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***“Regardless of whom  
you pray to, during  
war our experiences as  
a community and as  
mothers are the same.  
A bullet does not know  
a Christian from  
a Muslim.”***

**—Leymah Gbowee, 2009**

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## 2011 UMass Lowell Greeley Scholar for Peace Studies

**Monday, April 4 (12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.)**

**“Day Without Violence”**

The UMass Lowell Peace and Conflict Studies Institute’s annual “Day Without Violence” program. O’Leary Library Auditorium (Room 222), UMass Lowell South, 61 Wilder Street, Lowell.

**Thursday, April 7 (8 a.m to 10 a.m.)**

**“Greater Lowell Interfaith Leadership Alliance Meeting”**

Christian Science Reading Room, 195 Andover Street, Lowell (at the intersection of Routes 38 and 133).

**Sunday, April 10 (7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.)**

**“Pray the Devil Back to Hell”: Film Screening and Discussion**

A screening of the award-winning documentary about the courageous Liberian women led by Gbowee who came together to end a bloody civil war and bring peace to their shattered country. After the film, join the discussion with Leymah Gbowee and UMass Lowell graduate student Janet Johnson- Bryant. This program is offered in connection with the International Women Leaders’ Summit on Security through Economic and Social Development. UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center. 50 Warren Street, Lowell.

**Sunday, April 17 (10:00 a.m.)**

**“Community Discussion Forum”**

First Parish Church, 20 Lexington Road, Concord.

**Thursday, April 21 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)**

**“How Liberian Women Ended the Civil War” with an afterword by Pdraig O’Malley**

Co-sponsored by the Africana Studies Department, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights, Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance, McCormack Graduate School of Policy & Global Studies, William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black History and Culture, Women’s Studies, Kingston-Mann Diversity Awards Committee, Greeley Scholar Program, and UMass Lowell. UMass Boston Chancellor’s Conference Room, Quinn Administration Building 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston.

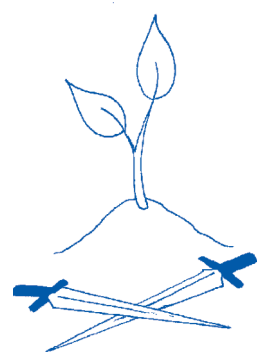
**All events are free and open to the public**

Leymah Roberta Gbowee is an African peace activist who organized a peace movement that helped end the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003. As a social worker, she organized the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace, bringing together Christian and Muslim women to pray and sing for peace, and eventually forcing national leaders to create a peace process. She is now the executive director of the Women’s Peace and Security Network Africa, based in Accra, Ghana. In 2007, the Women’s Leadership Board at Harvard University’s JFK School of Government honored her with the Blue Ribbon Peace Award, and in 2009, she and the women of Liberia were awarded the Profiles in Courage Award by the Kennedy Library Foundation. She is the central character of the award-winning documentary *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*.

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