives: To show the course and stage of development of the component parts of the future commonwealth as described by the Guardian through the study of the end of the Guardian's letter dated March 11, 1936, published under the title "The Unfoldment of World Civilization" in *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh* 203-4.

Course Format: Discussion and group activity

Time: Period D 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Salon I

Course Enrollment: 110

John Kolstoe and his wife Beverly enrolled as Bahá'ís in April, 1953, just prior to the Ten Year Crusade. The Kolstoës have pioneered from within the Arctic Circle to the tropics and have been active in all phases of teaching, deepening and administration. John has taught in summer/winter schools and travel taught in many parts of the world. He has published several items and is best known for his book *Consultation*, published by George Ronald in 1985.

II-viii Shoghi Effendi's Vision of a World Commonwealth

Dr. Shahruz Mohtadi
Department of Economics
Suffolk University
Boston, MA

Course Description/Objectives: To study Shoghi Effendi's vision of a world commonwealth and the transition from the present state of disorder to the establishment of the Lesser Peace, and finally to Bahá'u'lláh's prescribed new world order, "the Most Great Peace."

Course Format: Lecture and discussion

Time: Period B 10:30am – noon; Period D 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: Period B - Salon VII; Period D - Salon V

Course Enrollment: 40

Shahruz Mohtadi received both his B.Sc. in international trade and finance, and his Ph.D. in economics from Louisiana State University. He is currently with the Department of Economics at Suffolk University. He has lectured at previous Association for Bahá'í Studies conferences, as well as at annual meetings of the Bahá'í Business and Economics Seminars and Landegg Academy.

CATEGORY III: FROM ANARCHY INTO ORDER- FINDING A LIFE PURPOSE IN AN ANARCHIC SOCIETY

This group of courses is designed to augment the main conference sessions in collaboration with the material provided in the Deepening Pack.

III-i Global Self-Government Guided by God – Towards a Bahá'í Image of a Concescent Future

Mr. John T. Dale, Jr.
Falls Church, VA

Course Description/Objectives: To use basic rules of communication theory to build a “directional image of the political future” that can get people to “yes” in relation to the Bahá'í Faith; to reflect on and outline the problems of previous directional images and previous attempts to fix these problems; to enhance capacity to teach the Faith in a way that combines prophetic history with rational categories of international relations theory; to create a common framework of discourse for religion and science in relation to the evolution of international relations.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Period D 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: Salon IV

Course Enrollment: 300

John T. Dale, Jr. majored in philosophy at Lake Forest College in 1969. He then went on to study environmental engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He graduated from the Washington College of Law in 1984 with a JD/MA in international law and international organization. He has been a board member of the Campaign for UN Reform since 1978. He

is the author of several papers on the communicational basis of international relations. He is a member of the Bahá'í Justice Society and of the Bahá'í Esperanto League. He is currently a lawyer practising in the fields of immigration and international business.

III-ii The Meaning of History and the Unfoldment of the Plan of God

Mr. Pedram Fanian
Toronto, ON

Course Description/Objectives: This course will explore the Bahá'í position on the meaning of history. It will be asserted that the process of history confirms the necessity of the unfoldment of the plan of God as envisioned in Bahá'í thought. Events and ideas of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries will be cited to illustrate that history has moved towards a stage where the conditions for embracing a New World Order exist.

Course Format: Lecture followed by open discussion

Time: Period B 10:30am – noon; Period D 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Location: Period B - Suite 6A; Period D - Salon VII

Course Enrollment: Period B - 30; Period D - 40

Pedram Fanian holds a master of arts degree from the University of Western Ontario and a bachelor of arts from the University of Waterloo. In addition to his interest in the history of ideas, Mr. Fanian is involved in development and human rights issues. He has lived and worked in Central America. He is presently Special Assistant-Legislative to the Minister of Commercial and Consumer Relations, in Toronto.

III-iii Development with Dignity

Ms Gisu Mohadjer
New York, NY

Course Description/Objectives: 'Abdu'l-Bahá exhorts us to "highly resolve to arise and lay hold of those instrumentalities that promote the peace and well-being and happiness, the knowledge, culture and industry, the dignity, value and station of the entire human race." The development community, in partnership with governments and societies in developing countries, has been striving to design means of achieving the material advancement of humanity. Experience has shown that although necessary, material advancement is not sufficient to secure global prosperity. This study class is intended for development practitioners and others interested in exploring the Bahá'í Writings to determine the elements of an appropriate development agenda and the processes necessary for its accomplishment, and in examining the gaps in the current development agenda.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Period C 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Salon IV

Course Enrollment: 300

Gisu Mohadjer is an economist at the World Bank, working on environmental issues in Mexico. she was previously assistant to the president of the World Bank, and worked on agriculture, industry, and energy related issues in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Prior to joining the World Bank, Ms Mohadjer worked at the Boston Consulting Group. Ms Mohadjer holds an A.B., M.B.A., and an M.P.A. from Harvard University. She has lived in the Philippines, India, Israel, Japan, England, and the United States.

