

Recovering Jane Addams: Ethics, Social Work, Social Justice and Peace



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Logic of presentation

1. Who is Jane Addams
2. Jane Addams & Social Work
3. Philosophy – Social Justice/Peace
4. Peace movements & SW
5. My Story
6. Positive Peace & Peaceweaving

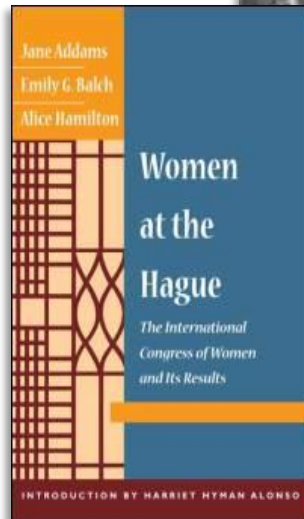
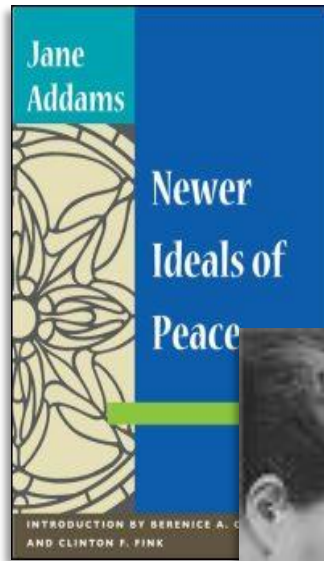




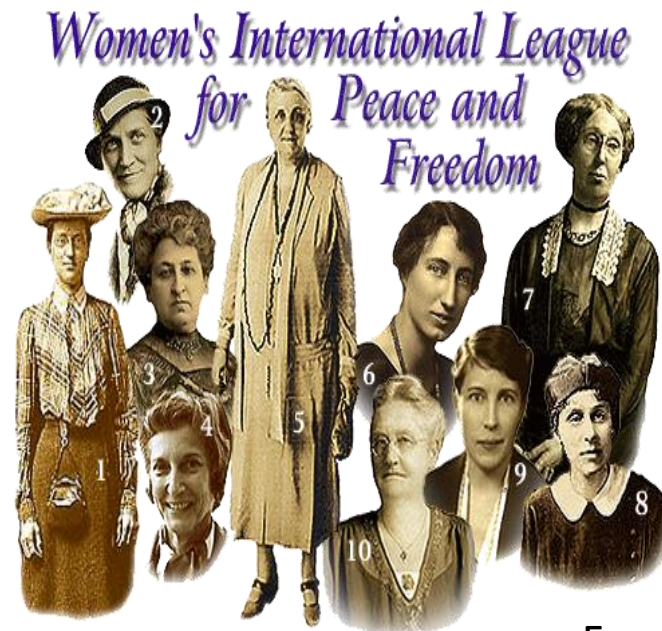
Jane Addams's Funeral
Steps of Hull House



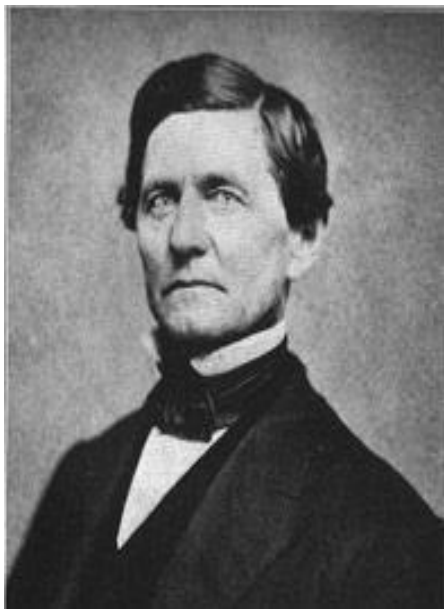
1860 - 1935



Nobel Peace Prize
1931



Founder



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

Poverty

Health – Sanitation

Health – Industrial accidents

Education



Inspired by trip to
England's Toynbee Hall

Top Down model of reform



Immigrant Community
Lab – conflict resolution

Bottoms up model of reform

Hull House (Chicago)



Hull House –
Settlement Workers gathering
1920

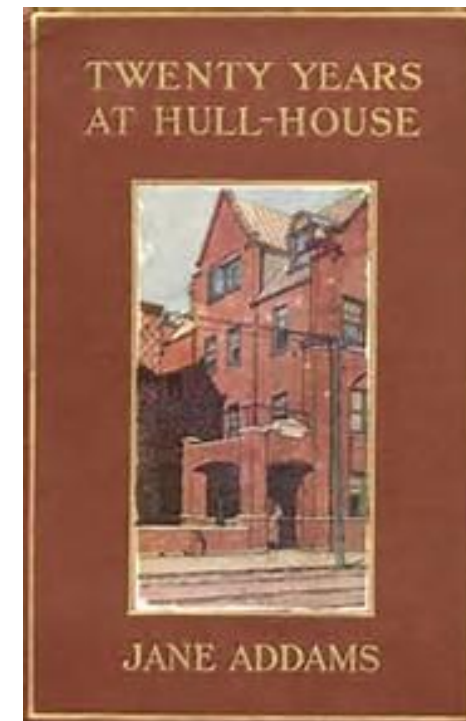
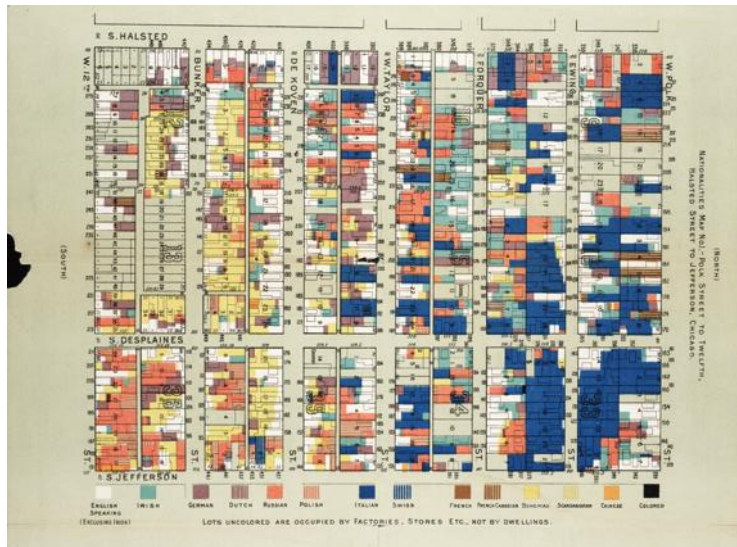


