

JODY WILLIAMS

Biographic Overview

Born and raised in Vermont, Jody Williams graduated from the University of Vermont in 1972. She received her Master's in Teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language from the School for International Training from the Experiment in International Living (now World Learning) in Brattleboro, Vermont, in 1976. In 1984, she received her Master's in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies in Washington, DC. Williams is a grassroots activist, writer, public speaker and professor, whose activism finds its roots in the Vietnam War.

She served as the founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) until February 1998. Beginning in early 1992 with two non-governmental organizations and a staff of one – Jody Williams, she oversaw its growth to a global network of civil society organizations in around 90 countries working to eliminate antipersonnel landmines. In an unprecedented cooperative effort with governments, UN bodies and the International Committee of the Red Cross, she served as a chief strategist and spokesperson for the ICBL as it dramatically achieved its goal of an international treaty banning antipersonnel landmines during a diplomatic conference held in Oslo in September 1997.

Three weeks later, Williams and the ICBL were awarded the Noble Peace Prize. At that time, she became the tenth woman – and third American woman --in its almost 100-year history to receive the Prize. Since February 1998, she has served as a Campaign Ambassador for the ICBL, speaking on its behalf all over the world. From 1999-2004, she served as senior editor for the 1,000-page annual Landmine Monitor Report, a groundbreaking initiative by civil society that monitors the implementation and compliance of the Mine Ban Treaty.

Along with sister Laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi of Iran, Jody Williams took the lead in establishing the “Nobel Women’s Initiative,” together with sister Laureates Wangari Maathai (Kenya), Rigoberta Menchu Tum (Guatemala) and Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan Maguire (Northern Ireland). Launched in January 2006, its mission is to use the prestige and access afforded by the Nobel Prize to spotlight and promote efforts of women’s rights activists, researchers and organizations working to advance peace, justice and equality for women. By helping to advance the cause of women, the Nobel Women’s Initiative advances all of humanity. Williams serves as its chair.

She is a founder and co-chair of the “International Campaign to Stop Rape and Gender Violence in Conflict,” spearheaded by the Nobel Women’s Initiative and launched in May 2012. Williams is also a cofounder of the “Campaign to Stop Killer Robots,” launched in April 2013. That effort seeks a preemptive ban on autonomous weapons systems that can target and kill human beings on their own, with no human intervention.

In February-March 2007, Professor Williams lead a High Level Mission on Darfur for the UN’s Human Rights Council. She presented the Mission’s hard-hitting report to the Council in March and continues to be actively involved in work related to stopping the war in Darfur.

In 2003, Williams was named Distinguished Visiting Professor of Global Justice, in the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston. Since 2007 she has been the “Sam and Cele Keeper Endowed Professor in Peace and Social Justice.”

Prior to beginning the ICBL, Williams worked for eleven years to build public awareness about U.S. policy toward Central America. From 1986 to 1992, she developed and directed humanitarian relief projects as the deputy director of the Los Angeles-based Medical Aid for El Salvador. From 1984 to 1986, she was co-coordinator of the Nicaragua-Honduras Education Project, leading fact-finding delegations to the region. Previously, she taught English as a Second Language (ESL) in Mexico, the United Kingdom, and Washington, D.C.

Professor Williams continues to be recognized for her contributions to human rights and global security. She is the recipient of eighteen honorary degrees, among other recognitions. In 2004, she was named by Forbes Magazine as one of the 100 most powerful women in the world in the publication of its first such annual list.

A prolific writer, her works are too numerous to list individually. Her articles have appeared in magazines and newspapers around the world – including *The Review of the International Red Cross*, *Columbia University's Journal of Politics and Society*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Toronto Globe & Mail*, *The Irish Times*, *The LA Times*, *La Jornada* (Mexico) to name just a few.

She has also contributed chapters to numerous books, e.g., *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women*, edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman (this book is the result of the “This I Believe” series on National Public Radio); *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer*, edited by Eve Ensler and Molly Doyle; *Lessons from our Fathers*, edited by Keith McDermott; *Girls Like Us: 40 Extraordinary Women Celebrate Girlhood in Story, Poetry and Song*, edited by Gina Misiroglu; *The Way We Will be 50 Years from Today: 60 of the World's Greatest Minds Share Their Visions of the Next Half-Century*, edited by Mike Wallace.

