



Resume: Gray Cox

Work Experience:

Professor, College of the Atlantic, 1994 to present in philosophy, peace studies, and language learning

Clerk, Quaker Institute for the Future, 2016 to present

Instructor at Acadia Senior College, along with Ed Snyder, team taught courses on “The Moral Arc of the Universe” and “Artificial Intelligence: Promise or Peril?” 2013-2014

Principal Investigator for 2009-2011 National Science Foundation Grant, "Developing Our Energy Future: Residential Heating with Wood in Hancock County, Maine"

Director of Title VI Grant for College of the Atlantic International Studies Program: “Doing Human Ecology in International Studies”, 2004-2007

Director of Title VI Grant for College of the Atlantic Project in Mexico: "Interdisciplinary/International Human Ecology: North/South Partnerships in Language Learning and Regional Studies", 1995-1997

Director of Lilly Grant for Enhancement of the Management Program (1/4 time) Earlham College, 1992-94

Visiting Associate Professor (1/4-1/2 time), Earlham College, 1989-94, teaching in the programs in Management, Human Development and Social Relations, and Peace and Global Studies

Visiting and Adjunct Professor, College of the Atlantic, 1988 to 1993, Writing Program

Freelance consultant and workshop facilitator, focus in conflict resolution, organizational innovation, and community planning, 1987 to present (clients have included, for example, Enfield Shaker Museum; CODEL: The Consortium on Development; Notre Dame University; Earlham College; MDI Tomorrow; Friends General Conference; Pendle Hill; and New Society Publishers)

Visiting Instructor University of Maine at Orono, 1990, Peace Studies

Visiting professor, Husson Business College, 1987, Business Ethics

Assistant professor, philosophy, Middle Tennessee State University, 1978-86, courses taught included social and political philosophy, logic, philosophy of science, aesthetics, ethics, pragmatism, and theories of justice

Assistant Director of Admissions, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, 1974-76

Other positions have included free lance writer, advertizing salesman, cafe performer, security guard, waiter, campground handyman, short order cook, and biology research assistant

Education:

Vanderbilt University, PhD, philosophy, 1981, MA, philosophy, 1979

Wesleyan University, BA, College of Social Studies, 1974

Mount Desert Island Regional High School, Maine, graduate, 1970

Publications, Recordings and Presentations:

Books:

Smarter Planet or Wiser Earth? How Dialogue can Transform Artificial Intelligence into Collaborative Wisdom, Quaker Institute for the Future, 2023,

www.smarterplanetorwiserearth.com

A Quaker Approach to Research: Collaborative Practice and Communal Discernment, Quaker Institute for the Future, 2014, <http://www.quakerinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/QAR-QIF-web.pdf>

The Ways of Peace: A Philosophy of Peace as Action, Paulist Press, 1986,

<https://breathonthewater.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/00fullversionwaysofpeaceword.pdf>

The Will at the Crossroads: A Reconstruction of Kant's Moral Theory, University Press of America, 1984

Articles and Chapters:

“Towards Artificial Intelligence that Practices Dialogue and Promotes Peace: Quaker Education, Research and Action in the Age of AI”, forthcoming in *New Directions for Quaker Peacemaking: Quakers in the Disciplines*, Volume 8, Friends Association for Higher Education, (forthcoming)

“Gandhi’s Dialogical Truth Force: Applying Satyagraha Models of Practical Rational Inquiry to the Crises of Ecology, Global Governance, and Technology”, Chapter 15 from *Gandhi and the Contemporary World*, et. Sanjeev Kumar, Routledge, 2020, available at:

<https://breathonthewater.com/2020/09/17/gandhis-dialogical-truth-force/>

“Pollinators for a Truly Smarter Planet: Using Gandhian Traditions of Dialogical Reasoning to Frame and Foster Rural Development”, *Rural Development Journal*, Vo. 38, No. 3, July-September, 2019, pp. 426-451,

<http://nirdprojms.in/index.php/jrd/article/view/147919/103593>

“Governing the World from the Ground Up Through Power Grounded in the Light: A Proposal for Action Research on Quaker and Gandhian Responses to our Global Crises”, a chapter in *Quakers, Politics, and Economics: Quakers in the Disciplines*, Volume 5, Friends Association for Higher Education, 2018