Hull House Activities

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

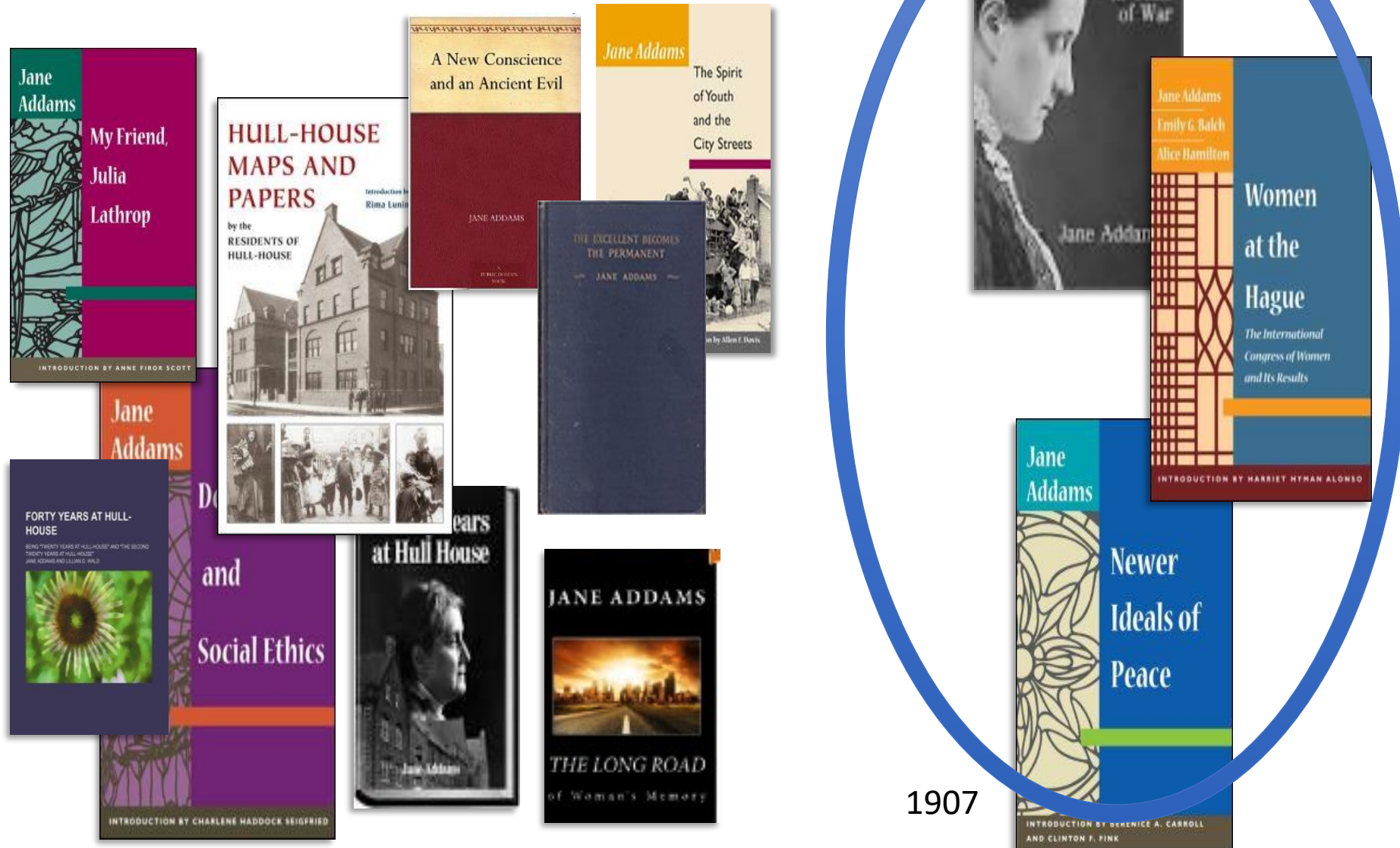


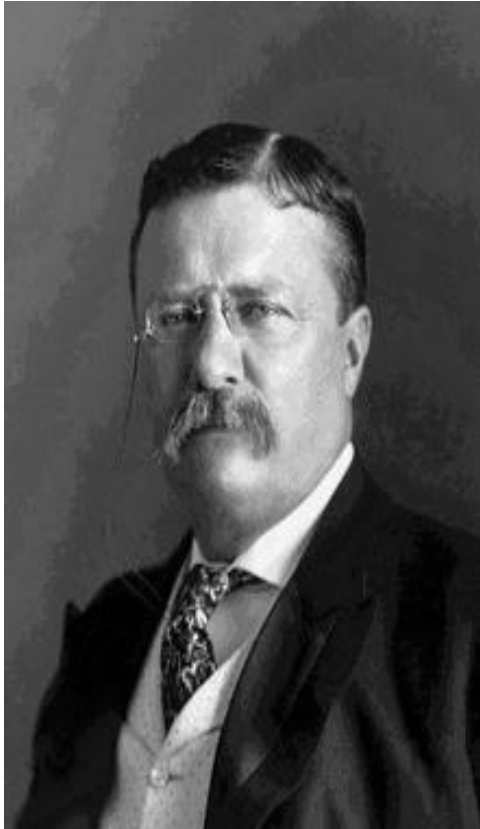
- Street Cleaning/garbage collection
- Water/Sewer
- Healthier workplace

- Child labor laws
- Playgrounds
- Juvenile Courts



Noted Speaker - Author





26th President

She nominated Progressive party presidential candidate.



