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Professor Brandon Hamber is the John Hume and Thomas P. O'Neill Chair in Peace at Ulster University based at the International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE). He is also a member of the Transitional Justice Institute.

Background

He was born in South Africa and currently lives in Belfast. In South Africa, he trained as a Clinical Psychologist at the University of the Witwatersrand and holds a PhD from Ulster University. Before moving to Northern Ireland, he worked at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation in Johannesburg, coordinating their work on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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Experience

Professor Hamber has undertaken consulting and research work, and participated in various peace and reconciliation initiatives in Liberia, Mozambique, Bosnia, the Basque Country and Sierra Leone, among others. He has written extensively on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the psychological implications of political violence, masculinities and the process of transition and reconciliation. He has consulted with various community groups, policy initiatives and government bodies in Northern Ireland, South Africa and globally, such as the UN. He is a board member of Healing Through Remembering (Northern Ireland) and Impunity Watch (Netherlands) and a Trustee of the Conflict Textiles collection.

Awards

He was a visiting Tip O'Neill Fellow in Peace Studies at INCORE in 1997/1998. He also received the Rockefeller Resident Fellowship (1996) and was a visiting fellow at the Centre for the Study of Violence in Sao Paulo, Brazil. In 2010-2013, he was a Mellon Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. He was awarded The Paul Harris Medal for contributions to peace by Rotary (2013) and was listed as one of the Top 100: The most influential people in the reduction of armed violence by the Action on Armed Violence Network (2013/2014).

Publications

He has published over 40 journal articles, over 30 book chapters and 7 books. He published *Transforming Societies after Political Violence: Truth, Reconciliation, and Mental Health* with Springer in 2009, and in Spanish by *Ediciones Bellaterra* (2011). In 2015, he published *Psychosocial Perspectives on Peacebuilding* (Editors: Brandon Hamber, Gallagher, Elizabeth) and *Healing and Change in the City of Gold: Case Studies of Coping and Support in Johannesburg* (Editors: Ingrid Palmay, Brandon Hamber, Lorena Núñez), both with Springer. In 2024, *Masculinities and Queer Perspectives in Transitional Justice* (Editors Philipp Schulz, Brandon Hamber and Heleen Touquet) was published by Routledge.