In 1995, she co-authored, with Shawn Roberts, an early book on the landmine crisis, *After the Guns Fall Silent: The Enduring Legacy of Landmines*. Released in March 2008, *Banning Landmines: Disarmament, Citizen Diplomacy and Human Security*, edited with Steve Goose and Mary Wareham, analyzes the first ten years of the life of the Mine Ban Treaty and its impact on other human security-related issues. In 2013 Williams published her memoir, *My Name is Jody Williams: A Vermont Girl's Winding Path to the Nobel Peace Prize*, which charts her life from modest beginnings to her receipt of the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize along with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

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PERSONAL DETAILS:

Nationality/DOB: USA, October 9, 1950
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
September 2003 – September 2007 – Distinguished Visiting Professor
September 2007-Present – Sam & Cele Keeper Endowed Professor in Peace
& Social Justice

Responsible for the design and teaching, with assistant professor, the course: Global Justice: Patterns, Perspectives and Strategies.

Nobel Women's Initiative
January 2006 – Present

Chair of the Initiative. Responsible for development and oversight of its programs, projects, and delegations together with the executive director. For full details, please see: <http://www.nobelwomensinitiative.org>

Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, Washington, DC
Coordinator, Landmines Campaign. November 1991 – February 1998

Responsible for the development and coordination of an international campaign to ban the use, production and trade in landmines. Development of international, national and grassroots strategies for campaign including building of international alliance of NGOs representing human rights, humanitarian law, refugee, relief and development, arms control, and environmental communities working to build public pressure to ban the use, production and trade in landmines. The **Mine Ban Treaty** was successfully negotiated in Oslo, Norway, in September 1997.

Medical Aid For El Salvador, Los Angeles, CA
Associate Director. Spring, 1989 - May, 1992

Responsible for development, coordination and oversight of MAES projects in El Salvador which involved work with the NGO community, and warring factions in the Salvadoran government for return of \$250,000-worth of materials confiscated during the 1989 offensive in the civil war and for the successful release of a field hospital donated by Massachusetts and held for more than 8 months by the Salvadoran government; spokesperson for the organization both in El Salvador and the U.S. Responsible for organizing, setting up and leading delegations of U.S. citizens to El Salvador.

Director, The Children's Project. January, 1987 - Spring, 1989

Developed this educational/humanitarian project to bring critically ill and war-wounded children from El Salvador to the United States for donated medical treatment and through the children's stories, to educate about the war in El Salvador. Ultimately 20 U.S. hospitals offered donated medical care for Salvadoran Children

Site coordinator, Medical Airlift to El Salvador. November & December, 1986.

Responsible for in-country logistics of this project to airlift \$750,000-worth of donated medical supplies to El Salvador along with set-up and logistics for accompanying delegation of 33 U.S. citizens. Coordinated activities with NGO in El Salvador to prepare donation for customs clearance. Arranged for meetings for delegation members with representatives of Salvadoran government and military, the Church, human rights organizations, and labor organizations and handled logistics for delegation while in country.

Priorities Pac, Washington, DC

Associate Director. August - November, 1986.

Assisted with development of work plan for this short-term, high intensity political project. Coordinated advance work for training sessions to recruit citizens concerned with Central America and domestic policy priorities as campaign volunteers for the two House races in November 1986 elections. Coordinated planning of celebrity visit to support Minnesota House race with campaign volunteer coordinator and campaign manager. Oversaw all stages of production of direct mail appeal which raised 50% of PAC's overall initial budget. Fiscally responsible agent, handling all bookkeeping as well as writing of all Federal Election Commission reports. Responsible for all computer operations.

Foreign Policy Education Fund, Washington, DC

Project Coordinator, Nicaragua-Honduras Education Project, May, 1984 - August, 1986.

Coordinated this national policy education project. Planned and set-up fact-finding delegations to Central America to investigate U.S. and regional policy development. Selected and recruited prominent U. S. citizens as delegation members. Researched and analyzed policy issues to provide orientation to delegation members. Served as guide and translator for delegations in the region. Established and maintained relationships with

groups and individuals representing various political perspectives in the U.S. and Central America. Designed and organized annual seminars with experts in the issue area to update past delegation participants and to encourage networking among them and with national organizations. Met periodically with Board of Advisors to develop ongoing work of the project to best meet its goals and objectives as political environment in the U.S. and abroad changed. Represented project at human rights lobby group sessions to develop short- and long-term grass roots educational campaigns and lobbying efforts. Wrote grant proposals and worked to fundraise project budget.