28th President

Wilson nominated her for Nobel prize



31st
President

She and Hoover worked on post WWI humanitarian efforts



Founder- Organizer



Civil Rights

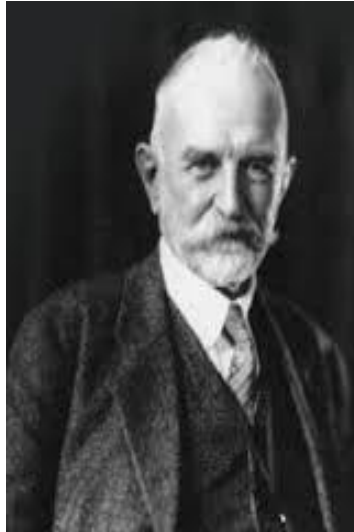


Civil Liberties

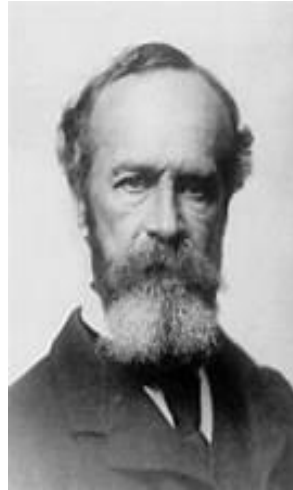
Founder Classical American Pragmatism



John Dewey



George Herbert
Mead



William James



W. E. B. Du Bois



Jane
Addams

Feminist Pragmatism
Public Philosopher

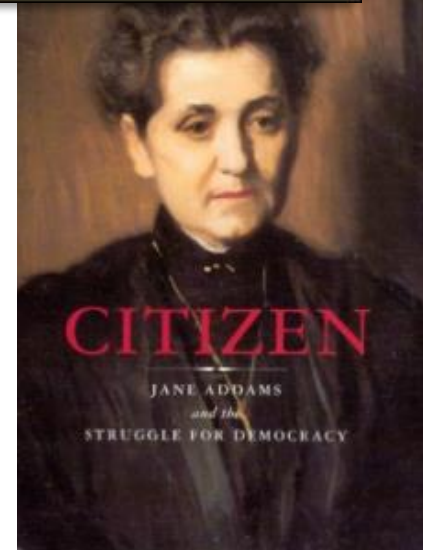
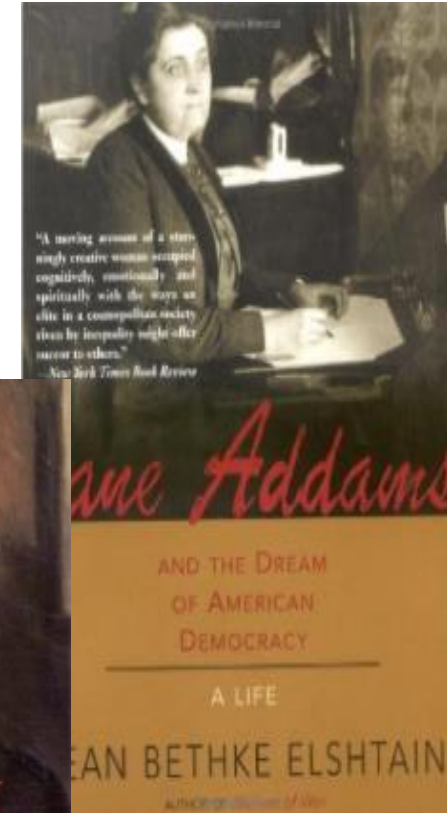
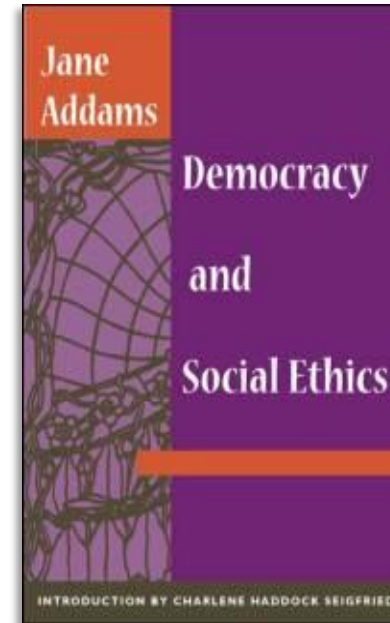
Recover - Woman of Ideas

