## AGSC Collaboratorium: Promoting Peace through Education and Research\* April 8 | 9:30-11:00 a.m. EST

## **Speaker Bios**

Joseph G. Bock is co-convener of the Trust Network (representing the Election Incident Reporting USA team), which is dedicated to using Information and Communication Technologies for conflict early warning and early response in the United States in late 2020 and thereafter. He is Director of the School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development at Kennesaw State University. He was previously on the faculty of University of Notre Dame. His humanitarian work has included directing Catholic Relief Services' programs in Pakistan and Jerusalem/West Bank/Gaza Strip. As Vice President of American Refugee Committee, he oversaw programs in Bosnia, Croatia, Guinea, Iraq, Kosovo, Liberia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Pakistan, Rwanda, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Thailand, and Uganda, where he managed a budget of approximately \$30 million with a global staff of roughly 1,500. His most recent humanitarian work was as a Fulbright Specialist with the Municipality of Athens, Greece, where he assisted the Mayor and his staff in their response to the influx of refugees and migrants during part of 2015 and 2016. He has worked as a consultant with the World Bank and The Asia Foundation, and provided guidance to the Gates Foundation and UNICEF on their Polio Eradication Initiative. He is a member of the Pool of International Experts of the research program on Security and Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings of the Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law, based in the Hague, the Netherlands. His most recent articles have appeared in Global Governance, Journal of Information Technology & Politics, Information Technology for Development, and Political Geography. He is the author of three books, the most recent one, The Technology of Nonviolence: Social Media and Violence Prevention, was published by MIT Press in 2012.

**Zia Haque** completed his Ph.D. in International Conflict Management and is currently a *Limited-Term Assistant Professor of Peace Studies* in the Interdisciplinary Studies Department at Kennesaw State University. He teaches Introduction to Peace Studies among other courses. Dr. Haque has been working in interdisciplinary programs since 2012. Before moving to the U.S., he worked as Lecturer and later Assistant Professor in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Dhaka. His recent articles appeared in *Election Law Journal, Information Technology for Development, and Global Governance.* 

**Robbie Lieberman** is Professor of American Studies and Coordinator of Peace Studies at Kennesaw State University in Georgia. Her teaching and research expertise are in peace history, social movements, and the U.S. left. She served as editor of *Peace & Change: a Journal of Peace Research* from 2006-2011, and is now guest-editing a special issue on racial justice and peace. Her current research is focused on African American writers who were proponents of peace during the cold war era. Her peace-related publications include The *Strangest Dream: Communism, Anticommunism and the U.S. Peace Movement 1945-1963* (Syracuse University Press, 2000); *Prairie Power: Voices of 1960s Midwestern Student Protest* (University of Missouri Press, 2004); "`Measure Them Right': Lorraine Hansberry and the Struggle for Peace," *Science and Society*, (April 2011), and a 2019 *Journal of American History* essay on "Teaching the Vietnam Antiwar Movement: Myths and Misconceptions.

**Cathia Moon** is a PhD student in International Conflict Management at Kennesaw State University. After 5+ years as a crime and intelligence analyst for law enforcement, she has completed a Masters in GIScience and a Masters in Conflict Management. Her research interests are GIS and predictive peacekeeping.

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