

Peaceways

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You shall treat the alien . . .

by Father John Rausch

As a Catholic priest, I shudder when I read about families broken apart by the enforcement of our immigration laws. I know pastors with sizable numbers of immigrant parishioners who have stories about undocumented parents being arrested while their children, who are U.S. citizens by birth, stand abandoned and feeling bewildered.

A recent case in Kentucky should spark mediation. Erick Cortez lived in Bardstown with his wife, their two children and a stepson. A resident of Nelson County for 20 years at that time, he provided for his family by working in construction as a foreman at a concrete plant and was known as a hard worker.

In 2010, he was pulled over by police because the tinted windows on his car appeared too dark. With that stop, police discovered Cortez was undocumented and reported him to Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Cortez had emigrated to the U.S. when he was 15 years old.

After his arrest, he unsuccessfully applied for a permit designated for people who came to the U.S. as children. Last

July when his appeals ran out, he was deported to Mexico, separated from his wife, children and the community he supported. He now must wait 10 years before he can legally apply to return.

With the recent decision to revoke the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, 800,000 young people in the U.S.— basically between the ages of 15 and 25 — and over 6,000 DACA recipients in Kentucky alone face the possibility of deportation in six months.

I talked to one minister who encouraged young folks to “come out of the shadows” and register with DACA. He now feels embarrassed and angry and betrayed by the government. People in ministry try to build community and heal social brokenness. The current government policies on immigration destroy trust, breed fear and stoke racism.

Our immigration system is broken. It divides families, allows corporations to detain people for profit and compromises our historical commitment to refugees and asylum-seekers. Children live in fear that their parents could be gone when

they return from school. DACA recipients face the end of their schooling and apprenticeships.

The border with Mexico has been labeled a militarized zone as more border agents oversee the area, and corporations anticipate great profits from building the wall.

What values do these policies express? What kind of country do we want to live in? Politicians blithely target the most vulnerable — undocumented people who pick our vegetables and youth unwittingly brought here — rather than address the difficult task of reforming the immigration laws to reflect our current reality.

Any person of faith can consult the Scriptures: “You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently that the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt.” (Leviticus 19:34) In our political discourse, these values seldom surface.

Laws must be respectful, but unjust laws hold no moral obligation. Securing our borders means effecting fair and just immigration policies that allow people a place in line — where currently no line exists.

We need immigration laws that honor families and extend compassion to DACA recipients, because more important than the papers we carry is the image of God we bear as members of the human family.

Father Rausch is a Glenmary priest who lives in Stanton, Ky.



A sign that was spotted at the time of the total eclipse, Aug. 21.

Gun Violence In America as of 9-25-17

(excluding suicide)

2017

Killed	11,305
Wounded	22,809

2016

Killed	13,218
Wounded	27,241

Source: www.gunviolencearchive.org

Lexingtonian releases acclaimed book

Kentucky Public Advocate Ed Monahan and Dean of the Florida State University College of Social Work James Clark have teamed up and edited a new book to help clients receive top-notch representation from those representing them.

According to the publisher, the American Bar Association, *Tell the Client's Story: Mitigation in Criminal and Death Penalty Cases* "provides litigation teams the best strategies for effective mitigation work in criminal and capital cases. Top mitigation experts from across the nation with demonstrated practice wisdom will help readers to successfully litigate complex criminal cases."

It comes highly recommended by Sr. Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and *The Death of Innocents*. She writes:

"Sentencing a human being to death imitates the violence such an act claims to abhor. Allowing our government to kill citizens compromises the deepest moral values upon which this country was conceived: the inviolable dignity of all human persons. I am not an attorney but I know good lawyering when I see it. The good news is that *Tell the Client's Story* is the Bible of good lawyering for capital clients. If you are on a criminal defense team, I pray that you study this testament that reveals the innate humanity of capital clients and our connectedness to them as fellow human beings, and that you use the wisdom it communicates. Thank you,

Defenders, for your ministry of mercy."

Notable trial attorney Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy*, writes,

"This new book is an essential guide to help 21st Century criminal defense lawyers learn a skill that is just as important as mastering the rules of evidence, effective cross-examination or persuasive summation. Well organized, well written and thoughtfully presented, this terrific book should be read and at the ready in every effective criminal defense lawyer's library."