Hull House

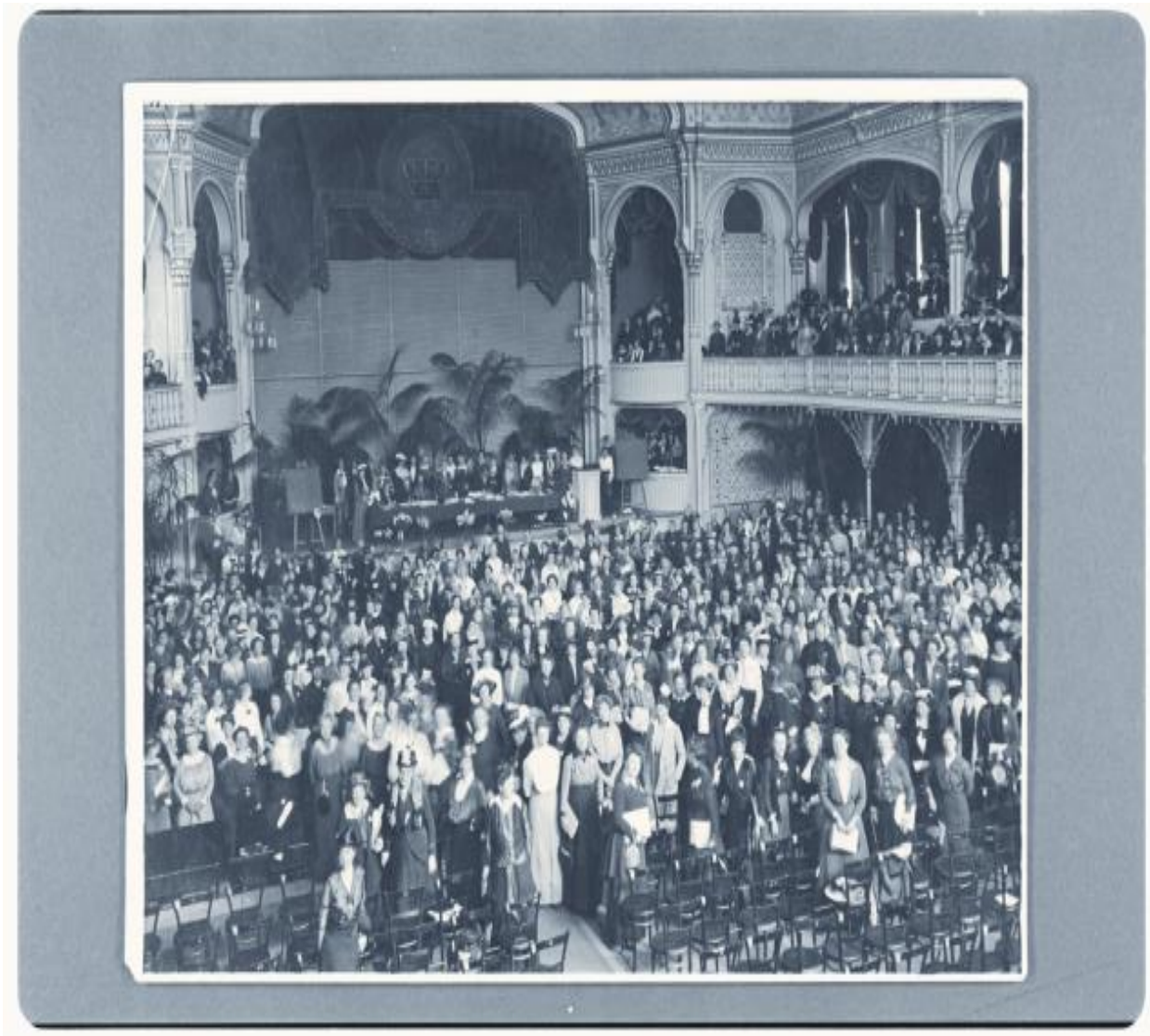


Ideas emerged from
This feminine experience
Feminist Pragmatism

Immigrant Community
Labor/management disputes
Lab – conflict resolution



Democracy /ethics/peace



1915 Women's Peace Conference The Hague



Speech Carnegie Hall



Recovering Jane Addams

Philosophy
Peace
Sociology
Public Administration



Peace Activist
Humanitarian

1889

Celebrated

1915

Demeaned

Traitor

Communist

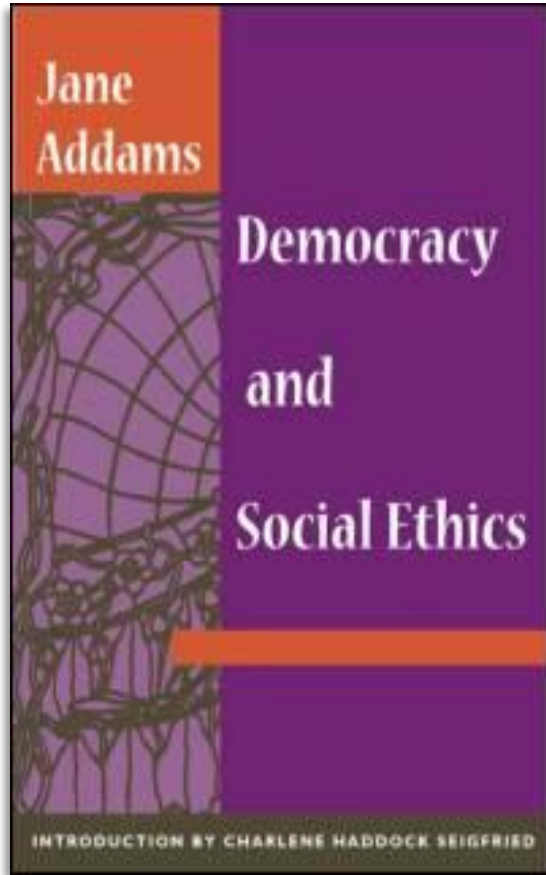
Silly old woman

1935

DOJ Surveillance

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



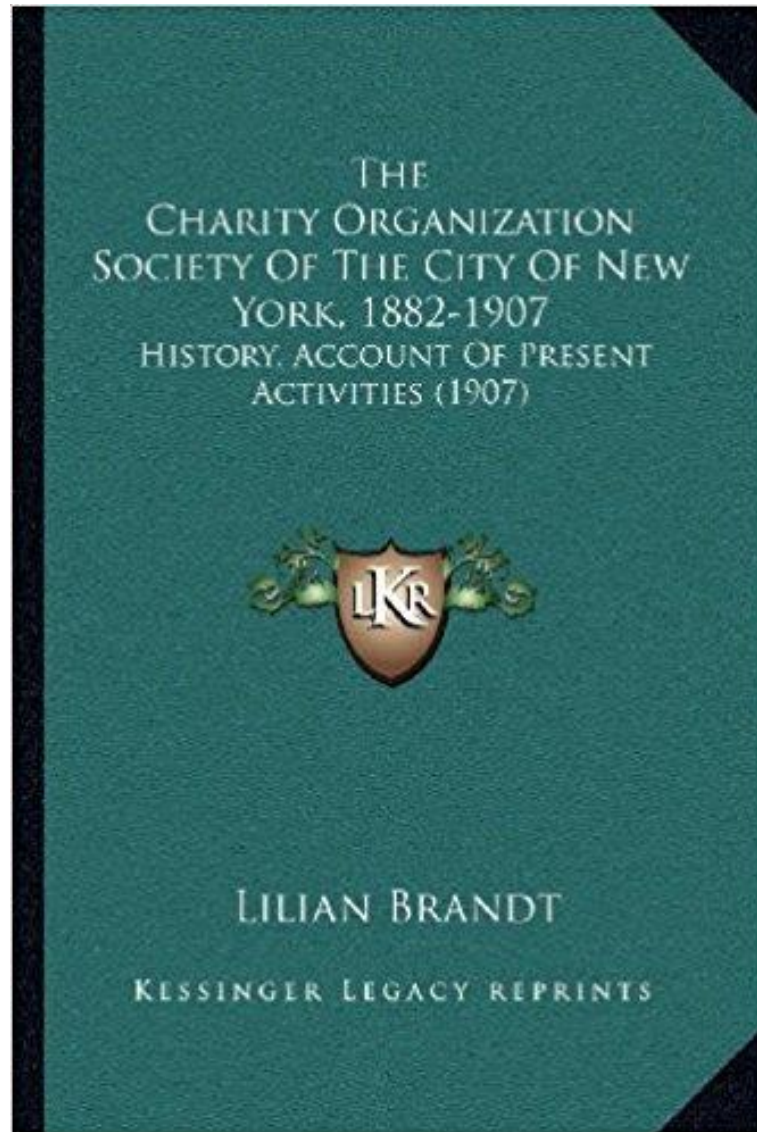
Clients -- Confusion --- Perplexity

Moving beyond rigid
(moral) belief systems

Change



Jane Addams & Social Work



“Check Evils of Overlapping Relief”

“Notorious Professional Beggars”

Bring business efficiency... practice
of local relief

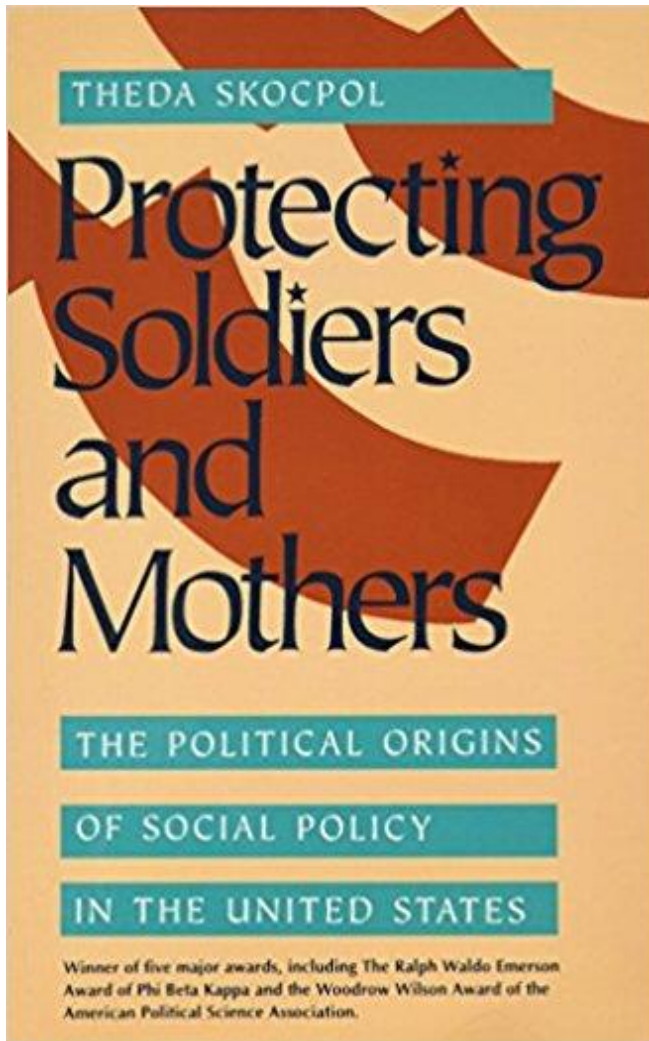
Friendly Visitor



Focus on Individuals and Families



Mary Richmond



Maternalism

Moral Authority of Mother

Abolition

Prohibition

Women's clubs

Women's Sphere

Claim **policy areas** that
affected women and
children



Settlement Movement
Part of Maternalist tradition

Reaction to
COS orientation





- Sole Focus Social Work
- Social Work Education
- Focus on Case Work
- Professionalization of SW
- Not a reformer (against Suffrage)

