



Pempho Chinkondenji, Director of Loving Arms, a CIE partner, is working tirelessly to increase access to schooling for girls in Malawi through her Mama mentors' program as well as develop her community awareness to reduce violence against girls.



### Empowering Afghan refugees

Three female undergraduates (Rubaba Azad, Sadaf Tokhi & Seema Amin) led the start-up of our Afghan women's empowerment group, in partnership with Catholic Charities, and Focusing International, now running for over a year. A participatory approach has followed the women's agenda including language development, health care, child-care, and employability. Our own Barbara-Gravin Wilbur established the child group running along the 'empowerment teas' as they are affectionately known.

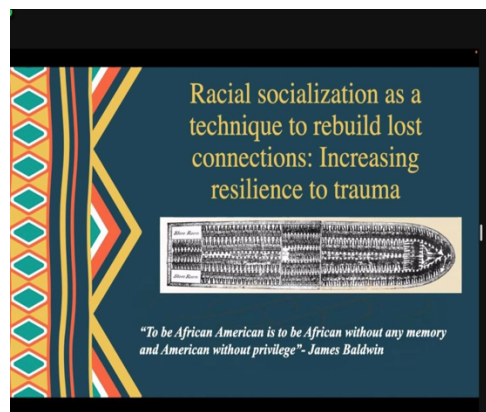


### Healing for marginalized communities

Gerald Fonville, Mukhayyo Azamova and Nanak Hiymatullah, compared racial trauma as a consequence of (i) slavery in the USA with (ii) the military occupation in the occupied Palestinian territories. A unique approach developed by Dr Fonville, embedding racial socialization into state-of-the-art trauma therapy is soon to be tested in both countries.



Gerald also led one of CIE's TiGR seminars entitled 'Racial Socialization and African American Trauma.'



Madison Palmer's participatory action research on cultural safety for Indigenous American's experiences of US health professionals led to the development of a proposal for UMass to develop its own indigenous American IRB.



### Fighting COVID-19

CIE is starting a new project to address Long-COVID-19 in occupied Palestine. Funded by the Children and War Foundation, the project introduces a mental health coping skills programs into schools across the West Bank.



CIE's public engagement in partnership with the Trauma Response Network, has provided wellbeing support for hospital medics on the front line responding to COVID-19. Early analysis of data by Dr. Barron and Quinnetuhqut Lamore, former PhD student, indicates that medics experience PTSD and posttraumatic growth as a consequence of the pandemic



## A welcome to UMass Fulbright Association

CIE welcomed the UMass international students' Fulbright Association to Montague House.



The recent showing of *Persepolis*, organized by Ipek Bayram, Association president, highlighted the centrality of a compassionate lens for girls and families living under violent oppression.



## Peace Corp recruitment

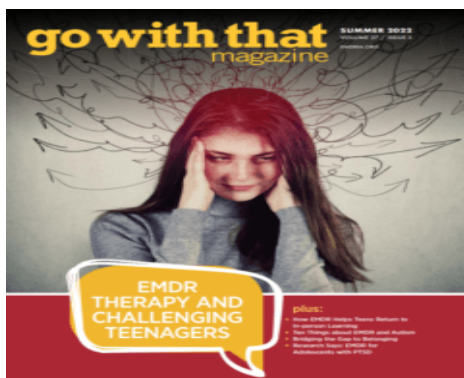
Finally, past Peace Corp members will be pleased to hear we are working with the Peace Corp to encourage a more international lens at the College of Education and across the UMass Amherst campus. Recruitment sessions will be organized over the coming year.



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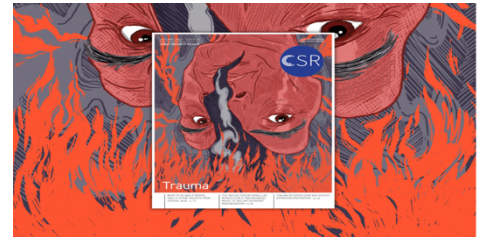
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