“Modern Consumer Families and Self-reliant Maine Yankees: Two Cultures of Residential Heating”, as principal author along with Moises Flores Baca, Nicholas C. Harris, Renae Lesser, Phineas Ramsey, Miguel Valencia, Stephen Wagner, and Jacob Wartell, *Spire:*

The Maine Journal of Conservation and Sustainability, Spring, 2018,
<https://umaine.edu/spire/spire-2018-issue/>

“Gandhi’s Innovation in Ethics: Satyagraha as a Method of Rational Proof and Demonstration”, Proceedings of Conference of Gandhirama GITAM University, Vishakhapatnam, India, January 2016

“Reframing Ethical Theory, Pedagogy, and Legislation to Bias Open Source AGI Towards Friendliness and Wisdom”, in the *Journal of Evolution and Technology* November, 2015, <https://jetpress.org/v25.2/cox.htm>

“Meeting God Halfway”, *Friends Journal*, May 2005

"The New Entrepreneurial Ethic", *The Earlhamite*, January, 1991

"The Light at the End of the Tunnel and the Light in Which We May Walk," in *The Causes of Quarrel*, ed. Peter Caws, Beacon Hill Press, 1989

"Seeds of a New World Order" in *Mahatma Gandhi: Cross-cultural Understanding and Contemporary Crises*, ed. K. D. Prithipaul, Mahatma Gandhi Canadian Foundation for World Peace, 1989

"What is Peace? A Problem, a Diagnosis, and a Proposal", *Peace and Change*, Summer 1985

Bearing Witness: Quaker Process and a Culture of Peace, Pendle Hill Pamphlets, Summer 1985

"The Place of the Single Power Thesis in Kant's Theory of the Faculties", *Man and World*, January 1984

"Morality at the Crossroads", *Idealistic Studies*, January 1984

"Must Mental Events Have Spatial Location?", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Summer 1982

Publication of a variety of notes, reviews, op-eds and magazine pieces including, for example, the November 1990 cover story of the *Eastern Maine Business Digest* profiling "Maine Shellfish Co. Inc." and “Arming Nonviolent Drones” in the *Mount Desert Islander* on 7/22/2016 and “The 14th Amendment is the Constitution’s Answer to Insurrection” in *The Bangor Daily News*, 1/12/2021.

Media and Performances:

Founder and principal author of the music for a live band, Fire in the Commons, which has performed original music on social change issues at a variety of concert venues as well as rallies and marches. For a fuller description and samples of our music see:

<https://breathonthewater.com/2018/06/04/fire-in-the-commons-new-music-for-a-common-future/>

Fire in the Commons, a full length participatory musical drama in the traditional of an old fashioned camp show, walk/sing through at the Hope Festival, Orono, Maine, April 2017

Just Down the Road a’ Peace, 2015, album of songs of peace and justice, at graycox.bandcamp.com

Sleep Baby, Sleep, 2015, an album of lullabies at graycox.bandcamp.com

Hurricane Isidoro, March 2003 video documentary –translator and English language narrator

Streetlight and Colorado: Songs of Love and Justice, CD of 12 original songs recorded in Portland, Maine, and released through Klarity Music, 2001 available at:

www.graycox.bandcamp.com

Todos Somos Otros, CD of 10 original songs in Spanish, recorded in Merida, Mexico, and released through MIXAUDIO, 2001, available at: www.graycox.bandcamp.com

A blog of selected essays, presentations and music is available at: www.breathonthewater.com

Presentations:

Representative recent presentations and workshops include:

Chaired session, presented paper, and led follow-up workshop on “Decolonizing the Golden Rule: Towards a Rainbow Rule for the Global Ethic” at the Parliament of World Religions, Chicago, August 16th, 2023

“Decolonizing the Golden Rule”, Friends Association for Higher Education annual conference, Philadelphia, June 14th, 2023

Smarter Planet or Wiser Earth? Author book talk at Jesup Memorial Library, Bar Harbor Maine, August 2nd, 2023, video available at: <https://vimeo.com/853514850?share=copy>

“A Citizen’s Approach to Shifting from a Smarter Planet to a Wiser Earth: Re-envisioning the Relationships Between AI Technologies, Human Society, and the Natural World”, Maine Science Festival, Bangor, Maine, March 25th, 2023

