How Jane Addams Ideas of Peace
came part of a US Army War College (Parameters) Publication

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Logic of Presentation

1. Library Trip
2. Who is Jane Addams
3. Faculty Development Leave
4. Peace Movement 1890s – 1917
5. Peaceweaving
6. Parameters
Founders of Pragmatism

Jane Addams

W.E.B. Du Bois
Recovering Jane Addams

Philosophy

Political Science

Public Administration

** Democracy
Who is Jane Addams?

Jane Addams’s Funeral Steps of Hull House

1860 - 1935
Nobel Peace Prize
1931
Founder
Anna Haldeman Addams
Stepmother

John Huy Addams
Father

Sarah Weber Addams
Mother

Anna Haldeman Addams
Stepmother
Rockford Female Seminary

- Valedictorian
- Editor Newspaper
- President Debate Club
- President of Class
Leader Settlement Movement

1880s – 1920s

Problems of Industrialization, Urbanization & Immigration

Poverty
Health – Sanitation
Health – Industrial accidents

Education

Inspired by trip to England’s Toynbee Hall

Top Down model of reform

Residential--Settlement Workers live and work in Community
Hull House (Chicago)

Immigrant Community Lab – conflict resolution

Bottoms up model of reform
Residents mostly women
Hull House Activities

drama classes,
day care programs,
coffee house/theater,
art and labor museum,
Sunday concerts,
choir,
over 25 clubs,
meeting rooms for organized labor,
cooperative apartments for young women
College Extension courses
Voter Registration
Speaker series....

first in Chicago to establish a public
bath,
gymnasium,
kitchen,
playground,
swimming pool.....
“The Settlement, then is an experimental effort to aid in the solution of the social and industrial problems which are engendered by modern conditions of life in a great city.” (Addams, 1910, p. 125)
Active social reform

- Child labor laws
- Playgrounds
- Juvenile Courts

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

1907
She nominated Progressive party presidential candidate.

Wilson nominated her for Nobel prize

She and Hoover worked on post WWI humanitarian efforts
Founder- Organizer

Civil Rights

NAACP
FORWARD

Civil Liberties

ACLU
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
Founder Classical American Pragmatism

Charles Sanders Peirce
John Dewey
William James
George Herbert Mead
W. E. B. Du Bois
Jane Addams

Feminist Pragmatism
Public Philosopher

Recover - Woman of Ideas
Hull House

Ideas emerged from
This feminine experience
Feminist Pragmatism

Immigrant Community
Labor/management disputes
Lab – conflict resolution

Democracy /ethics/peace
Bottoms up Participatory Democracy

Community of Inquiry

1. Identify problem
2. Engage community (participatory democracy)
3. Use scientific attitude

Act – see if it works.

Helpful in Conflict resolution --
focus on community problem **not on ideological/ethnic differences**
Recovering Jane Addams

1889
Celebrated

1915
Demeaned
Traitor
Communist
Silly old woman

WWI
Peace Activist
Humanitarian

1931
DOJ Surveillance

1935
Ideas Lost
World War I

Like an extinction event
Faculty Development Leave - 2014

- Expeditionary mindset/
  Peacekeeping

- Pragmatism/
  Public Administration
What Was Jane Addams’s concept of Peace?

Could it be useful in contemporary peace studies and Peacekeeping?
US Peace Movement (1890s – WWI)

- Establish International “Law and Order”
- Arbitration
- US Supreme Court as Model
- Peace Good for Business
- Christian Values
- Women’s social policy agenda
Peace Organizations (Elite)
Social conservative
National political figures
Important Businessmen

Ford

Roosevelt

Wilson

Addams

Taft

Carnegie
World leaders actively sought new institutions, legal frameworks and policy tools
• Permanent Court of Arbitration
• 1st formal statement laws of war, war crimes

War replaced by a system for the peaceful settlement of disputes among states.
PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE TEXAS PEACE CONGRESS
HELD AT
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
WACO, TEXAS
November 19-21, 1907
Women’ Peace Movement