Jim Trammel will review the book in the November issue of *Peaceways*. A link to Daniel T. Goyette's review is available at the KCADP website. Goyette is the chief public defender and the executive director of the Louisville-Jefferson County Public Defender Corp.



Ed Monahan

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Submissions to Peaceways

Articles submitted for publication in *Peaceways* should show an awareness of and sensitivity to the CKCPJ's mission and concerns.

Articles of varying lengths are encouraged. Short essays reflecting an individual's experience of peace- and justice-related events and community action or activism are encouraged, as well.

Feature articles should be no longer than 500 words, unless you are willing to have the piece cut to fit one page of *Peaceways* text. Pieces will be edited for clarity.

Please include references in the text for all quotations, statistics, and unusual facts. End- or footnotes are not used. Please query submissions to peacewayseditor@gmail.com before writing a feature article intended solely for *Peaceways*.

For all submissions, the author's name, address, and phone number should appear on the body of the submitted text. If you submit material that has been published or which you are also submitting to other publishers, be sure to indicate this. Also include information about your relationship to any organization or issue mentioned in the article for inclusion in a biographical reference at the end of the story. Submissions should be made in Word format *via* email. Book reviews are usually solicited by the editor but we welcome inquiries from potential reviewers.

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Calendar for Peace & Justice

The council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

Tues., Oct. 3

CKCPJ Peace Action committee,

7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Ongoing discussion of non-violence training sessions in Lexington and Central Kentucky.

Tues., Oct. 10

PFLAG, 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. Michael Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington. Get current on your knowledge and understanding of queer identities. Speaker for the evening is Dr. Charlotte Tate, a leading social psychologist. PFLAG welcomes LGBTQ persons, family members, friends and allies. Come to learn. Come for support. Come to stand with us. We are stronger together. Presentation, questions and answers take place the first hour, followed by our confidential support group meeting. More information at www.pflagcentralky.org or call (859) 338-4393.

Tues., Oct. 10

CKCPJ single-payer health care committee, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion will include promotion of the single-payer health care concept, how it will benefit citizens and how it can be promoted to lawmakers.

Tues., Oct. 10

Central Kentucky SURJ, 5:30 p.m. Wild Fig Books and Coffee, 726 N. Limestone, Lexington. Discussion will include plans for advocacy for the coming months, including updates on the advancing progress of "Take Back Cheapside."

Tues., Oct. 17

CKCPJ steering committee meeting, 7 p.m. Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion will include planning for the upcoming committee meetings, proposals for new initiatives and continuing action.

Sat., Oct. 21

Christian-Muslim Dialogue, 10 a.m. Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden, Lexington. The speaker is Jeremy Rogers, Dinsmore and Shohl, a leading First Amendment attorney in Kentucky. He will share stories, insights, and lessons from his First Amendment practice.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

CKCPJ Steering Committee Meetings, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. More info: (859) 488-1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace, every Thursday, 5:30 - 6 p.m. at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main Street) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell, (859) 327-6277.

Migrant Network Coalition, first Monday, noon - 1:15 p.m., GLOBAL LEX, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Lindsay Mattingly, lmatingly@lexpublib.org, (859) 231-5514.

PFLAG Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. LGBTQ individuals of all ages, family members, friends and allies are welcome. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. Visit info@pflagcentralky.org or (859) 338-4393. Speakers followed by confidential support group meeting.

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Contact Craig Cammack, chair, (859) 951-8565 or info@lexfair.org.

Wednesday Night GLSO "Heart to Heart" discussion group, 7 p.m., Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave., Lexington. GLSO operates Kentucky's only Pride Center, where they have quietly provided services to the GLBTQQIA community for decades. More info, Pride Center hours. and other links at www.glsso.org.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky, first Thursday, 7 p.m., Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association. Meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Child care is provided. Contact President Staci Maney, staci@olliegee.com or (859) 797-2662.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Diocese Mission House at Fourth St. and MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact Beth Howard, (859) 276-0563.

