

Nobel Peace Prize Forum 2013

The Power of Ideas: People and Peace

Not all ideas are good, and not all ideas are powerful. But the offbeat idea that small loans given to poor women might improve the nutrition, health, and education of millions of children became astonishingly powerful. Similarly, the presumptuous notion that people might peacefully rise up and obtain civil rights from repressive regimes became tremendously powerful as well. Muhammad Yunus and Tawakkol Karman are Nobel Peace Prize laureates whose unlikely ideas and unrelenting efforts are advancing global peace and changing the lives of millions. To more deeply explore their work, this forum investigates the tightly linked triad of food, women, and peace.

As we mark our silver anniversary, we can reflect on another closer-to-home idea: The thought in 1989 that the Norwegian Nobel Institute might grant singular use of its name to six Norwegian Lutheran colleges who would share responsibility for inspiring peacemaking by celebrating the work of courageous laureates. Thanks to the founders who acted on that idea, some 30,000 attendees have experienced the power of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, an event that has changed their lives in large and small ways as a consequence of participating.

This 25th Nobel Peace Prize Forum will be no exception. We will be uplifted by the presence of these luminaries of humanity, by the chance to vigorously interact with experts in smaller sessions, and by the opportunity to discuss with one another the meaning of the questions that are raised. We will hear ideas we do not like, ideas that leave us troubled, and ideas that propel us to different action in our own lives.

With a growing cadre of academic partners, the tremendous generosity of our sponsors—especially Land O'Lakes—and intense involvement from our in-person and virtual participants, the idea of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum has become something worthy of another 25 years.

With enthusiasm and gratitude for your participation,

MAUREEN K. REED, MD

Executive Director, Nobel Peace Prize Forum



Nobel Laureates



TAWAKKOL KARMAN

In 2011, Tawakkol Karman was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian work for the rights and safety of women and children in Yemen. She is the first Arab woman and the second Muslim woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize and, at the age of 32, the youngest Nobel Peace laureate to date.

Karman is a human rights activist, journalist, politician, president of Women Journalists without Chains, senior member of the Al-Islah political party, and the mother of three children. She is a member of the advisory board for the Transparency International organization and for several international human rights NGOs.

Bold and outspoken, Karman has been imprisoned multiple times for her pro-democracy, pro-human rights protests. Among Yemen's youth movement, she is known as "Mother of the Revolution," "The Iron Woman," and more recently "The Lady of the Arab Spring."



MUHAMMAD YUNUS

Muhammad Yunus is the father of microcredit and social business and the founder of Grameen Bank and more than 50 other companies in Bangladesh. For his constant innovation and enterprise, FORTUNE named Yunus "one of 12 greatest entrepreneurs of our time."

In 1976, while teaching at University of Chittagong in Bangladesh, Yunus started to experiment with providing collateral-free loans to the poor. The project was called Grameen Bank Project, and in 1983 it became a full-fledged bank that today has more than 8.4 million borrowers—97 percent of whom are women. Grameen Bank disburses more than \$1.5 billion US dollars each year.

In 2006, Yunus and Grameen Bank were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Yunus is one of only seven individuals to have received the US Presidential Medal of Freedom, the US Congressional Gold Medal, and the Nobel Peace Prize.

Keynote and Featured Speakers



NINA EASTON

Serving as *FORTUNE* magazine's senior editor and Washington columnist, Easton covers politics and economics in the nation's capital. She is co-chair of the Most Powerful Women Summit and was a 2012 fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School. A regular panelist on *Fox News Sunday*, has appeared on NBC's *Meet the Press* and PBS's *The Charlie Rose Show*, and has co-hosted CBS's *Face the Nation*. Easton is author of several books, including *John*

F. Kerry: A Complete Biography and *Gang of Five: Leaders at the Center of the Conservative Ascendancy*.



MALCOLM POTTS

Malcolm Potts has been a frontline witness to conflict around the world. He serves as the Bixby Professor of Population and Family Planning at the University of California Berkeley and has worked with governments, aid organizations, and women who have been brutalized by war. Combining personal experience with scientific findings in genetics and anthropology, he explains war's pivotal position in the human experience and how men in

particular evolved under conditions that favored gang behavior and organized aggression. Dr. Potts charts a course for making warfare less frequent and less brutal in his recent book, *Sex and War: How Biology Explains War and Terrorism and Offers a Path to a Safer World*.



PAUL FARMER

As a co-founder of Partners In Health and chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Farmer is one of the world's leading thinkers on health and human rights and the consequences of social inequality. A recipient of the MacArthur Foundation "genius grant," his work is the subject of Tracy Kidder's book, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*. Dr. Farmer and his colleagues in the US,

Haiti, Peru, Russia, Rwanda, Lesotho, and Malawi have pioneered novel, community-based treatment strategies that deliver high-quality health care in resource-poor settings.



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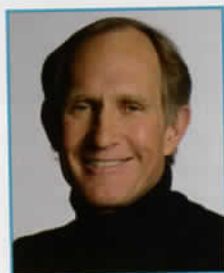
ROBIN WRIGHT

Journalist, author, and foreign policy analyst, Robin Wright serves as a joint fellow at the United States Institute of Peace and the Woodrow Wilson International Center. Her book, *Rock the Casbah: Rage and Rebellion across the Islamic World*, won the 2012 Overseas Press Club award for best book on international affairs. Her other books include *The Iran Primer: Power, Politics and U.S. Policy* and *The Islamists are Coming: Who They Really Are*.



LOIS QUAM

Lois Quam served as the executive director of the Global Health Initiative (GHI). Named by *FORTUNE* magazine as one of the 50 most powerful women, she has held leadership roles in health care reform nationally and in Minnesota. Her undergraduate degree is from Macalester College, and she earned her master's degree as a Rhodes scholar at the University of Oxford.



PETER AGRE

Dr. Peter Agre is the 2003 Nobel laureate in chemistry and the director of the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute. He received his BA in chemistry from Augsburg College and his MD from Johns Hopkins University. In 1992, his cell biology laboratory was recognized for discovering aquaporins, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize. As president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he has led science in diplomacy missions to Cuba, North Korea, and Myanmar.

Keynote and Featured Speakers



BROTHER ALI

Brother Ali is a hip hop artist, speaker, and activist from Minneapolis. His distinguished resume includes six critically acclaimed albums, mentorships with iconic hip hop legends Chuck D and Rakim, and performances on late night talk shows with Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Fallon, and Craig Ferguson. Ali's latest album, *Mourning in America and Dreaming in Color*, was released in 2012. It is his commentary on the political, socioeconomic, and cultural suffering in modern American life as well as a declaration of hope and possibility for a brighter future.



OMAR OFFENDUM

Omar Offendum is a Syrian-American hip hop artist, educator, speaker, and activist who was born in Saudi Arabia, raised in Washington, DC, and lives in Los Angeles. He has been featured in *Rolling Stone*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, and on PBS and Aljazeera. As an activist, he writes and sings about democratic uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa and has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for humanitarian relief.

Hip Hop and Peace

Saturday, March 9, 8 p.m. at Augsburg College Kennedy Center

TED-style presentations and mini musical sets from nationally-known hip hop artists Brother Ali and Omar Offendum

These artists will speak about their music, their roles as activists and humanitarians, the social and moral dimensions of their music as a force to unite communities, and whether artists have a special moral responsibility. Artist presentations will be followed by a moderated panel discussion and audience Q&A. This event is ticketed separately; \$15 general admission. Tickets are available at nobelpeaceprizeforum.org.