The Program in Peace and Conflict Studies is pleased to announce that Dr. Susan Thomson will be joining us as Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies in the fall of 2012. Currently the Andrew W. Mellon post-doctoral fellow in contemporary African politics and society at Hampshire College (Amherst, MA), Dr. Thomson received her B.A. from Saint’s Mary University, her LLB from University College London, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Dalhousie University. Her research and teaching interests are in state-society relations in contemporary Africa and qualitative research methods, with particular focus on research ethics and doing research in difficult environments.

She has published articles in *African Affairs, African Studies Review, Journal of Modern African Studies* and *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, along with numerous book chapters. Her book *Whispering Truth to Power: Everyday Resistance to State Power in Postgenocide Rwanda* is under review with the University of Wisconsin Press, the premier publishing house on Central Africa. Dr. Thomson is the Amnesty International – USA Country Specialist for Rwanda and Burundi, she advises donor agencies (including CIDA and USAID) and international NGOs (including Freedom House, the National Endowment for Democracy and Transparency International) on their work in Rwanda, and she acts as an expert witness for Rwandan nationals appearing before the Supreme Court of Canada, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and lower courts in Canada and the US.

Professor Thomson will offer courses on post-Genocide Rwanda and Central Africa, Human Rights and Human Security, and Research Methods in Peace and Conflict Studies; she will also teach regular sections of PCON 218, "War in Lived Experience." PCON is delighted to welcome this scholar-teacher-practitioner to Colgate.