III-iv Divine and the Entropy of the Heart

Mr. Shahrokh Monjazez
Greater Regional Technical College
Burnaby, BC

Course Description/Objectives: The impact and transformative power of Bahá'u'lláh's creative words in the rise and development of a new spiritually enlightened race of humanity.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Periods C-D 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Location: Salon II

Course Enrollment: 40

Shahrokh Monjazez is a graduate of the University of Waterloo in applied physics and electrical engineering. He is currently the director of audio/video electronics training program in the Greater Regional Technical College in Burnaby, BC. Mr. Monjazez has also studied Islamic and Christian studies at the University of Waterloo and has contributed several articles to the upcoming *A Short Encyclopedia of the Bahá'í Faith*. His most recent work "The Tablet of Bahá'u'lláh to Queen Victoria (*Lawḥ-i-Mulikih*): An Introductory Note and Completed Translation" is published in the United Kingdom's *Bahá'í Studies Bulletin*, vol. 7:3–4.

II-v The Path to Racial Harmony as Explicated in the Bahá'í Writings

Dr. Michael L. Penn
Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology
Franklin and Marshall College
Lancaster, PA

Course Description/Objectives: No concern before America is more urgent than the need to heal the wounds, antagonisms, and injustices that divide blacks and whites. Indeed, so urgent is the need to make progress in this area that the number and diversity of proposed solutions to this centuries-long problem have proliferated. Given the variety of strategies intended to result in the amelioration of racial antagonisms, it becomes increasingly important to distinguish Bahá'í approaches to this problem from other approaches.

Course Format: Lecture and workshop

Time: Period B 10:30 am – noon; Period D 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: Period B - Suite 6B; Period D - Salon VI

Course Enrollment: Period B - 30; Period D - 95

Michael L. Penn is an assistant professor of psychology at Franklin and Marshall College. He received his B.A. in psychology, history and religion from the University of Pennsylvania, and his master's and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Temple University.

III-vi The Role of Women during and after the Transition from Anarchy into Order: "Rebuilding the Society"

Ms Afaf Stevens
Watertown, MA

Course Description/Objectives: This course will focus on the crucial responsibility women will have to undertake in order to energize the process of the transformation of the society from violent, aggressive, and competitive into active, cooperative, and peaceful.

Course Format: Seminar

Time: Period B 10:30 am –noon; Period D 4:00–5:30pm

Location: Period B - Salon VI; Period D - Suite 6B

Course Enrollment: Period B - 95; Period D - 30

Afaf Stevens received her B.Sc. in economics from the University of Baghdad, and her M.T.S. in world religion and education from the Harvard Divinity School. She is currently working in Cambridge, MA with Dar Mahjar Publishing and Distribution. She has traveled extensively researching the educational, social, and economic needs of women and children in Tanzania, East Africa.

CATEGORY IV: JOINT LECTURES

These various papers have been grouped into two sessions.

IV-i FROM ANARCHY INTO ORDER: ENSURING THE TRANSITION

IV-i Heretical Reflections on the Nation-State in a Post-Modern World – A Bahá'í Perspective on World Order

Mr. Robert Ahdieh
Peace Partners International
New York, NY

Course Description/Objectives: An examination of Shoghi Effendi and the nation-state in the post-modern world.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Periods A-B 8:30 am – noon

Location: Salon IV

Course Enrollment: 300

Robert Ahdieh majored in international and Russian law at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of International Relations and is now on his way to Yale Law School to continue his studies in these areas. He has worked with various academic and governmental figures in addressing these issues as well.

IV-i Priorities for Economic and Social Reform: The Example of Russia in the 1990s

Dr. Augusto Lopez-Claros
Resident Representative
International Monetary Fund
Moscow, Russian Federation

Course Description/Objectives: In assessing the prospects for change, an examination will be made of the concepts of human value that were the basis of Soviet society during the last several decades and the extent to which these values and the implications they carry for human behavior and relations may make the process of transition more difficult than one might have thought at the outset. What are some of the alternative notions of human value on which one could anchor processes of economic and social reform?

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Periods A-B 8:30 am – noon

Location: Salon IV

Course Enrollment: 300

Augusto Lopez-Claros is a graduate of Cambridge University and Duke University, where he obtained a Ph.D. in economics in 1981. He currently holds the position of resident representative, International Monetary Fund, Moscow, Russian Federation. He has worked for the IMF since 1984 and has lived in Moscow since 1992. He is the author of many papers on economic policy issues and has lectured extensively on a variety of topics including, most recently, the problems of transition facing former central-planned economies. In 1994 he lectured at the Joint Vienna Institute in Vienna, the Bank of Spain in Madrid, and the Bulgarian Writers' Union in Sofia. Until being posted to Moscow, Dr. Lopez-Claros was a member of the Association for Bahá'í Studies International Board.