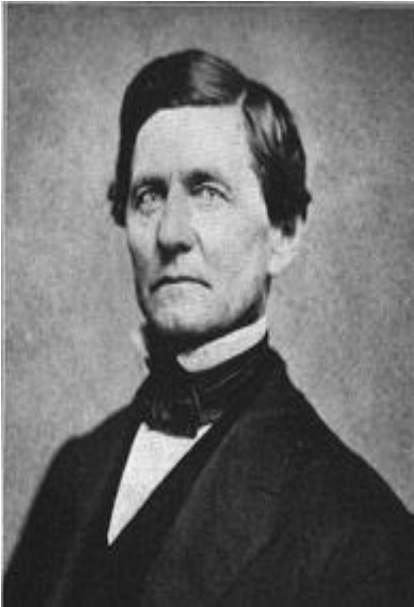


- Non-profit (executive director)
- Focus on Social Reform
- Tradition of activism
- Focus on Peace



Philosophy – Social Justice/Peace

Paternalism

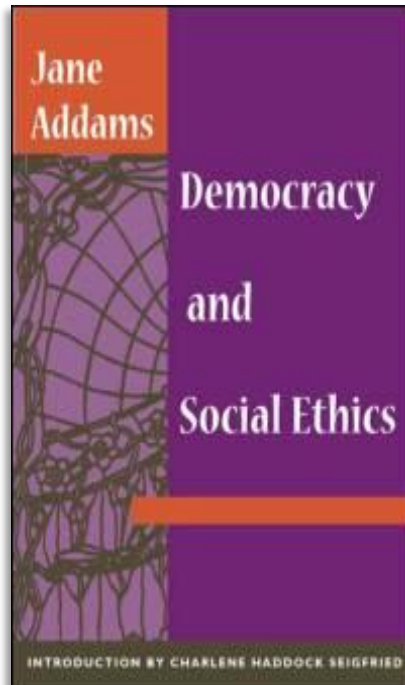


Man of integrity



Duty
Moral Absolutism

Social Claim



Municipal Housekeeping



City as Citadel

Valued soldiers
Devalued Children

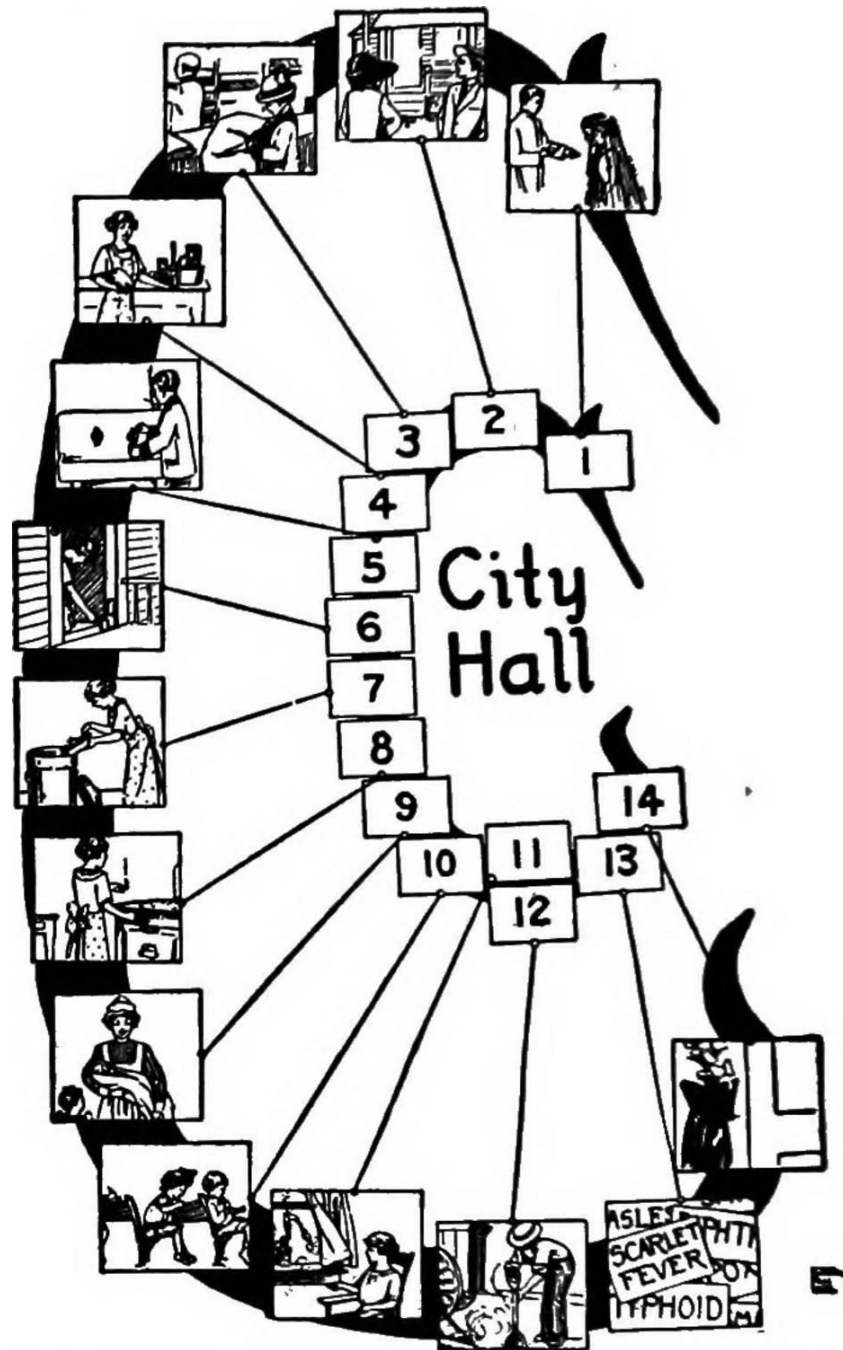
Criticized outmoded model
of city governance

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

Women's
experience

Take women's skills into a new sphere

Embrace a social claim



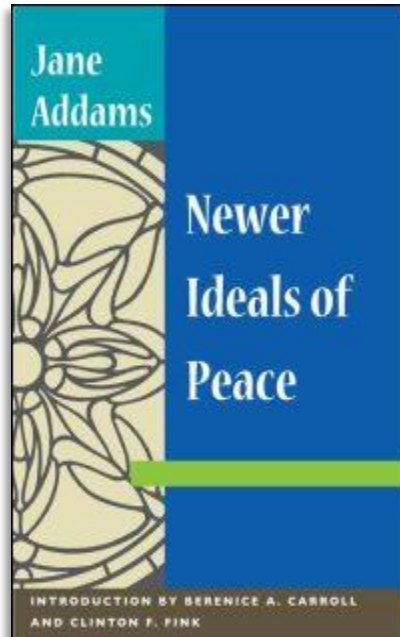
Clean Streets
Clean Water
Safe Meat/Food
Safe Clothing
Care for children
Literature

Civic Housekeeping

1907 “Survival of Militarism in City Government” (chapter 1)

