



The Department of Social Sciences  
presents

***“The Syrian Peace Talks:  
Negotiating a Place  
for Syrian Women”***

Join us for a conversation with  
**Peace Activist ANN WRIGHT**  
Former U.S. Diplomat and U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.)

**February 10, 2014 (Monday), 6:00pm-7:00pm**  
**MP-319 (1188 Fort Street, downtown)**

Former U.S. Diplomat and retired U.S. Army Colonel Ann Wright returns home to O’ahu from Geneva, Switzerland, and the first week of the Syrian Peace Talks. She was there in solidarity with Syrian women, trying to get them a place at the negotiating table.

***ABOUT ANN WRIGHT:*** *Ann Wright grew up in Bentonville, Arkansas, and attended the University of Arkansas, where she received a master’s and a law degree. She also has a master’s degree in national security affairs from the U.S. Naval War College. After college, she spent thirteen years in the U.S. Army and sixteen additional years in the Army Reserves, retiring as a Colonel. She is airborne-qualified. In 1987, Col. Wright joined the Foreign Service and served as U.S. Deputy Ambassador in Sierra Leone, Micronesia, Afghanistan, and Mongolia. She received the State Department’s Award for Heroism for her actions during the evacuation of 2,500 people from the civil war in Sierra Leone, the largest evacuation since Saigon. She was on the first State Department team to go to Afghanistan and helped reopen the Embassy there in December 2001. Her other overseas assignments include Somalia, Kyrgyzstan, Grenada, Micronesia, and Nicaragua. On March 19, 2003, the eve of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, Ann Wright cabled a letter of resignation to Secretary of State Colin Powell, stating that without the authorization of the UN Security Council, the invasion and occupation of a Muslim, Arab, oil-rich country would be a disaster. Since then, she has been writing and speaking out for peace. She fasted for a month, picketed at Guantánamo, served as a juror in impeachment hearings, and has been arrested numerous times for peaceful, nonviolent protest.*

*The talk is open to the public. Please direct any questions to  
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