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Peace Economy Project

Cut Military Spending. Fund Human Needs.



"...they shall beat their swords into plowshares..."

Sylvester Brown steps in as PEP's Interim Director



Former St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist, PEP board member and journalistic activist for peace, progress, improved race-relations and urban renewal, Sylvester Brown, Jr., will serve as PEP's interim director. Brown will fill the role while the board selects a permanent executive director to replace Tila Neguse who accepted a position as Legislative Associate on Domestic Issues with the Washington DC-based Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Brown's immediate goals, he says, include, building stronger coalitions with faith-based, peace, social and economic justice and other local organizations; updating PEP's social media outlets, including its Website, blog, E-Zine and newsletters and focusing more local attention (before November's election) on the sequestration issue - the \$1.2 trillion, across-the-board cuts to domestic budgets and defense spending scheduled to kick in automatically in January 2013.

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Tila Neguse writes from new position in Washington DC



Former Peace Economy Director (PEP) director, Tila Neguse, writes about the "Ryan Budget" from her new gig as the Legislative Associate on Domestic Issues with the Friends Committee on National Legislation: "My First Week at FCNL: Reflections on the Ryan Budget."

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PEP sponsored group:
YSTL (Young Activists United St. Louis)

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Reflections on lobbying in D.C.



by *Jasmin Maurer, PEP Lobby Intern*

When I found out that I would be working as the lobby intern for the Peace Economy Project, my first thought was that this would be an exciting opportunity. My second thought was, am I going to be trained on this?

The idea of walking into state representatives' offices and telling them my thoughts on why the defense budget should take some cuts was an intimidating one. I know that I am passionate about my beliefs, but I worried that I couldn't back it up with convincing facts. I worried that I wouldn't know what to say or do or that I'd somehow mess up the whole meeting. I'd never met with Congress before.

I quickly learned my first lesson of my internship: making change isn't about walking into a room and telling someone how to do things.

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Strengthening America's Values and Economy (SAVE) for All

Add your organization's name to SAVE vital services, prevent rising poverty, and cut military spending



If you could speak out to prevent 750,000 babies, toddlers, and mothers from losing WIC nutrition aid, 185,000 households from losing rental assistance vouchers, 51,000 veterans from losing education and training, 80,000 children and their families from losing child care, and 34,000 women from being denied breast and cervical cancer screenings, wouldn't you?

[You can.](#) This letter calls upon Congress to promote the common good, protect the vulnerable, and rebuild the economy. It applies 4 principles to budget decisions Congress will grapple with in the coming months: protect low-income and vulnerable people; promote job creation; increase revenue from fair sources; and seek responsible savings by targeting wasteful spending in the Pentagon and in other areas that do not serve the public interest. [Read the letter.](#) [Sign the letter.](#) And forward this email to your networks, lists, affiliates, friends. Deadline: Monday, **September 10.**

Survey Says?

Americans want taxes raised on wealthy before federal budget cuts



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In a recent survey, not surprisingly, the majority of Americans said that in lieu of cuts to broad services regulated by the federal government, such as border safety, the Food and Drug Administration or veteran services, they would rather see higher taxes imposed on the wealthy.

YSTL is looking for stories about how student debt has shaped your life and future. If you would like to share your story, send us an e-mail at ystldebt@gmail.com

YSTL Student Debt Conference

Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Regional Arts Commission
6128 Delmar Blvd.

Ryan's budget would increase military spending by \$300B



New York Times-Rep. Paul Ryan's proposed federal budget - now starring as the centerpiece of the presidential campaign as he joins the Republican ticket - would reshape American government, achieving long-sought conservative goals and reversing an 80-year path of larger, more expensive federal programs.

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