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Welcome Message from Department Chair, Courtenay Sprague

I am excited to welcome new and returning students to UMass Boston. As we begin this academic year, I look at your fresh faces and am inspired by you! I hope the first week of classes have gone smoothly and you are ready to flex your wings.

My office hours are Friday afternoons or by appointment: courtenay.sprague@umb.edu. I hope you will come by and introduce yourself.

The Conflict Resolution program hosts a colloquium each month, the first is Sept 26 and looks amazing: [Everyday Peace Indicators: Informing Social Policy through Everyday Lived Experiences](#). All are welcome! Do try to check it out! See other upcoming events below.

As a global health researcher and practitioner, a gentle reminder to both extend yourself AND be kind to yourself. I wish you a successful and productive academic year!



Everyday Peace Indicators: Informing Social Policy through Everyday Lived Experiences (Sept 26)

Welcoming Professor [Pamina Firchow](#), Executive Director of [Everyday Peace Indicators](#) who conducts participatory research and evaluation in partnership with communities affected by conflict and builds bridges between diverse actors working on peace and conflict issues to inform practice, policy, and scholarship.

[More info and to register](#) - zoom or in person

Sept 26 5:30
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Room 3540



Building Negotiation Competent Organizations (Oct 12)

Examine the Negotiation Capability Model (NCM), and what drives organizations from ad hoc negotiations to competent negotiating practices with Conflict Resolution alumnus, Joshua Gordan. Josh is an experienced educator, arbitrator, negotiator, facilitator, consultant, and organization capability builder.

[More info and to register](#) - zoom or in person

Oct 12 5:30
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Room 3540



David Matz Fellows Report (Nov 13)

David Matz Fellowship supports learning that develops knowledge, skills, and values from direct experiences outside a traditional academic setting.

The 2023 Matz Fellows, Ashraf Amiri, Kristina Angelevska, Dermillah Obare and Lynn Vincent, will discuss the significance and impact of their experiential learning funded by the fellowship.

[More info and to register](#) - zoom or in person

Nov 13 5:30
Campus
Center
Room 3540



The Roni Lipton Memorial Lecture - Self Care is Not Enough (Dec 6)

Welcoming Sarah Gyrog, Conflict Resolution alumna and Executive Director of Transition House in Cambridge MA for a conversation about how we can all work to create the culture of care we need to best serve everyone.

The Roni Lipton Memorial Lecture honors the department's longtime associate director's commitment to emotional support, mentoring and facilitating self-care

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Dec 6 5:30
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Room 2551



Student Networking Socials

Over the coming weeks we will host networking/social events for each cohort. Stay tuned for more details.

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