

# PEACE ACTION EXPERTS

**Barbra Bearden, Communication Associate.** Ms. Bearden comes to Peace Action from her Master's program at American University where she studied International Communication with a focus on the use of information technology in civil society and network theory. She has an extensive background in public & media relations, post-conflict country development, and internet communication. Prior to Peace Action, Barbra worked at Kosova Women's Network (Prishtina, Kosova) and The U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation. She has extensive international media experience in print, television, radio, and internet outlets internationally including The Baltimore Sun, Slate.com, The Examiner, The Kojo Namdi Show, Al Hara (Lebanon), TV 1 (Kosova), and BBC World Service (UK).

**Kevin Martin, Executive Director.** Mr. Martin began his work with SANE in 1985 as a door-to-door canvasser. Within two years he became the Canvass Director at the National Office of Peace Action. From 1989-1999, he served as the Executive Director of Illinois Peace Action and the Illinois Peace Action Education Fund, Peace Action's third largest affiliate chapter. Before re-joining the National Office, Mr. Martin served as the Executive Director of Project Abolition in Indiana where he directed a coalition of seven peace and disarmament organizations.

**Paul Kawika Martin, Policy and Organizing Director.** Mr. Martin (no relation to Kevin) has worked with Peace Action in various capacities since 1997. Additionally, he worked with numerous progressive organizations including the Free Burma Coalition and Physicians for Social Responsibility. Mr. Martin worked on a Clinton Presidential Commission and spent a year traveling to twenty countries on Greenpeace ships such as the Rainbow Warrior. His work has appeared in countless international, national and local television, radio and print media outlets including the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times and the Christian Science Monitor.

**Peter Deccy, Development Director.** Mr. Deccy joined the staff of SANE in 1983 and started SANE's national canvass program. He then served as Peace Action's Membership Director coordinating direct mail and telemarketing programs for five years, becoming Development Director in 1998. Prior to his work with SANE, Mr. Deccy worked for Citizen Action for seven years, serving as Canvass Director and Campaign Organizer in Connecticut and New Hampshire.

**Katherine Fuchs, Policy and Organizing Associate.** Ms. Fuchs is currently working at on her thesis toward her MA in Peace and Development Studies at the Universitat Jaume I de Castelló in Castellón Spain. In 2005, she received her BA in Political Science and International Development at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Katherine also has also worked for Peace Action Wisconsin, with leadership roles in multiple programs including counter-military recruitment, voter rights, and voter education and mobilization. In Wisconsin she was also active as a volunteer with Fair Wisconsin, where she helped to organize and mobilize efforts against a state DOMA constitutional amendment.

**Jonathan Williams, Student Peace Action Network (SPAN) Coordinator.** Mr. Williams joined the staff of Peace Action in June 2007 as the SPAN coordinator. In May 2007, he graduated with a B.S. in Physics and a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. As the SPAN coordinator, Mr. Williams has expanded the network considerably, resulting in 23 new chapters in five months. In addition, Mr. Williams has facilitated the creation of regional coalitions of SPAN chapters, most notably in Montgomery County, MD; Albany, NY; and Atlanta, GA.

**Adam Waxman, Development Associate.** Mr. Waxman works as a development associate for Peace Action and the Peace Action Education Fund, working with major donors. He also edits and produces the Action Bulletin sent monthly to members. Adam is a 2007 graduate of Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. He previously interned for the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC and written for national publications such as Wiretap Magazine, Friends Journal, and The NationOnline.

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