“Failure to Utilize Immigrants in City Government

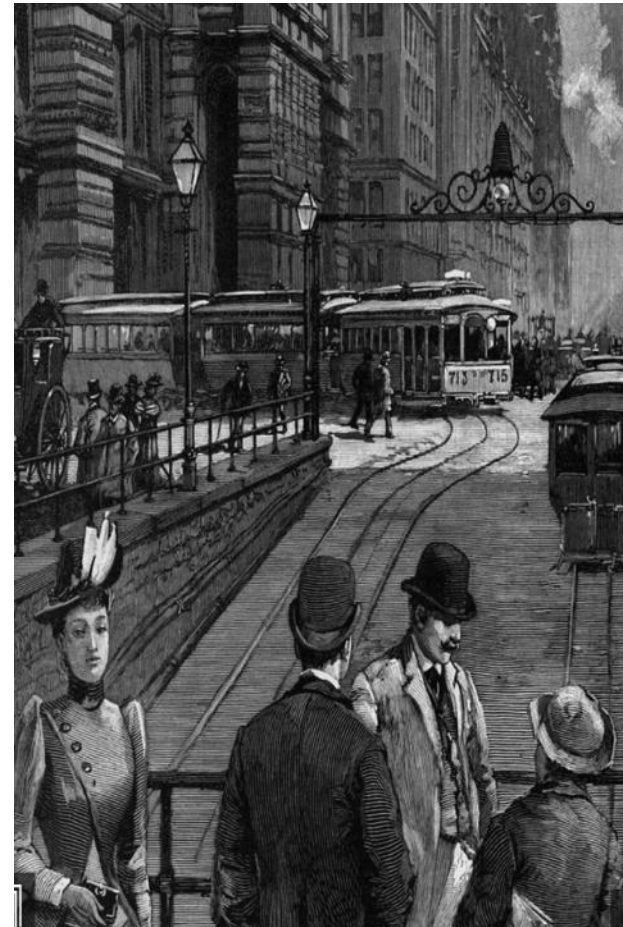
“Utilization of Women in City Government”



Social claim linked to Women's Experience

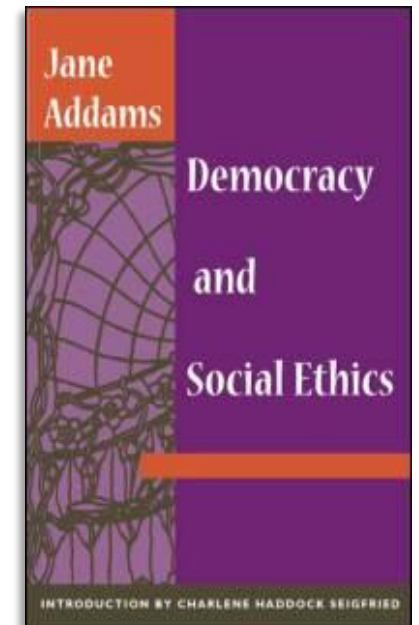
Natural Leader of Women's Peace Movement





“Formerly it was believed that poverty was synonymous with vice and laziness, and that the prosperous man was the righteous man, charity was administered harshly with a good conscience for the charitable agent really blamed the individual for his poverty”

(Addams, 1902, p. 11)





Friendly visitor moves beyond narrow
Family/private sphere.

Social Justice – move outside private sphere

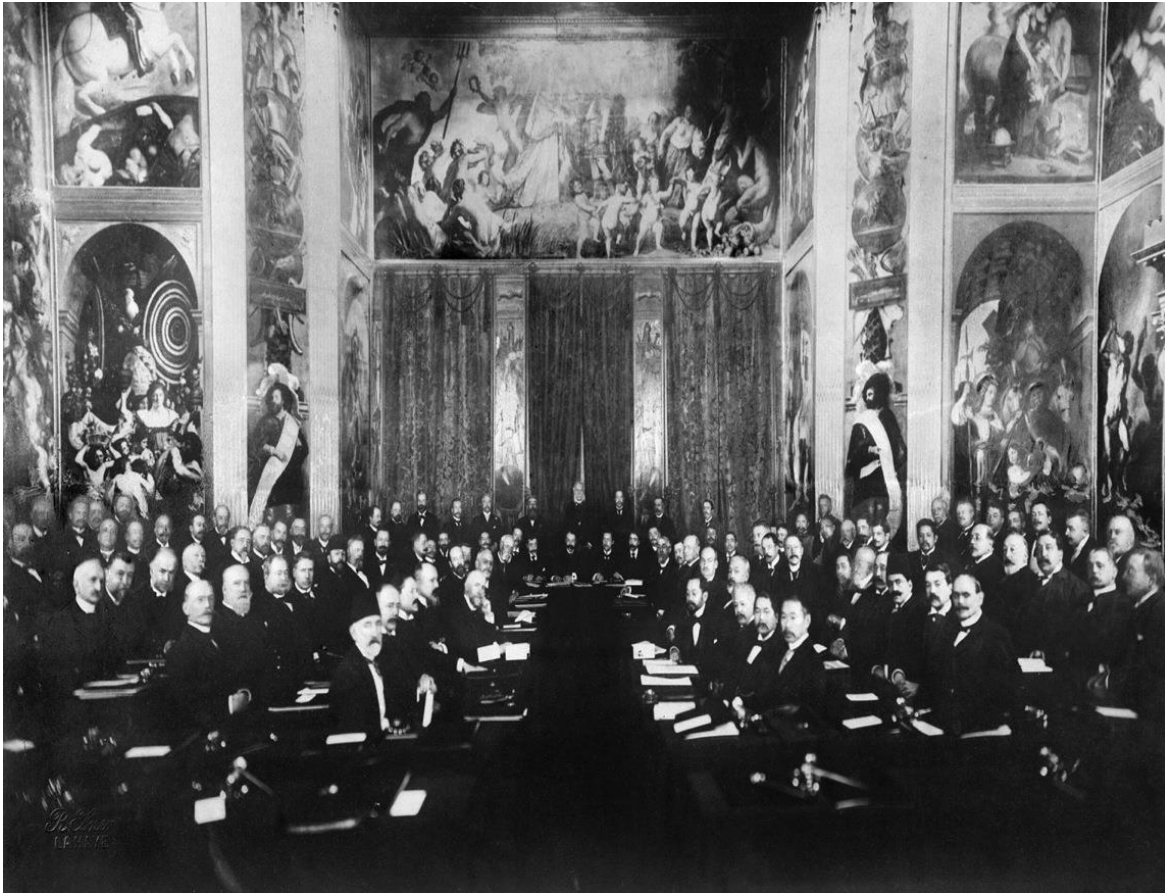


Thrift, cleanliness, avoid vices,
Avoid Laziness, save.