“From a Smarter Planet to a Wiser Earth: Re-envisioning the Relationships Between AI Technologies, Human Society, and the Natural World”, Marxist/Socialist Forum, University of Maine at Orono, March 23rd, 2023

“From a Smarter Planet to a Wiser Earth: Re-envisioning the Relationships Between AI Technologies, Human Society, and the Natural World”, invited plenary speech at the 21st Annual Downeast Ophthalmology Symposium of the Maine Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, October 7-9, 2022, Bar Harbor, Maine

"AI and the Political Philosophy of the Future", invited opening keynote speech, for the 2022 NIC.br Annual Workshop of Survey Methodology of the National School of Statistical Science, São Paulo, Brazil, 8/29-9/1/2022, available online in video at: https://studio.youtube.com/video/tdISk_1iDeo/edit

“Decolonizing the Golden Rule”, plenary presentation at the Quaker Institute for the Future Summer Research Seminar, August 8-12, 2022

“Cultivating Emergent Objective Moral Truths in Cross-Cultural Contexts”, Fifteenth Annual Conference of the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry, June 15th-17, 2021, Mugla Turkey and online

“Young Friends and the Future”, lead organizer and presenter of a series of workshops at the May 202-23, 2022, Atlantic Friends Gathering at Camp Geddie, Nova Scotia

“The Origins, Current Practices, and Possible Futures of the Quaker Institute for the Future”, a January 2022 talk for the Peace and Justice series of the West Falmouth Monthly Meeting, available in recording at: <https://youtu.be/xKA2XNNWKRY>

“A ‘Smarter Planet’ vs. a Wiser Earth: Towards a ‘Turing Child’ Paradigm for Artificial Wisdom”, XXIV International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology, October 17-21, 2021, online

“Algorithms of War and Dialogues for Peace: Teaching and Practicing Cultures of Peace in an Age of Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence,” presentation at the June 2021 conference of the Friends Association for Higher Education, online

“Holding Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Light: A Report on Work in Progress from the QIF Artificial Intelligence Circle of Discernment”, presentation at the Quaker Institute for the Future Summer Research Seminar, August 2021 (available by recording at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThzR1-BiBu4>)

“Computing Machinery and Wisdom: Dialogical Education for Turing Children as an Emerging Paradigm For Artificial Intelligence”, Seventeenth International Conference on Technology, Knowledge, and Society, University of Melbourne and online, April 8-9, 2021

“Transforming Rationality to Sustain the World: Dialogical Rationality as a Key to the Ecological, Political, Technological and Moral Existential Crises We Face”, Paper for World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, August 2018, Section 19: Environmental Philosophy

Along with Geoff Garver, co-lead a week-long workshop on “Seeking Truth about the Human-Earth Relationship: Insights from the Quaker Institute for the Future”, at the Friends General Conference in July, 2018, at the University of Toledo in Ohio.

“Let’s Make the Earth Great Again: A Proposal for Action Research on Quaker and Gandhian Responses to our Global Crises”, Friends Association of Higher Education annual conference, Guilford College, June 2017

“Gandhi’s Dialogical Truth Force: Applying Satyagraha Models of Practical Rational Inquiry to Ecological Change, Warfare, and the Technological Singularity”, Proceedings of Conference on Gandhi and the Contemporary World, New Delhi University, Feb. 24-25, 2016

Other presentations and workshops have included: “The Challenges of a ‘Smarter Planet’: Right Relationships on a Wiser Earth”, Society for Human Ecology Conference, October 2014; invited talk on “A New Paradigm of Ethics” at the University of Maine at Orono Philosophy Department, January 2014; Invited talk on “Rogue AI, IBM’s ‘Smarter Planet’, and other Existential Threats from Artificial Intelligence”, Marxist Socialist Forum, University of Maine at Orono, January 2014; Invited panel presentation on “A Conflict Resolution Paradigm for Ethics” at the George Mason University conference on “Ethics, Conflict and Resolution”, February 2014; Workshop on “Challenges of a Smarter Planet: Right Relationships on a Wiser Earth” given at the Friends Association of Higher Education annual meeting at Haverford College, June 2014 and also at the Summer Research Seminar of the Quaker Institute for the Future, Philadelphia, June 2014; Presentation with Keith Helmuth for the book launch of *QUAKER APPROACHES TO RESEARCH: COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AND COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT* at the Friends Association of Higher Education annual meeting at Haverford College, June 2014; Public Presentation on “Quaker Approaches to Research” at Friends Center, Philadelphia, June 2014;

