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TWO YORK UNIVERSITY GRAD STUDENTS SHARE 2012 PEACE FELLOWSHIP

TORONTO - [April 19, 2012] - Two graduate students at York University are co-recipients of the 2012 Peace Fellowship, Canadian Friends of Peace Now (CFPN) announced today.

The adjudication committee, faced with the most competitive field of candidates in the history of the fellowship, decided to recognize for the first time two students at different stages of their university education. The pair will share equally the \$4,000 prize.

The co-recipients are Ajnesh (Ash) Prasad, a Ph.D. candidate in Organization Studies at York's Schulich School of Business and Graduate Researcher at the York Center for International and Security Studies; and Steven Weisman, a first-year Master's student in International Development Studies at York.

Mr. Prasad's dissertation investigates the role of organizational leaders in surviving, and placating, social conflict within environments marked by significant socio-political instability, focusing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He has visited cities in both Israel and the West Bank to conduct ethnographic research and interviews.

Mr. Weisman's research examines the way in which participants within joint Israeli/Palestinian civil society organizations operate beyond the formal institutional setting and build connections and relationships that can have dramatic effects on the peace process and the communities in which the members live.

The adjudicators were Prof. Mira Sucharov of Carleton University (Political Science), Prof. Derek Penlar of University of Toronto (History), and Prof. Emeritus Fred Zemans of York University (Law).

The Fellowship is offered annually to a graduate student whose research is consistent with the mission and values of CFPN. Candidates may be from a variety of academic disciplines; and may be a graduate student (Canadian or foreign) studying at a Canadian university or a Canadian graduate student at a university outside Canada.

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