Charity Worker



- Tension between individual and social
- Perplexity
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- Evolutionary ethics – each generation new set of ethical challenges



Peace Movements (1890s – WWI)

Establish International Law and Order
Peace Good for Business

Elite -- Social conservative
National political Business leaders

Legal framework for peaceful settlement of disputes

Hague Peace
Conferences
(1899-1907)



Women' Peace Movement

- Maternalist
- Preserving the Social Fabric



Leader of Both

Maternal Instinct

- 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



Carrie Chapman Catt

Woman's Peace Party established
– **Jane Addams Leader**



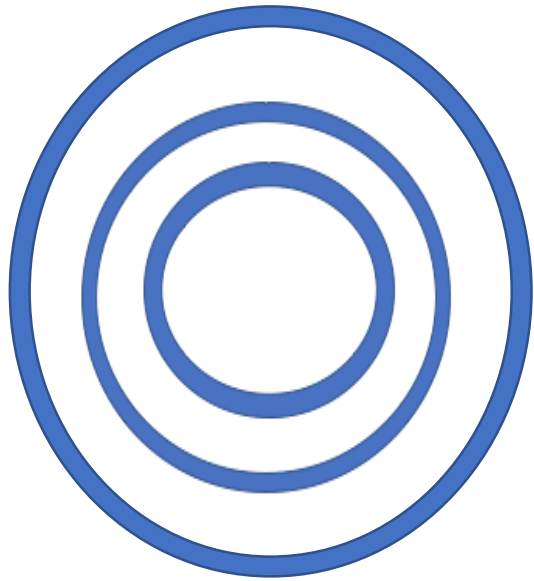
Aug. 1914

Women's Peace March

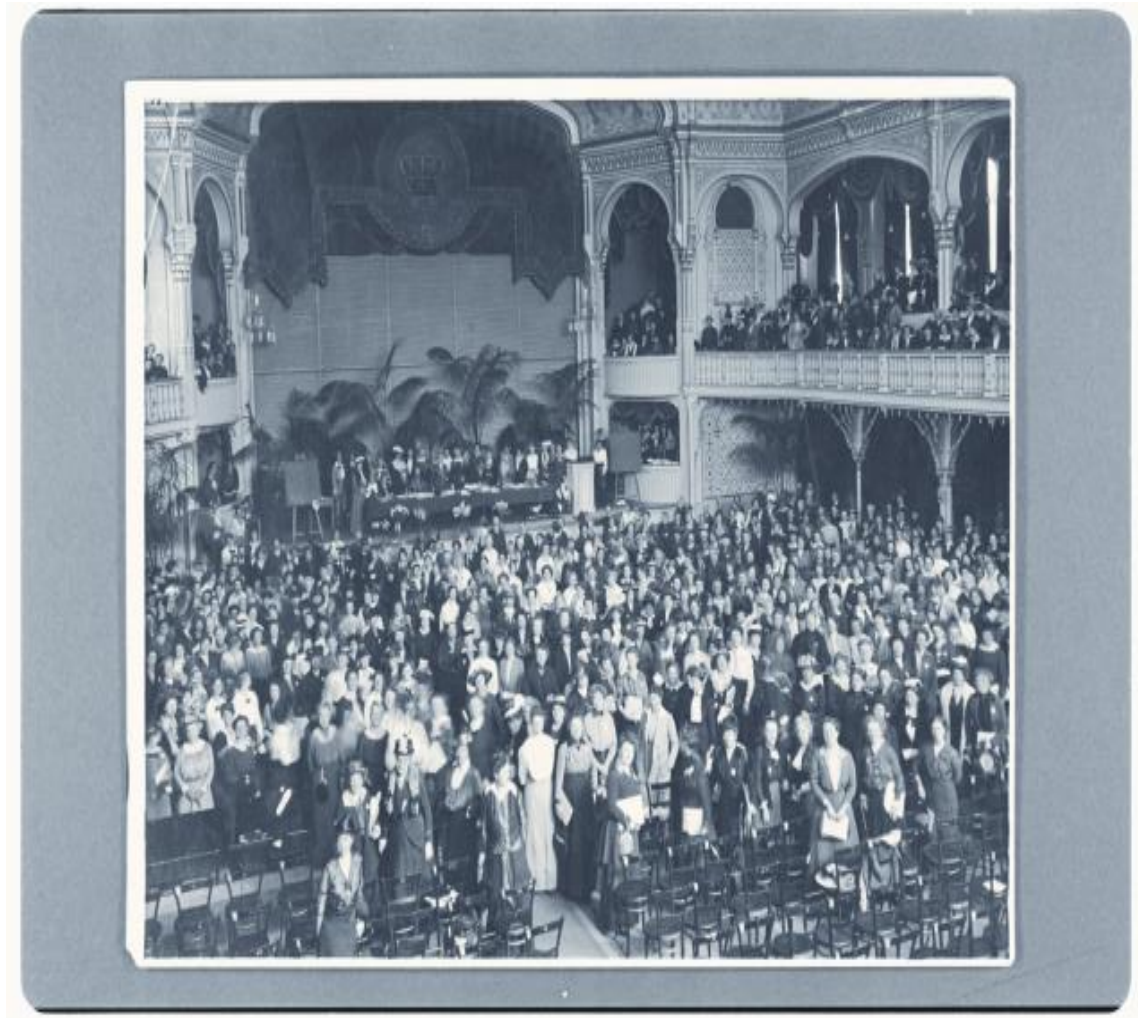


International Peace Congress of Women at the Hague
April 1915

Social Claim



April 1915



International Peace Congress of Women at the Hague

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF WOMEN

THE HAGUE — APRIL 28TH TO MAY 1ST 1915

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

- Begin peace negotiations immediately
- Organization “Society of Nations”
- **Acknowledge women’s suffering during war**
- **Give women right to vote**
- **Women participation in Peace Processes**

Preserving the Social Fabric



Time had come when “some of us who deal with the social fabric” ... Engage international relations..

Lilian Wald

Preserving the Social Fabric

- Led by Social Workers
- Threat of war to domestic social programs
- Importance of conservation of society
- SW expertise at Social Relations
 - expanded to International Relations



Lillian Wald & Jane Addams

Henry Street Settlement



Close knit group of social work leaders ...launch a national movement and proclaim a bolder program than that of the old peace societies, a program that would challenge commercialism and commercial exploitation, denounce armaments, and “breathe the spirit of democracy.”

Marchand 227



During WWI



US Food Administration

Addams traveled
across US

Critical Optimism
Things can be bettered



American Relief
Administration

4 million tons of supplies
23 countries

Herbert Hoover

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.

Recovering Jane Addams



1889

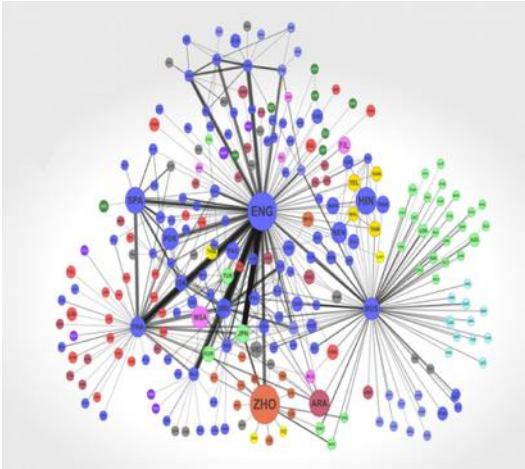
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Expeditionary mindset/
Peacekeeping

Pragmatism/
Public Administration

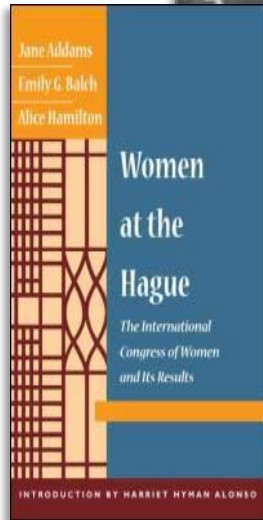
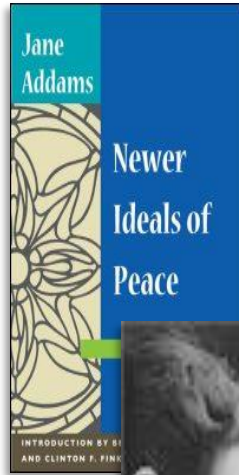


Warrior



Peacekeeper





Nobel Peace Prize
1931



Faculty
Development
Leave

What was her idea
Of Peace?

