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## Cerritos College Professor Recognized for His Contribution to Peacebuilding

## Dr. John Haas Wins 2016 Mediation Association Award

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**NORWALK, Calif. – December 15, 2016 –** Dr. John Haas, assistant professor of history, Cerritos College, received Southern California Mediation Association's (SCMA) Education Foundation Directors Award for his global peacebuilding effort.

Dr. Haas is the Founder and Director of the Global Consortium for Sustainable Peace, a network of global partners that share a common goal of bridging cultural gaps in the world and promoting peace.

Global Consortium broadcasts live from Cerritos College to over 2.1 million college students throughout California, webcast on the internet, broadcast on 3CMediaSolutions, and interactively shown live to partner schools, educators, students, and institutions across the globe.

Using technology, Dr. Haas has linked with Northern Ireland, Israel, Palestine, and Turkey to examine models of conflict management with his students. He has also hosted a live international conference of peacemakers on an SCMA Panel on Technology and Peacemaking.

Dr. Haas has received numerous accolades, including a commendation from the United States Congress, recognizing his work in promoting global peace, education and understanding. He has lectured at universities and symposia around the world and the UN, and has facilitated discussions with leaders in education, conflict resolution, cultural studies and history.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <u>http://www.cerritos.edu/</u>.

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