

GLOBAL ETHICS DAY 2015

Global Ethics, Gender & Militarism: A Conversation and Recovery of Our Lost Memory

Objective: *To connect the present to the past by looking at the gendered perspective in E.C. Warriner's Peace Activism*

1. What is meant by 'Global Ethics'

- a. Human Rights (Duties)
- b. Character & Virtue
 - ~ **Cardinal Virtues of Plato** (380 B.C): Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, Justice;
 - ~ '**Glorious Virtues' of Buddhism**: Generosity, Ethical Discipline, Patience, Joyous Perseverance, Meditative Stabilization, and Wisdom.

2. What are some of the opportunities at CMU to help enrich your understanding of Global Ethics?

- a. Events
 - i. Human Rights Conference
 - ii. Human Rights Month & Abel Lecture Series on Dictatorship, Democracy & Genocide
- b. Emerging Human Rights Certificate Program (College of Global Studies (CHSBS))
- c. Courses in Humanities (Philosophy & Religion, English, etc.) (including Study Abroad opportunities to South Africa and The Hague)
- d. RSOs (ICCSN, Amnesty International)
- e. The Gerritsen Collection of Aletta Jacobs (<http://libguides.cmich.edu/go.php?c=8378711>) (expires Jan 31, 2015)
- f. Europeana 1914-1918 (<http://www.europeana1914-1918.eu/> - type in "Central Michigan University" and see what you find!)

3. What is Global Ethics Day? What is CMU's focus for Global Ethics Day 2015 and How did it come about ?

If some cynical reactionary sneeringly points to the Great War as proof of the collapse of the International Peace Movement, keep your temper and say to him, only postponed ~ E.C. Warriner (1914)

Gender, Militarism and Virtue

1. *Our boys must be taught that the defense of their country may become their first duty and that when it does only a **coward** will shirk this duty.* ~ E.C. Warriner (1914)
2. *We women assembled at this International Congress **wish to record our deep sense of the heroism** of those who have counted no sacrifice too great to serve the cause of Peace. We recognize the devotion alike of those who believed that in offering their lives in war, they are helping to end war, and of those who, with equal courage and, as we believe, with deeper insight, fought war by refusing to take part in it. It fortified our courage, and our faith in the achievement of permanent peace, to know that thousands in so many countries have counted it worth the cost to face death and imprisonment and obloquy, and the loss of health and fortune*
~ Adopted at the 1919 meeting International Congress of Women

What is meant by 'Militarism' ?

The militarist is one who believes in the supremacy of force, who justifies the use of power to compel submission to the desires of its possessor, without any further sanction than his own conviction that his desires are reasonable.

~ Catherine E. Marshall in "The Future of Women in Politics" (1915):

4. What can you do further your development as a 'Citizen of the World'?

Commit to one concrete action. – learn more about something, connect to a new community, share with someone something that you learned today. MAKE TWO COPIES – one for you, and one for archives.