Could it be applied
To Peacekeeping?



Pioneers in Arts, Humanities, Science, Engineering, Practice 10

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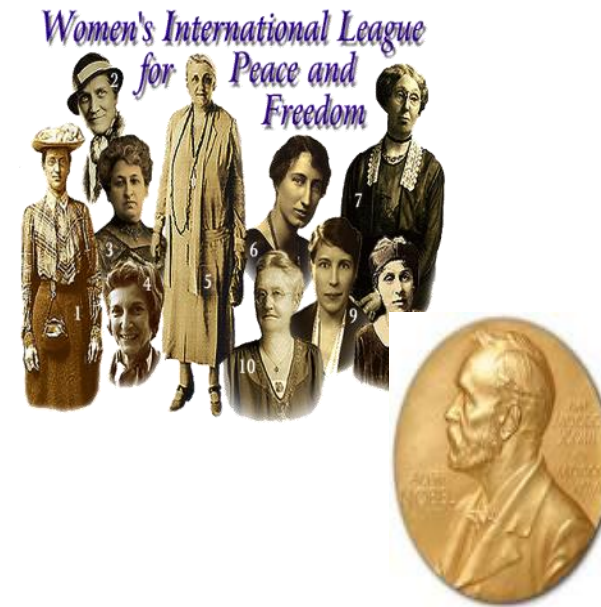
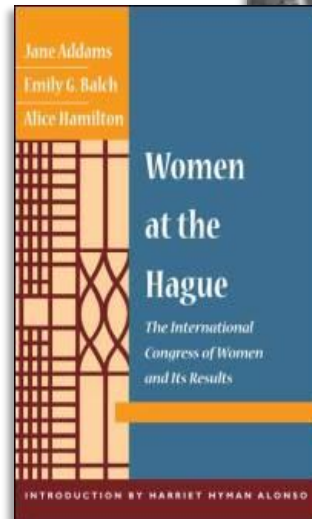
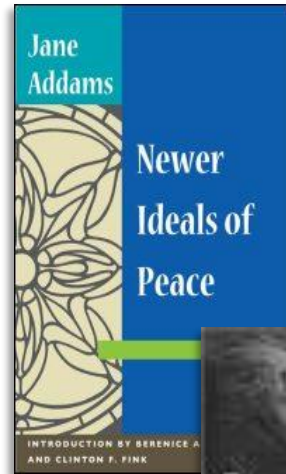
Jane Addams: Progressive Pioneer of Peace, Philosophy, Sociology, Social Work and Public Administration

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UNIVERSITY
The rising STAR of Texas

 Springer



Addams – Peaceweaving





“Peace Research:
Just the Study of War”*

Negative Definition of Peace

* Gleditsch, N. Nordkvelle, J & Strand, H. (2014)

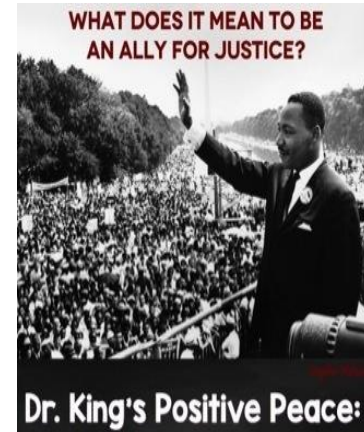
Problems with Negative Definition



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.





Feminine sensibility

PeaceWeaving

1. Relationships

2. Avoid Rigid Moralisms



Friend/enemy
good/evil

Courage

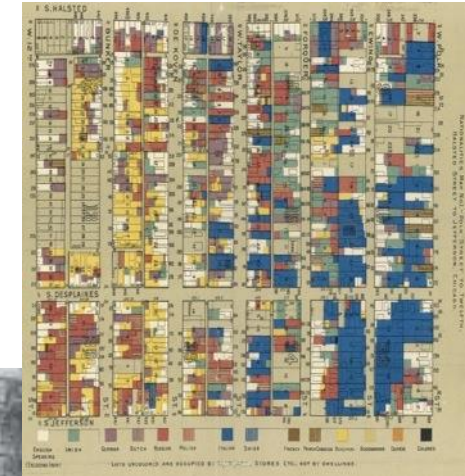
3. Sympathetic Understanding



How build
relationship

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 measure by the welfare of the vulnerable. (Shields & Soeters, 2015)

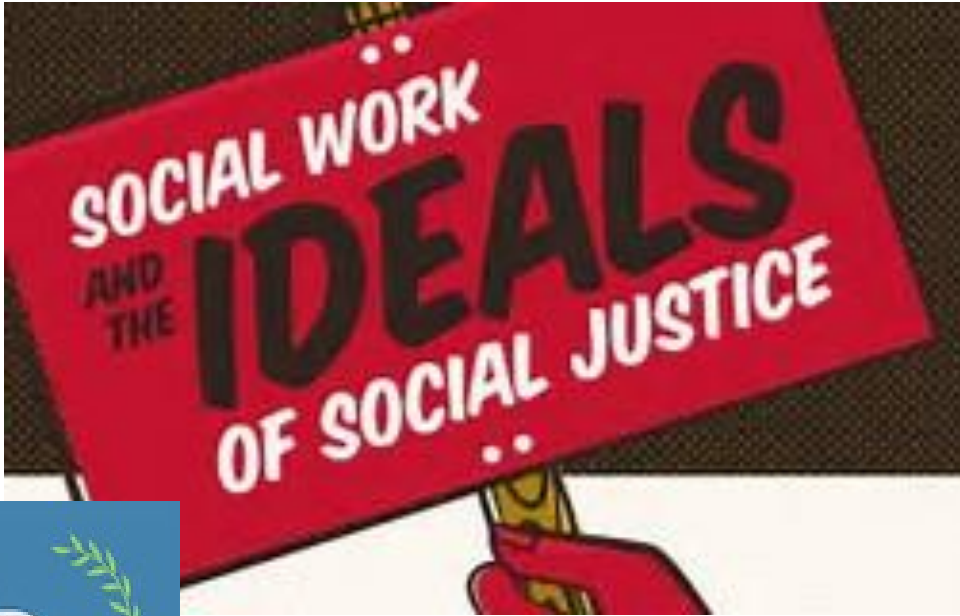
True *peace* is not merely the absence of tension:
It is the *presence of justice*

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



Embrace Heritage

- Challenge of Social Ethics in 21st Century
- Recover idea of positive peace
- Integrate “positive peace”
into practice –
logical extension of social justice

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