



# 2013 Guest Presenters

## Lisa Shannon

*A Thousand Sisters:  
My Journey into the Worst Place on  
Earth to Be a Woman*

Lisa Shannon, the first grassroots activist in the US working to raise awareness of the humanitarian crisis in the Congo, has devoted herself to helping women in the Congo. One of *O Magazine's* 100 Most Influential Women on the Planet, Shannon explores the world's deadliest war through the intimate lens of friendship, and shares her thoughts on the new politics of do-it-yourself foreign aid: "It's never too late to change the world – or yourself."



## Chris Abani

*Stories of Struggle,  
Stories of Hope: Art,  
Politics and Human  
Rights*

What is the role of art and literature in defending human rights and democracy? Chris Abani – recipient of the PEN Freedom-to-Write Award – examines this question, drawing on his acclaimed body of work, as well as his own political activism. Imprisoned for his writings by the Nigerian government when he was a teenager, Abani "may be the most courageous writer working right now" (Dave Eggers).

## Eden Grace

Director of Global  
Ministries at Friends  
United Meeting

## Diane Randall

Executive Secretary of  
Friends Committee on  
National Legislation  
*Preventing Election  
Violence in Kenya*



In 2008, FUM's Africa Ministries Office worked intensely with local leaders to heal communities torn apart by the post-election violence. What FUM learned from 2008 helped them prepare for the election in 2013, leading to a partnership with FCNL on violence-prevention efforts in Kenya.



## Blood in the Mobile

We love our cell phones and the selection between different models has never been bigger. But the production of phones has a dark, bloody side. The documentary *Blood in the Mobile* shows

the connection between our phones and the civil war in the Congo. Director Frank Poulsen travels to DR Congo to see the illegal mine industry with his own eyes. *Blood in Mobile* is a film about our responsibility for the conflict in the Congo and about corporate social responsibility.

## About Wilmington College

### Westheimer Peace Symposium

The Westheimer Peace Symposium promotes the exploration of peace as a viable, realistic alternative in a complex, violence-prone world.

Each year speakers challenge Wilmington College students and the community by addressing the topics of nonviolence, social justice, the environment, and the nature of war. The Symposium has hosted such nationally known speakers as Arun Gandhi, Walter Wink, Elise Boulding, Stephen Collett, Chief Oren Lyons, Colman McCarthy, George McGovern, Elias Chacour, Le Ly Hayslip, Baldemar Valasquez, Julian Bond, Jan Schlichtmann, Winona LaDuke, Robert Kaplan, Robert Kennedy, Jr., Sarah Chayes, and Alicia Partnoy.



## Charles and May Westheimer

Charles and May Westheimer endowed the Peace Lecture Series in 1991, with the hope that it would be a forum for the Wilmington College community to be explicit about peacemaking, social justice, humanitarian service, and respect for all persons. Since its inception, the Symposium has continued to grow, expanding its audience and its influence on Wilmington College and the surrounding community. We receive many comments from our students that show the Westheimer Peace Symposium raises their awareness about current events, social justice, and the ways in which humans can respond to personal, community, or international crises. The Westheimers allowed us to provide this forum for valuable voices, a space where significant learning takes place.

### Peace Resource Center



The Wilmington College Peace Resource Center provides peace strategies and hope-filled stories to a weary world in conflict. The Center's permanent exhibit, "Stories of Hope," highlights four stories that inform and inspire, as well as illustrate how individuals can have an impact and, in some cases, change the world.

Through its resources and programs the Center provides visitors and students with the opportunity to learn about peacemaking in their personal lives and in the world. Please call (937) 382-6661 ext. 371 for more information.



### Quaker Heritage Center

The Meriam R. Hare Quaker Heritage Center provides a variety of exhibits, activities, and programs for anyone interested in discovering the history of Quakers in this region. The Center focuses on Quaker testimonies, the living traditions of Quakers past and present, and the influence that Quakerism has had, and continues to have, on the world. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Please call (937) 382-6661 ext. 719 for more information.