

An essential component of the Building Bridges Conference is the Interpretive Walk Through, taking place this year on the 2nd floor of Beck Hall. Through an interactive experience we will utilize visual and performance art to explore the driving influence of wealth on U.S. drug policy as well as the resulting violence as a side effect.

*I Am We Are* is a student organization at Gustavus striving to create a more just campus community by organizing and presenting theatrical performances and workshops that deal with issues of social justice. Based on the work of Augusto Boal and begun by Vanita Vactor in 1995, the group schedules a number of performances both on and off campus throughout the year. Campus performances generally include E Pluribus Gustavus in the fall and the Building Bridges Conference in the spring.

Thank you for attending the  
21st annual Building Bridges  
Conference. We look forward to  
your continued participation and  
support in years to come!

The 21st Annual Building Bridges Conference is sponsored by the Building Bridges Committee, Gustavus Student Senate, and Gustavus Adolphus College.



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# SILVER OR LEAD

Wealth and Violence  
in the War on Drugs



**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE**

Saturday, March 5, 2016 | 9 a.m.

Gustavus Adolphus College

## THE CONFERENCE

On behalf of the Building Bridges Committee, we cordially welcome you to the 21st annual Building Bridges Conference, "Silver or Lead: Wealth and Violence in the War on Drugs," taking place Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Gustavus Adolphus College. This student-led social justice conference will provide a rewarding opportunity to engage in dialogue that challenges conventional understandings of the impact of the United States' War on Drugs. This year, our conference will focus on the role of U.S. Drug Policy in the creation of structural violence that results in the loss of life, liberty, and human dignity.

**Awushie Fayose '16 and Esrea Perez-Bill '17**  
*Building Bridges Co-Chairs 2016*

## OBJECTIVE

- To promote mutual respect and understanding about diversity issues throughout college campuses and larger communities.
- To lay a foundation for opening up dialogue throughout our communities, bringing together individuals from various settings, situations, and interests to discuss pressing matters involving diversity and social justice.
- To dispel the assumption that one person's actions cannot make a difference by providing the means for social change.

## SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration, *Christ Chapel*
- 9 a.m.** Morning Program, *Christ Chapel*  
Opening Remarks  
Address: Ethan Nadelmann  
I Am We Are Performance  
Address: Anabel Hernández
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch Break\*
- 1:00 p.m.** Speaker Panel and Q&A, *Alumni Hall*  
Ethan Nadelmann and Anabel Hernández
- 2:00 p.m.** Workshop Session & Interpretive Walk Through, *Beck Hall*
- 3:00 p.m.** Workshop Session, *Beck Hall*
- 4:00 p.m.** Workshop Session & Interpretive Walk Through, *Beck Hall*
- 5:00 p.m.** Interpretive Walk Through, *Beck Hall*

\* The Gustavus Market Place and Dining Room will be open during the lunch break. Conference attendees may purchase a meal there.

\* Gustavus Alumni are invited to a dessert reception in the Heritage Room during the lunch break.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

### Christ Chapel



**ETHAN NADELMANN** is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization in the United States promoting alternatives to the War on Drugs. He received his BA, JD, and PhD from Harvard and taught at Princeton University for seven years. He has authored two books

on the internationalization of criminal law enforcement and written extensively for academic, policy and media publications. His many media appearances include *The Colbert Report*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, and *Real Time with Bill Maher*.



**ANABEL HERNÁNDEZ** is a Mexican journalist and author who has written extensively on political corruption, sexual exploitation, and drug cartels. Her first book, *Narcoland: The Mexican Drug Lords and their Godfathers*, was published in 2010. It details the Mexican government's

failure to stop the violence caused by warring drug cartels. Ms. Hernandez also writes about the relationship between Mexican and US agents and the effects this relationship has had on the Mexican Drug War. In 2012, Ms. Hernandez was awarded the Golden Pen of Freedom Award, which is presented annually by the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers.

## KEYNOTE PANEL and Q&A Alumni Hall

Keynote speakers Ethan Nadelmann and Anabel Hernández will engage with pre-prepared questions. This is a great opportunity to interact with the speakers and engage with the content covered in their presentations.

## WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### Beck Hall | First Floor



**DORIS MARIE PROVINE** will be presenting on the disproportionate impact of current U.S. Drug Policy on poor communities of color. Provine is active in the community, serving on the boards on the Arizona Advocacy Network and the American Civil Liberties Union, and volunteering with Mi Familia Vota to assist in citizenship applications. Her scholarship focuses on race and inequality in the context of criminal justice and immigration. She is the author of *Unequal Under Law: Race in the War on Drugs*, and most recently, has co-authored *Policing Immigrants: Local Law Enforcement on the Front Lines*, which is in the process of publication by the University of Chicago Press.



**MATTHEW FOGG** is an Ex-DEA Special Agent, a man of action and leadership, he is also the EEO Director for Federally Employed Women's Legal & Education Fund, Inc.; the Executive Director of the Redstone Area Minority Employees Association; and a Board member for Amnesty International USA. Fogg was sworn in by the United States Marshals Service (USMS) as a Deputy U.S. Marshal in 1978 and soon became a highly decorated federal law officer. He was cross-designated a Supervisory Special Agent in charge of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration joint drug and gun interdiction Metropolitan Area Task Force. Fogg believes that drug prohibition is an immoral tool used by the United States' prison industrial complex to maintain the largest per capita rate of incarcerations in the world. Prisons for profit, he says, have no place in a democratic society.

"This system is now so deeply rooted in our social, political and economic structure, it's not going to just fade away, downsize out of sight with a little bit of tinkering of margins. No, it's going to take a fairly radical shift in our public consciousness, ... and that is going to be a change of mind, a change of heart that will be a hard one, but it's necessary if we're ever going to turn this system around."

-Michelle Alexander

## THE BUILDING BRIDGES CO-CHAIRS



**Awushie Fayose '16**  
*Sociology/Anthropology Major*  
*Peace Studies Minor*



**Esrea Perez-Bill '17**  
*Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies Major*  
*Spanish Minor*

## **WORKSHOP SESSION 1**

2-3 p.m.

**Doris Marie Provine**

*Beck Hall Room 111*

**Matthew Fogg**

*Beck Hall Room 101*

## **WORKSHOP SESSION 2**

3-4 p.m.

**Matthew Fogg**

*Beck Hall Room 101*

**Satveer Chaudhary**

*Beck Hall Room 113*

## **WORKSHOP SESSION 3**

4-5 p.m.

**Satveer Chaudhary**

*Beck Hall Room 113*

**Doris Marie Provine**

*Beck Hall Room 111*



### **SATVEER CHAUDHARY**

served in the Minnesota Senate from 1996-2010. During his tenure, he served on the Crime and Judiciary Committees, which are responsible for state drug laws. He

was the first Asian-American elected to the Minnesota legislature. He considered himself a “tough on crime legislator.” Now, as a private immigration and criminal defense attorney, Sen. Chaudhary offers a unique and non-rhetorical perspective on the unanticipated impacts of drug laws.



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