

# Culture of Peace

## Distinguished Speakers Series

### The Past as [created] Prologue: Public Memory Creation and Building a Culture of Peace

4 pm, Saturday, April 30, 2011  
At the Culture of Peace Resource Center  
606 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401



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California

*“The philosopher Georges Santayana once said ‘those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it.’ But this presumes history exists in the past. Instead, history is a contemporary arena of political contestation. The meanings and symbols attached to the past inform us as to the creation of identity, our political construction of the self, and to the intent of the political community. In my lecture, I will argue that it is up to each community to determine whether it serves the interests of war or peace.”*

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Dr. Douglas Becker is an assistant professor of international relations at the University of Southern California. His expertise covers a wide range of topics including the prosecution of war crimes, the United Nations and conflict resolution, international law, US foreign policy, and US diplomatic history. His courses include Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, Conflict Resolution and Peace Research, Historical Approaches to International Relations, Multinational Enterprises and World Politics, and International Organizations. In addition, Professor Becker has begun researching the relationship between historical memory and conflict, and continues to develop ongoing interests in pedagogy and active learning, as well as the international criminal court and conflict resolution.



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