Jane Addams: Democratic Theorist and Peace Weaver

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Purpose: Recover Jane Addams Contribution Democratic Theorist and Peace Weaver

1. Backstory
2. Who was Jane Addams
3. Ideas of Democracy and Peace
Democracy and the Social Feminist Ethics of Jane Addams: A Vision for Public Administration

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Democracy .... affords a rule of living as well as a test of faith (Addams, 1902, p. 6).
Warrior

Peacekeeper

Shields & Soeters, 2013
Faculty Development Leave
Jane Addams Funeral

* First generation college educated women
Hull House

Ideas emerged from
This experience

Immigrant Community Lab – conflict resolution

Hull House – Settlement Workers gathering 1920
• Child labor laws
• Playgrounds
• Juvenile Courts

• Street Cleaning/garbage collection
• Water/Sewer
• Healthier workplace
• NAACP founder
Noted Speaker - Author

HULL-HOUSE MAPS AND PAPERS by the Residents of Hull-House

Jane Addams' My Friend, Julia Lathrop

Newer Ideals of Peace

Peace and Bread in Time of War

Democracy and Social Ethics

Twenty Years at Hull House

The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets

A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil

FORTY YEARS AT HULL-HOUSE

Women at the Hague

The International Congress of Women and Its Results
Expand the Women’s Sphere
Nobel Peace Prize
1931
International Congress of Women at the Hague
April 1915
Civic Housekeeping

“Survival of Militarism in City Government”

“Failure to Utilize Immigrants in City Government”

“Utilization of Women in City Government”

City as Citadel – soldiers valued
City as Household – ????
1. Marriage license
2. Building and House Sanitation
3. Health Dept. factory inspection
4. Health Dept. Foods, Markets..
5. Commissioner of public works
6. Health Dept. Milk inspection
7. Dept. of Streets and Alleys
8. Sanitary inspection (streets)
9. Registry of Births
10. Board of Education
11. Smoke inspection
12. Bureau of contagious diseases

HELP IN THE MUNICIPAL HOUSEKEEPING

Issued by women’s city club
• National Parks
• War Hero
• Industrialism – market freedom
  War bad for business
• Legal framework for peace
• Peace through power

• Playgrounds
• Anti-war
• Remnants of militarism in
  industrialism – markets marginalize
• Legal framework alone inadequate
• Peace through power does not work
Way of life – “Love your neighbor”
“Love your enemy” - “forgive”
“Peace Research: Just the Study of War”*

Negative Definition of Peace

PeaceWeaving

1. Relationships
2. Avoid Rigid Moralisms
3. Sympathetic Understanding
4. Community of Inquiry

1. Practical Problems
2. Scientific Attitude
3. Participatory Democracy
5. Lateral Progress
International Congress of Women at the Hague
April 1915
• Recognize a larger role for women in constructing peace
• Sympathetic Understanding toward enemy
• Practical Problems
  – Humanitarian Intervention
PeaceWeaving

– building the fabric of peace by emphasizing relationships. These positive relationships are built by working on practical problems, engaging people widely with sympathetic understanding while recognizing that progress is measure by the welfare of the vulnerable

(Shields & Soeters, 2015)
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Photograph of the Platform

Reading from left to right: Mrs. Thouman, Armenian; K. Leopoldina Kulka, Austria; Mrs. Hughes, Canada; Rosika Schwimmer, Hungary; Dr. Anita Augsburg, Germany; Jane Addams, U.S.A. President of the Congress; Ingerina Hamer, Belgium; Dr. Flotte Jacobs, President of the Dutch Executive Committee; Chrysal Avgillan, Great Britain; Rosa Genoni, Italy; Anna Klenan, Sweden; Thora Dalsgaard, Denmark; Louise Veiby, Norway.