• Maternalist

• Women have an instinctive and rational opposition to war
• Women & Children suffer but not at table
• Need increase participation of women in politics.
• Linked to Suffrage Movement
Aug. 1914

Against U.S. entering World War I

Aug. 1914

Women’s Peace March
International Peace Congress of Women at the Hague
April 1915
1915

- Women’s Peace Conference
  The Hague

- Delegation visited capitals warring Nations -- Mediation
• Organization “Society of Nations”
• Acknowledge women’s suffering during war
• Give women right to vote
• Women participation in Peace Processes
During WWI
During & After WWI

US Food Administration

Addams traveled across US

Post War disaster relief

4 million tons of supplies
23 countries

Herbert Hoover
Paternalism

Man of integrity

Duty
Moral Absolutism
Social Claim

Tension between the individual and social claim.
Social Claim Generated Conflict

(broken relationship)

Conflict Reinforced

Rigid Moralisms

Conflict Mitigated

Sympathetic Understanding
Perplexity
Working on common problems
Model of Municipal Government

Valued soldiers
Devalued Children

City as Citadel

Criticized outmoded model of city governance
Municipal Housekeeping

Take women’s skills into a new sphere

Embrace and expand social claim

Argued in favor of a more caring model of city government.

Women’s experience
Clean Streets
Clean Water
Safe Meat/Food
Safe Clothing
Care for children
Literature - libraries
“Survival of Militarism in City Government” (chapter 1)

“Failure to Utilize Immigrants in City Government

“Utilization of Women in City Government”

Social claim linked to Women’s Experience

Natural Leader of Women’s Peace Movement
April 1915

Social Claim

Widened - world

International Peace Congress of Women at the Hague
Where do Addams ideas fit in the larger Peace literature?
“Peace Research: Just the Study of War”*

Negative Definition of Peace

Problems with Negative Definition

1. Shifts focus from peace to violence.
2. Focuses on a short run end state.
3. Divorced from the dynamics of relationships.
4. Shifts attention away from underlying causes of violent conflict.
Positive Peace

• Nonviolent and creative conflict transformation.
• Uneven long run focus.
• The fabric of the kind of society to which we aspire.
• Integrity, wholeness and well-being that arise from justice.
• Humanity toward others.
• Openness to a widely conceived social claim.
1. Relationships
2. Avoid Rigid Moralisms

Friend/enemy
good/evil

Courage
3. Sympathetic Understanding

- How build relationship
- Perplexity
4. Community of Inquiry

1. Practical Problems
2. Scientific Attitude
3. Participatory Democracy
5. Lateral Progress

Duty toward the less fortunate – Social claim
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 measured by the welfare of the vulnerable.

(Shields & Soeters, 2015)
True *peace* is not merely the absence of tension:
It is the *presence of justice*.

Without *justice* there can be no *peace*.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Both peace and justice are a process --
Jane Addams offers insights into these processes.
Does Public Administration have a concept of Peace?

Could positive peace be a useful concept for public administration? For Policing?
Civic Housekeeping

1907

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Social claim linked to Women’s Experience
Chapter in book -- retirement

Title of book – Ambidexterity: Resolving Conflicts in Military Organizations

Write Chapter One – “Ambidexterity”

Defined Ambidexterity and showed underlying Pragmatism in his work.
“Peaceweaving, Jane Addams, Positive Peace and Public Administration”

Ambidexterity – incorporate both negative and positive peace into policy

Shields & Soeters, 2017
Identified Problems with Negative Peace Dominance in International Relations

- Short run time horizon
- Ignores relationships
- Absurdities
Limits of Negative Peace, Faces of Positive Peace

Argued that Army should re-conceptualize its strategic concept of peace
Recognize problems with reliance on Negative Peace
Consider the complexities of positive peace – including ideas of Jane Addams.
Addams Ethics

Basic Tenets

1. Social Claim
2. Tension between individual and social claims
3. Perplexity
4. Problem of rigid moralisms
5. Need sympathetic understanding
6. Critical Optimism
7. Evolutionary ethics – each generation new set of ethical challenges

1902
International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace

Becomes

UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security

Increased participation of women in decision making related to, prevention, management and resolution of armed combat.