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Martha Gallahue, Leader in ESEC, has spent an active summer participating in The US Army War College Seminar Series at Carlisle, Pa. (by invitation): at the 98th Annual American Ethical Union's National Assembly in Fairfax, Va. whose focus was on criminal justice; as Workshop Facilitator in Brooklyn Society on the "culture of ethical culture"; as key planner for a United Nations High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace, Sept. 6th in collaboration with the President of the General Assembly.

She is an interactive psychoanalyst in private practice in NYC and in active conversation with three grown children all in public service. Her lead edu-learners (mutual educators) are her two grandchildren Teagan and Neve, seven and four years old. She also guided our ESEC youth member Lucy Schmitz through a mini-internship at the UN [see photo, page 3].

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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He will also give a brief cooking demo for a small group in the ECS kitchen after the platform, showing participants how to make one of his signature dishes, shrimp and grits. For details and the cost, call Elaine at 973-275-1633.

Chef Jesse Jones' Southern cooking with a country French twist has earned him a loyal following who love his style as much as his dishes, and his victories at cooking competitions. He has also gained a reputation as a celebrity chef, between catering for Tyler Perry at 98.7 Kiss FM, posting recipes on The Alternative Press, hosting Chef Jesse Live cooking demos, and opening a pop-up restaurant serving prix-fixe Sunday dinners in South Orange in 2012.

Jesse attended Hudson Community Culinary Arts Program in Jersey City, but he inherited his passion for cooking from his mother, Mildred Jones, and his grandmother, Hannah Jones. Under their tutelage, following them around in their home kitchen in Snow

Hill, North Carolina, he honed his culinary vision and developed his flair for New Carolina Cuisine.

After several years of working in top kitchens, Chef Jesse opened his own, ultimately deciding in June 2006 to focus on his own catering business, Chef Jesse Concepts, which has grown to include many high profile clients. He has won many cooking competitions including in 2010 the coveted title Ultimate Chef of Bergen County.

Chef Jesse lives in Irvington, NJ with his wife, 2 boys and Zeus, his Italian Mastif. You can find more information about Chef Jesse at <http://chefjessejones.wordpress.com/>; contact Chef Jesse at chefjesse1@aol.com.

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Bradley Manning Trial – A Charade:

Under the Geneva Conventions and the Nuremberg Principles, a soldier's responsibility is to do exactly what Bradley Manning did — expose any and all war crimes.

Nuremberg Principle VII states, "Complicity in the commission of a crime against peace, a war crime, or a crime against humanity as set forth in

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Lucy Schmitz, our new ESEC youth member, and Leader Martha Gallahue after a meeting at the UN on planning for a High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace to take place, Sept. 6th, in General Assembly Hall at the UN. Martha guided Lucy through a mini-internship at the UN.

Principle VI is a crime under international law.”

Watch the video online of “*Collateral Murder*”— the army’s own videotape of soldiers shooting unarmed reporters, civilians — and laughing about it ... Then tell me if Bradley Manning — who released this information to the public — is the war criminal.

Bradley Manning was held for three years without being charged, and 10 months in Solitary Confinement. That alone should secure his freedom, and he should sue the United States for violation of basic protections to be accorded any prisoner.

This whole charade of a military trial should be an embarrassment to any American who believes in our constitution, our role in the global community, and as signatory to international treaties.

The conviction of Bradley Manning for releasing information about War Crimes and abysmal war planning and engagement — not to the enemy, but to the American Public! — is a travesty of the highest order. He has provided the truth; precisely the information needed in a democracy to direct policy.

Inform yourself and speak out:
www.Bradleymanning.org;
www.CourageToResist.org;
www.WorldCantwait.net.

Sept. 29 Liberato “Levi” C. Bautista, “*World Peace in a Conflicted World*”

Levi Bautista, the Assistant General Secretary for United Nations Ministry of the General Board of Church and Society, will explore his proposal that another globalization is possible — where there is “food and freedom, jobs and justice, land and liberation.”

The GBCS is one of four international general program boards of The United Methodist Church. It has headquarters on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and at the Church Center for the UN in New York City. In addition to UN Ministry, the General Board is defined by four other areas of ministry: Public Witness and Advocacy, Administration, Ministry of Resourcing Congregational Life, and Communications.

Levi graduated from the University of the Philippines with a degree in history and political science. He is now a doctoral candidate in Christian social and political ethics at Drew University. He represents the board as a non-governmental organization (NGO) as the Main Representative to the United Nations at the UN headquarters in New York, Geneva, and Vienna.

Levi comes from the Philippines where he served for 10 years as the human rights

coordinator for the National Council of Churches in the Philippines during a period he characterizes as “the brutal Marcos dictatorship and the coup-ridden Aquino regime.” He is known in ecumenical and civil society circles in Asia and elsewhere around the world in the field of international affairs, human rights and social and political ethics. Those areas are also the focus of his academic pursuits, and he has written essays and edited books and journals on them.

“Levi” has been a good friend to the National Ethical Service and to the American Ethical Union. He attended the national AEU Assembly in 1998, and several programs at the UN planned by the NES.

ETHICAL ISSUES SERIES FRIDAYS

A Dialogue Series that will involve short discussions, Q&A and readings

Martha will host a five evening Series on Ethical Issues beginning Sept. 27.

Ethical Culture’s Message is both timely and transcendent. At the same time, it often suffers the challenge of “translation” in a world that seeks easy answers to life’s complex problems. Two fundamental and universal principles drive the ethical culture movement: that the moral imperative is based on “right relationship” in all spheres of human endeavor; the other that all life is sacred and is not best expressed in dogma either secular or religious.

In this five part series, we will explore how these two principles work with special focus upon the following topics:

Sept. 27 “*Roots and Wings in Ethical Culture,*” Brief Survey of the Ethical Culture Movement (a follow-up discussion on Martha’s Opening Talk, Sept. 8)



FILM

La Cosecha (The Harvest)

Friday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Sponsors: Ethical Culture Society and Slow Food Northern NJ

Few of us ever stop and consider who it was who picked the tomato that tops our salad, or the apple that we eat for an afternoon snack. The sad reality is that more than 400,000 children toil as migrant farmworkers every year in the U.S. — often because their families wouldn’t survive without their contributions.

Please join us on Friday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. for the screening of the award-winning documentary, *La Cosecha*, which follows three teenage migrant farmworkers between the ages of 12 and 16 as they cross the country working 12 to 14-hour days picking onions in Texas, apples in Michigan and tomatoes in Florida. The film is being presented jointly with Slow Food Northern NJ, an organization that advocates for good, clean and fair food that is grown using sustainable methods and fair labor practices. A *New York Times* reviewer had this to say of *La Cosecha*: “In its modest way, it calls to mind *The Grapes of Wrath*.”

Suggested donation: \$5 (no one will be refused)

[*The Harvest/La Cosecha* (2011), 1 hr 20min, documentary film by U. Roberto Romano]

Oct. 4 “*Mandate for Peace Through Education,*” to celebrate International Peace Day; the Ethical Society of Essex County’s History as a Peace Site and Progress as a Peace Center. What Peace Education might look like in ethical culture

Oct. 18 “*Humanist Psychotherapy & Personal Care*”

Oct. 25 “*What is the Culture of Ethical Culture?*”

Nov. 1 “*The Greater Whole of Which We Are All a Part*” (Earth Charter, par.16)

Leader Martha Gallahue will guide this 5-part series 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on five Fridays beginning Friday, Sept. 27. We will begin with a potluck supper provided by members and friends. This series is open to the public and can be attended free of charge in part or as a whole.

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