Overseas Development Council, Washington, DC
Research Assistant. Academic year, 1983-84.

Research and analysis of Central American economies for Dr. Richard Feinberg's contribution to Leiken's Central America: Anatomy of Conflict. Policy analysis and research on the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

Educational Tv And Film Center, Washington, DC
Administrative Assistant. Academic Year, 1983-84.

Administrative support for the production of award-winning documentary film about women on The Global Assembly Line. Conducted research for the documentary and translated oral histories of Mexican working women for inclusion in the film. Responsibilities also included grant proposal writing, bookkeeping and computer operations for the Center.

Caribbean Basin Information Project, Washington, DC
Administrative Assistant. Spring Semester, 1983.

Administrative support for this media access project focusing primarily on developments in Central America. Responsibilities included notifying media of press conferences and briefings, and maintaining and updating research files.

Antioch Law School, Washington, DC
Instructor. February, 1981 - February, 1982.

Co-designed and developed the curriculum for the Farmworker Paralegal Training Program. Evaluated and selected students for admission to this year-long program. Instructor of English and Legal and Professional Writing. Responsible for design and development of course materials.

Temporaries Inc., Washington, DC
January, 1979 - January, 1981

As a temporary assistant with this company, I held two primary temporary assignments:

1) Legal Services Corporation, Washington, DC

Administrative Assistant, May, 1980 - January, 1981

Assisted in development of departmental budgets; responsible for writing departmental position papers.

2) The American Chemical Society, Washington, DC
Assistant to editor, January, 1979 - December, 1979

Assisted in editing a series of chemical textbooks; wrote indexes of volumes, proofread and typed manuscripts.

The American School In Switzerland In England, Surrey, England
Instructor. Summer Session, 1979

Designed, developed and taught English as a Second Language (ESL) courses to foreign students.

Hylsa, SA, Monterrey, Mexico
Instructor. October, 1977 - September, 1978.

ESL instructor to steel company executives. Responsibilities included curriculum and course material development, testing/evaluation of students and translating technical material related to steel industry.

Instituto Tecnologico Y De Estudios Superiores, Monterrey, Mexico
Instructor. Fall Semester, 1977.

Instructor of linguistics and didactics in the University's Teacher Training Program. Designed and developed courses and course materials.

Instituto Bilingue De Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
Teacher. September, 1976 - September, 1977.

ESL teacher, grades 2-8.

Experiment In International Living, Brattleboro, Vermont
Bookkeeper. October, 1973 - May, 1976.

Responsible for manual and computerized general ledger accounting for this international school/exchange program with offices in 32 countries. Responsibilities included writing international financial transfer memos between national offices, foreign currency conversion and petty cash management.

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington,DC.
1982/1984

Master of Arts in International Relations - Areas of concentration: International Economics and Latin American Studies

The School for International Training, The Experiment in International Living,
Brattleboro, Vermont.

June 1975/June 1976

Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language and Spanish

The University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

1968/1972

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Cum Laude

SELECTED AWARDS/HONORS/RECOGNITIONS:

1997 Nobel Peace Prize, Norweigan Nobel Committee, Oslo, Norway

Olof Palme Award, 2014, Fundació Internacional Olof Palme, Barcelona Spain

Phenomenal Women Awards, 2012, Department of Gender and Women's Studies,
California State University/Northridge

Glamour Women of the Year-Nobel Women's Initiative, 2010, *Glamour Magazine,*
New York, NY

Global Women's Rights Awards, 2006, Feminist Majority Foundation

100 Most Powerful Women in the World, 2004, *Forbes Magazine*

2005 Public Service Award, Center for Public Policy & Administration, University of
Massachusetts Amherst

Fiat Lux Award, Clark University, Worcester, MA

Distinguished Peace Leadership Award, 1998, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Santa
Barbara, CA

Glamour Woman of the Year, 1997, *Glamour Magazine,* New York, NY

HONORARY DEGREES:

September 11, 2014

Moravian College, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

May 21, 2013
Farleigh Dickenson University, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

May 21, 2012
Lehigh University, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

May 15, 2010
Bryn Mawr, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

April 14, 2007
William Woods University, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

