

# Engineering through a Peacebuilding Lens: A Theory of Change for Engineers

Join *peace engineer Jerry McCann* and representatives from the A.J. Drexel Institute for Energy and the Environment, and the College of Engineering's new Peace Engineering Master's Program, for a seminar on the role of engineers in the peacebuilding process from the field implementation perspective.

Jerry McCann is a licensed civil and structural engineer in the State of California who has spent over a dozen years of his professional life engineering and overseeing the construction of public and commercial structures. After a successful seven-year stretch of engineering, Jerry joined the US Peace Corps in 1991 and relocated to Uganda, East Africa to teach civil engineering at one of the country's colleges. He returned to the USA in 1995 to get a Master's in Construction Engineering and Management at Cal Berkeley and hone the technical skills he believed would be needed to effectively support development efforts abroad. For the next 17 years, Jerry focused not on what he could do for Kenya and other countries of Africa but more importantly how the skilled local talent in these countries could benefit from his support. In 2004 Jerry was invited to lead the efforts of Interpeace ([www.interpeace.org](http://www.interpeace.org)), an international peacebuilding organization based in Geneva, Switzerland with links to the United Nations. By 2010 Jerry was promoted to Deputy Director-General, overseeing Interpeace's work around the world. Combining his engineering skills with an understanding of the socio-political dynamics needed for peacebuilding, Jerry established and worked with local peacebuilding institutions in over 20 countries on 5 continents.



Thursday, March 8th  
2:30 PM

Lebow Hill  
Conference Room

Refreshments provided



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