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StandUp For Peace was born in June 2002, when Scott Blakeman and Dean Obeidallah produced a series of comedy shows to benefit Seeds of Peace, which promotes understanding between Palestinian and Israeli teenagers at summer camps. Scott and Dean have received critical acclaim and drawn standing room only crowds at colleges, theaters, Jewish and Arab-American Community Centers, Temples and comedy clubs.

Scott Blakeman is a top political comedian working in New York who draws on his liberal Jewish background. He is the original member of “Laughing Liberally,” a New York-based political comedy show and recently performed his one-man show “Liberal Jew” on Martha’s Vineyard. Scott teaches a Stand-up Comedy Workshop at the New School, and his past students include The Daily Show’s Jon Stewart and Caroline Rhea.

Dean Obeidallah’s comedy comes in large part from his unique background of being the son of a Palestinian father and a Sicilian mother. Dean, an award winning comedian who was at one time a practicing attorney, has appeared on Comedy Central’s “Axis of Evil” Comedy special and is the co-creator and co-producer of Comedy Central.com’s critically acclaimed Internet series “The Watch List” featuring Middle Eastern-American comedians performing stand up and sketch comedy.
Friday, March 2

2:30-4:00pm, JRC101
INSIDE/OUTSIDE THE LAW AND CONFLICT
Faculty respondent: Gemma Sala, Political Science
- Swayam Bagaria ’13: The Metonymies of the State: Satipua and the ‘Paradox of Illegibility’ of the Indian State
- Olivia Lee: Wollstonecraft, Kant, and China’s One-Child Policy: The Right to Education vs. The Right to Life
- Brittany Landorf: The Recognition of Shari’a: An In-depth Analysis of Islamic Custody Cases

2:30-4:00pm, JRC 225
GENOCIDES AND THEIR AFTERMATHS
Faculty respondent: Todd Armstrong, Russian
- Caitlin Beling ’12: The Mass Rape of Bosniak Women: A Case of Genocide and Femicide
- Rebecca Kulik ’14: The Progress Towards Turkish Recognition of the Armenian Genocide
- Isabella Lee ’14: Denazification and Discourse in Post-War Germany

2:30-4:00pm, JRC226
STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: HUNGER, ILLNESS, AND DISEASE
Faculty respondent: Elizabeth Queatham, Biology
- Megan Januska ’12: Obstetric and Traumatic Gynecologic Fistula in Sierra Leone: A Call for Empowerment
- Jake Lindstrom ’14: Neglected Tropical Diseases:; The Curable Pandemic
- Leah Lucas’14: Violence Causes Hunger in Guatemala: From Coups to CAFTA

4:15-5:45pm, JRC101
GENDER, RIGHTS, AND SUBJECTIVITY
Faculty respondent: Sara Sanders, History
- Amanda Peterson: Critical Mass and Women’s Political Representation in Rwanda
- Aurora Quinn-Elmore’12: Cumulative Effects of Systematic Discrimination Against Transgender Americans
- Hal Bunton: The Where, the Innocent, and Their World: A Comprehensive Approach to Sex Trafficking in the 21st Century

4:15-5:45pm, JRC225
SPEAKING FOR, SPEAKING WITH: SURVIVOR-CENTERED APPROACHES TO HUMAN RIGHTS
Faculty respondent: Brigidtine French, Anthropology
- Cesar Cabezas’14: The Peruvian Truth Commission and the Strengthening of Democratic Institutions
- Claire Griffith ‘12: Coming Home? Return and Its Implications for Peacebuilding in Bosnia
- Kathryn Fenster ’14: Victim’s Rights in 9/11/01 Violence

Keynote Presentations and Discussion
7:30-9:00 pm, JRC101

DILEMMAS OVER DAMS
David Campbell, Biology/Environmental Studies, Grinnell College
Three Dams on Three Rivers: the Xingu, the Narmada, and the Yangtze

Barbara Rose Johnston, Environmental Anthropology, UC Santa Cruz:
Water and Human Rights: Emerging Trends, Sustainable Futures?

Saturday, March 3

9:30am-11:00am, JRC225
INTERNATIONAL POLICIES, CONFLICTS, AND ENVIRONMENTS
Faculty respondent: Barbara Rose Johnston, Anthropology, UC Santa Cruz
- Sam Mulopulos ’14: Avoiding the New Cold War: Environmental Conflict Resolution and the Need for an International Legal Regime in the High Arctic
- Anthony Wenndt ’15: The Conflicts Behind Premature Industrialization: Agriculture Meets Government
- Saphir Blau ’14: Modern Warfare: Why and How International War Laws Need to Change to Address Modern Combat

9:30am-11:00am, JRC226
Racialization, Inequality, and Violence
Faculty respondent: David Cook-Martin, Sociology
- Ethan Kenvar ’12: “Thisnigglyagly”: Understanding Violent Hate Speech in Rap Music
- Erin Whalen ’12: Perpetuated Borders: Boundaries and Mistrust in Post-Apartheid South Africa

11:00am-12:30pm, JRC225
THE POWER OF DISCOURSE: SOCIAL CIRCULATION, CONTROL, AND CHANGE
Faculty respondent: Matthew Johnson, History
- Ellen Noble: The Effect of New Technology on Humanitarian Narratives: Citizen Journalism in Libya and Uganda
- Liyan Chen ’12: China’s Internet Governance: Between Development and Censorship

11:00am -12:30pm, JRC226
EMBODIED PERFORMANCE, CONFLICT, AND VIOLENCE
Faculty respondent: Celeste Miller, Theatre and Dance
- Ashley Campbell: “Poro business is eating business”: The Use of Ritual in the Liberian Civil War
- Stefanie Kundakjian ’13: La Resolucion Pacifica de Conflictos: Conflict Resolution and Theater in Colombia
- Joe Hilfer ’12: Bodily Witness: Choreography of the Political

StandUp For Peace Comedy Duo
8:00pm, JRC101

The Two Comedian Solution to Middle East Peace
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