Further past presentations have included, also: organization of a student session on “Alternative Voices from the Middle East Heard Through Social Media” for the 2013 Camden Conference on “The Middle East: What’s Next”; presented keynote address to the 2013 South Central Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Bruceville, Texas, on “Sharing the Spiritual Commons in a Culture of Peace and a Political Economy of Democratic Stewardship”; for a 2013 conference on “Cooperation, Community and Complexity” at College of the Atlantic, presented a paper on “Meeting the Future Halfway: Seeking An Economical Sound and Politically Effective Way to Cut US Consumers’ Ecological Footprint in Half Over Five Years”; “The ‘Smarter Planet’ and a Wiser Earth: Ethical Relations Amongst the Coming Post-human Species”, Quaker Institute for the Future Summer Research Seminar, July 2009; “Todos Somos Otros (We Are All Others): Ethical Research in Human Ecology”, College of the

Atlantic Human Ecology Forum, November, 2007 ; “Communal Discernment and Academic Research: Is there a Quaker Epistemology for the study of Public Policy and Social Change?” Friends Association for Higher Education, Philadelphia, June, 2005; "Travelling Without Touring: Cultural Exchange as an Alternative to Tourism" at the international conference of Society for Human Ecology in Cozumel, Mexico, February 2004 and "A Pedagogy for the 21st Century: Human Ecology in Cross-cultural Settings" at *The XV th Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences held in Florence in July 2003* – further presentations have included over 35 papers delivered at regional, national and international conferences on topics including: Participatory Community Research in Mexico, Sandinista political philosophy, Enrique Dussel's liberation philosophy, Gandhi, pragmatism, aesthetic attitude theories, the Holocaust, the methods of social science, Plato, capitalist ethics, pedagogical challenges of student relativism, post-modernist social theory, Michel Foucault, The Tragedy of the Commons, and The Theory of the Firm.

Offices, Honors, and Other Field Experiences:

Founding member and current Clerk of the Board of the Quaker Institute for the Future and clerk of its 2005, 2006, and 2013 Summer Research Seminars – www.quakerinstitute.org

Sabbatical Study of alternative approaches to conflict: Europe, Fall 2001; full-time volunteer with Jubilee Housing in Washington D. C., Winter 2002; Kenya in Summer 2002, World Summit on Sustainable Development, August 2002

Member of the Global Exchange team of International Observers for the Federal Elections in Mexico, Summer 2000

Chair for World Community Day Celebration, Bar Harbor, Maine, 1995

Summer Grant in Professional Development, Earlham College, 1993, "Early Quaker Business Organizations"

Summer Grants for Spanish and Latin American Studies from Earlham College for work in Cuautla, Mexico, on Liberation in Latin America (1991) and Management Styles in Mexico (1992)

Program Chair (1989) and Board (1990), Consortium on Peace Research, Education, and Development (COPRED)

Board and steering committee member, MDI Tomorrow (an NGO for community planning), 1989-91

Clerk of Acadia Friends Meeting, 1989-1991

President of the Tennessee Philosophical Association, 1985

Delegate to Nicaragua with Witness for Peace, 1984

Participant in 1982 NEH Summer Seminar on "The Moral Force of the Passions"

Middle Tennessee State University Alumni Foundation's Outstanding Teacher Award, 1982

Mellon Fellow in the 1981 International Summer Institute for Study of Semiotics, "Foucault", Vanderbilt University

The Dorchester Prize for best undergraduate work of fiction at Wesleyan University, 1972, for one act play, "Ecclesiat"

All New England Cast, New England High School Drama Festival, 1969

Personal:

Born 11/20/52, married, five children, 9 grandchildren, singer/songwriter, guitarist, player of the bones and clarinet, enjoy cooking and dancing, fluent in Spanish, intermediate competencies in French and German, member of Acadia Friends Meeting

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