# The U.S. Institute of Peace Visits Delta College: A Day with David Smith May 15-16, 2008

# **Tentative "Working" Agenda (with brief description)**

# Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

Noon: David Smith's arrival, checks into hotel, and take David to lunch

**2:00-3:00:** Meeting with Delta College Administration & Support Staff (small session)
Provide a basic description of resources that may be valuable/ of interest to Delta
College as we motivate our faculty, staff, students & communities to promote
peace:

- Description of U.S. Institute of Peace: resources, support, programs & workshops
- Identification of other institutes/colleges who share this "mission"
- Focus on "out of the classroom" learning and discuss connection with other on-going student focused programs

### 4:00-5:30: Meeting with Delta and Community Leadership

A joint session with Delta administrators and leaders in the community (business, education, law enforcement, religious, etc.) to introduce the new Global/Peace Studies Program at Delta, as well as identify areas of need in our community and world (local, national and international) that we can collaborate. This session might address some of the following (but probably *NOT* all):

- Identification of problems/ needs that Delta's Global/Peace Studies Program can address
- Prioritize/ Create hierarchy of needs/ problems
- Identify resources needed to address issues/ problem

6:30: Dinner with President Goodnow, Dykhuizen & Watson (and a few other interested parties)

# Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

# 9:00-11:00: Large Format Presentation: "Child Soldiers" (followed by Q & A) (This session will be open to all of Delta College)

We anticipate that people will be interested and moved by your presentation. We also anticipate, however, that many will, eventually at least, question what "we" can do about a problem on such a global scale. Our hope for this initial session is that through discussion that follows your presentation participants will recognize two things:

- 1. That we can have an impact on what is happening on the other side of the world from where we are now (in the "Thumb" of Michigan)
- 2. That these "global" issues of peace (and lack thereof) are current in our communities. (Example: Gang recruitment & murders are frequent in Saginaw. Many of the same principles that apply to recruitment of child soldiers are present here: hopelessness, desire for revenge, etc.)

#### 11:00-11:30: Break & meet with the Local Press

### 11:30-1:00: Lunch Meeting with Delta College Global/Peace Studies Faculty

A less formal session with faculty, administration and support staff involved with the development of a successful Global/Peace Studies Program at Delta College. Issues you may be able to speak to:

- How can community college faculty & students have an impact on Global Peace?
- "Best methods" of establishing peace/service learning experiences for our students in our communities
- Development of community college "consortiums": practical discussion of "how to" and "what's the value of"
- Creation of workshops to infuse global and peace modules into specific classes/curriculum
- This session will have more focus on curriculum development

#### 1:00-1:30: Check out of Hotel and head to MBS Airport (flight leaves at 3:30pm)