IV-i Values as Analyzed in Bahá'u'lláh's Writings

Dr. Diana Malouf
Department of English
Northern Michigan University
Marquette, MI

Course Description/Objectives: An examination of major American values as compared to values of other countries within the perspective of the Bahá'í Writings.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Periods A-B 8:30 am – noon

Location: Salon IV

Course Enrollment: 300

Diana Malouf is a resident of Marquette, MI where she teaches English at the University of Michigan at Marquette. Dr. Malouf received her Ph.D. in Arabic Studies from the University of New York at Binghamton in 1988. Her doctoral thesis focused on the translation norms used by Shoghi Effendi in *The Hidden Words of Bahá'u'lláh*. She has received several scholarships to the Middle East and has recently returned from Egypt, where she and her nine-year-old son Hasan spent seven weeks. Dr. Malouf has been a Bahá'í since 1968, has served the Faith in a variety of ways and is currently a member of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Marquette.

IV-i Collective Security: Theoretical Underpinnings and Possible Practical Manifestations in the Emerging Global Equation

Mr. Manooher Mofidi
Silver Spring, MD

Course Description/Objectives: To examine the concept of collective security within the Bahá'í framework.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Periods A-B 8:30 am – noon

Location: Salon IV

Course Enrollment: 300

Manooher Mofidi received his M.B.A. in Organizational Behavior-Human Resource Management from Bellarmine College and his M.A. in International Relations from the American University in Washington, DC. He has worked as a lecturer at Bellarmine College, and as a management consultant and lecturer at the Czechoslovak Management Center in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

IV-ii Spiritual Transformation through the Creative Word: A Language Processing Model of Cognitive Restructuring

Dr. Sandra Fotos
Department of English
Senshu University
Tokyo, Japan

Course Description/Objectives: To change society, we must first change ourselves. This presentation uses a cognitive model from the field of psycholinguistics to explain how personal spiritual transformation might occur, and it also identifies why observation of spiritual qualities and attributes in the behavior of others is important in facilitating the process.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Period A-B 8:30 am – noon

Location: Salon II

Course Enrollment: 40

Sandra S. Fotos (Ed D, TESOL) is associate professor of English at Senshu University, Tokyo, Japan. She has published many articles on formal instruction and second language acquisition, as well as a grammar textbook.

IV-ii Changing Anarchy into Order: The Role and Importance of Verbal Communication

Mrs. Margot Léonard
Chambly, QC

Course Description/Objectives: To examine the importance and function of verbal communication at all levels of society.

Course Format: Lecture

Time: Periods A-B 8:30 am – noon

Location: Salon II

Course Enrollment: 40

Margot Léonard has been a Bahá'í since 1971. She and her husband, along with their three children, are the first French Canadian family to become Bahá'ís. They live in Chambly, Québec, where they pioneered twelve years ago. They also pioneered to Rwanda in the mid-seventies, and again in the early eighties. Mrs. Léonard has served the Faith in Canada as a travel teacher, as well as on many committees. Since 1991, Mrs. Léonard has been a member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Canada. She holds a degree in sociology and is currently working towards a master of social work at the University of Montreal.

CATEGORY V: PERSIAN SYMPOSIUM

V-i Individual Freedom and Social Responsibility: An American Dilemma

آزادی فردی و مسئولیت اجتماعی: یک محضه و گرفتاری آمریکایی

Dr. Nosratollah Rassekh
Portland, OR

Time: Period A 8:30 – 10:00 am

Location: Salon III

Course Enrollment: 300

Dr. Nosratollah Rassekh is a professor emeritus of history, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon. he holds degrees in political science, international relations, and history from Stanford University.

V-ii Shoghi Effendi's World Order Letters

توقیعات نظم جهانی حضرت ولی امر

Dr. Amin Banani
Santa Monica, CA

Time: Period B 10:30 am – noon

Location: Salon II

Course Enrollment: 300

Dr. Amin Banani is professor emeritus of history and Persian literature, University of California at Los Angeles. He is the former chair, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, and director, Center for Near Eastern Studies.

V-iii Shoghi Effendi's Letters to and about Women

توقیعات حضرت ولی امر در باره زنان

Ms Baharieh Rouhani Ma'ani
Haifa, Israel

Time: Period C 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Salon II

Course Enrollment: 300

Ms Baharieh Ma'ani is currently serving at the Bahá'í World Centre as a special project aide. She has studied Persian literary works, philosophy, and religion at the University of Shiraz, Iran, and the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

V-iv The Role of the Iranian Bahá'is in the Destiny of America

نقش بهاییان ایرانی در سرنوشت روحانی آمریکا

Dr. Behrouz Sabet
Fort Mill, SC

Time: Period D 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Location: Salon II

Course Enrollment: 300

Dr. Behrouz Sabet is an instructor in the Departments of Education and Religious Studies at the University of South Carolina and the Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. He holds a doctorate in education from the State University of New York, Buffalo.