May 21, 2006
Smith College, *Doctor of Laws*

March 29, 2006
Herbert H. Lehman College, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

March 12, 2005
Gustavus Adolphus College, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

August 14, 2004
Pennsylvania State University, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

May 25, 2003
Wesleyan University, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

May 18, 2003
Franklin Pierce College, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

May 17, 2002
Royal Military College of Canada, *Doctor of Laws*

February 2002
Regis University, *Doctor of Public Service*
Doctor of Public Service

November 5, 1999
Rockhurst University, *Doctor of Humanities*

November 16, 1999
Shenzu University (Japan), *Doctor of Humane Letters*

June 7, 1998
Williams College, *Doctor of Laws*

Doctor of Laws

May 17, 1998

Marlboro College, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

May 17, 1998

University of Vermont, *Doctor of Laws*

Doctor of Laws

January 12, 1998

Briar Cliff College, *Doctor of Humane Letters*

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

My Name is Jody Williams: A Vermont Girl's Winding Path to the Nobel Peace Prize, Jody Williams, University of California Press, 2013.

"Human Security and the Welfare of Societies," *Social Work and Social Policy: Advancing the Principles of Economic and Social Justice*, Ira C. Colby, Catherine N. Dulmus, and Karen M. Sowers (eds), Wiley Publications, 2013.

"Will We Be 50 Years From Now," *The Way We Will be 50 Years from Today: 60 of the World's Greatest Minds Share Their Visions of the Next Half-Century*, Mike Wallace (ed), Thomas Nelson, 2009.

"The Human Security Paradigm: Peace With Justice and Equality?," *Comprehensive Handbook of Social Work and Social Welfare, Vol. 4, Social Policy and Social Practice*, Karen M. Sowers and Ira C. Colby (eds), Wiley Publications, 2008.

"When Ordinary People Achieve Extraordinary Things," *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women*, Jay Allison and Dan Gediman (eds), Holt Paperbacks, 2007.

"Bitter Coffee," *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer*, Eve Ensler and Molly Doyle (eds), Villard, 2007.

Lessons from our Fathers, Keith McDermott (ed), Durban House, 2006.

"Human Rights, Property Rights and Human Security," *Realizing Property Rights*, Hernando de Soto and Dr. Francis Cheneval (eds), Swiss Human Rights Books, Vol. 1, Ruffer & Rub, Zurich, 2006.

"Endless Enemies or Human Security," *After Terror: Promoting Dialogue Among Civilizations*, Drs. Ahmed Akbar and Brian Forst (eds), Polity Books, 2004.

"The Campaign to Ban Landmines – Potential Lessons, Landmines and Human Security: A Study of Transnational Politics, SUNY Press, 2004.

"Challenges To The State In The 21st Century: Globalization, Security And The Example Of The Invasion Of Iraq," *Politica Exterior*, #100, Julio/Agosto 2004, Madrid, Spain.

"The Role of Civil Society in Disarmament Issues: Realism vs. Idealism," A Disarmament Agenda for the Twenty-first Century," UN-China Disarmament Conference, Beijing, China, 2-4 April 2002, *DDA Occasional Papers*, UN Department for Disarmament Affairs, New York, No. 6, October 2002.

"The Relevance of the ICC to Other Campaigns to Strengthen Human Security," *The International Criminal Court Monitor*, Issue 22, September 2002.

"Politics Unusual: A Different Model of International Cooperation," *Harvard International Review*, Fall 2000.

"A Letter for My Parents," *Girls Like Us: 40 Extraordinary Women Celebrate Girlhood In Story, Poetry And Song*, Gina Misiroglu (ed), New World Library, Novato, California, 1999.

"The International Campaign to Ban Landmines," Jody Williams and Stephen Goose, *To Walk Without Fear: The Global Movement To Ban Landmines*, Oxford University Press, Fall 1998.

"Landmines: Dealing with the Environmental Impact," *Environment & Security*, 1997, Vol. 1. No. 2.

"Landmines and Children," *Report of the Secretary General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children*, Annex, UNGA, 1995.

After The Guns Fall Silent: The Enduring Legacy Of Landmines, Shawn Roberts and Jody Williams, Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, Washington, DC. 1995.

"Landmines and measures to eliminate them," *International Review of the Red Cross*, July-August 1995. No. 307.

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