

Dear Department of Art and Design,

Students of Drawing II 2016, has handed forward a collaborative, installation work to the current Drawing II students. I am writing on their behalf to ask you to encourage your students and the broader community to participate in our project. It is called "Ribbons for Peace: SYRIA". The intention of the work is to introduce drawing II students to a collaborative, installed, communal, work of art that creates awareness around an issue that is meaningful.

On the second floor, NW hallway of the CA all will encounter a bulletin board covered with ribbons drawn from observation. Additionally, there are materials, instructions and fast facts about the project and Syria. Everyone is invited to stop by and draw a ribbon.

We hope you will participate and invite your classes and spread the word. Everyone who draws a ribbon will be part of the exhibited installation. During the student juried show the Drawing II students will install the work in the windows of the Crossman Gallery. (You may recall the "In Memory" project we did; gathering 358 ribbons to remember the lives of Michael Brown, Armand Bennet, Ezell Ford John Crawford, Jeremy Lake, Tamir Rice, Akai Gurley, Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, and Amadou Diallo.) We are hoping to gather 500 ribbons for the "Ribbons for Peace: SYRIA" project.

If you would like a student from Drawing II to come into your class to lead the drawing, or to take 5 min to introduce the idea, or if you would like some materials or ribbons please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your participation,
Bethann and the students of Drawing II



Ribbons for PEACE: SYRIA

Please join us in creating awareness and compassion for the Syrian Refugees. Take time to read the facts that we have presented and then draw a ribbon from direct observation. Post your ribbon with ours and it will be exhibited in the Crossman Gallery in April.

The color of each ribbon has a symbolic meaning, please see our list below. Thank you for joining us in this collaborative work of art; raising awareness and compassion for the humanity of the people in crisis. We hope to move people toward action, private or public. Sincerely, the students of Drawing II

If you would like to include participation on your resume: Ribbons for Peace: SYRIA collaborative, installation / 500 participants. Crossman Gallery, UWW, April 2017

Gold = Prosperity

Pink = Prayers

Red = acknowledgment of suffering

Green = Life,

Freedom White = Hope

Blue = call to action or pledge of action

About six-in-ten Syrians are now displaced from their homes, a number unprecedented in recent history for a single country. The Syrian conflict has displaced millions of citizens since protests against the al- Assad government began more than five years ago.

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/10/05/key-facts-about-the-worlds-refugees/>

More information is posted in the hallway and Links to video information

Journey From Syria: No Choice: New Yorker

<http://video.newyorker.com/watch/the-journey-from-syria-no-choice>

Aerial: Drone footage: Homs Syria

<https://youtu.be/DoRdCbDd50o>

I also have a power point I am happy to share with anyone who would like to view it or share with their students.