NAMI Lexington Support Groups, every Sunday, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Ct., Lexington. Call (859) 272-7891 or visit www.namilex.org.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Program, fourth Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon. All are welcome. Locations vary, call (859) 277-5126. The Christian-Muslim dialogue promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. By exploring moral, cultural and political factors shaping the current context, the program promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

Dance Jam, every Tuesday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. Move to the extent you are able. Sponsored by Motion Matters, \$7 per session to cover space rental. Contact Pamela, info@motionmatters.org, (859) 351-3142.

Movies with Spirit, second Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 p.m., film at 7.

National Action Network, third Thursday each month, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Lexington.

To include a regular meeting of your organization in this space, contact Margaret Gabriel, peacewayseditor@gmail.com.

Book review

No *Peaceways* reader lies ... Right?

EVERYBODY LIES: *Big Data, New Data, and What the Internet Can Tell Us About Who We Really Are.* May 2017, by Seth Stephens-Davidowitz. Harper-Collins Publishers.

Reviewed by Jim Trammel

Donald Trump’s victory last November surprised most of us, but not the author. His reason for not being surprised shows how much more work is left to do.

This very recently published book contains psychological insights gleaned from an aggregation of Google data searches. Taken together, they provide what the author calls “the most important data set ever collected on the human psyche.” One other reviewer accurately pegs it as a “next-generation *Freakonomics*.”

Google searches, theoretically private, avoid the drawback of public-opinion surveys in which people tend to lie to pollsters about what they really feel. And wow, on Google, when we think no one’s watching, we look bad.

The author, corroborated by pollster Nate Silver, sought to make sense of Trump’s strange electoral victory map. Trump’s strength in the Northeast and industrial Midwest were largely unanticipated by the conventional polls, but watching Google searches, you might have noticed that:

- Though turnout in non-white-majority areas was predicted to be at Obama-2012 levels, political Google searches in those areas right before the election were far lower in 2016, likely meaning that voters in black majority areas weren’t as interested and did not turn out as strongly for Clinton as they did for Obama.
- Voters who told pollsters they were undecided used the search term “Trump Clinton ___” much more than “Clinton Trump ___”. possibly indicating their order of preference.
- The most sinister indicator: Areas in which Trump did best were most closely matched by the locations where Google searches most often included the N-word.

I’ll pause while you gasp, shake your head, and regroup. Not a surprising conclusion — racism hurt Obama, helped Trump — but it’s depressing to hear the embarrassing direct link presented as possibly decisive.

As the title reminds us, everybody lies. We’re kidding ourselves if we deny that resentment and racism built up and didn’t die during the Obama years, running more deeply and widely than we could tell from the Tea Partiers, Fox News partisans, and O’Reilly-Limbaugh-Hannity-Levin consumers. Racists don’t always wear sheets, wave the wrong flag, or tell pollsters, but they tell Google.

This draws another underscore on the task facing the enlightened. People who aren’t aware of the extent of their racism have to be turned around, and racists aren’t converted just because they’re silenced.

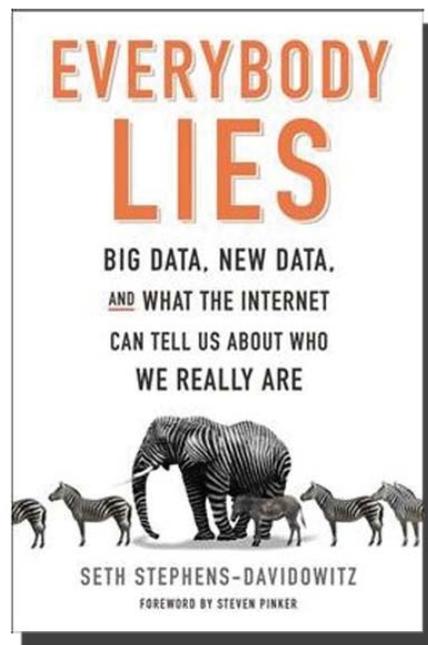
Beyond that realm, though, I just eat up this *Freakonomics*-style social-stats stuff. If you’re also of that mindset, this book opens a new data playground, confirms some social thinking, and overturns other truisms.

Many of the debunked conceptions are in R- and X-rated realms we can’t discuss in detail here. Yes, shudder, he doesn’t respect the privacy of porn habits. There are routinely more Google searches mentioning “porn” than mentioning “weather.” Readers, have your shields up for lots of highly salty terms and concepts, cited clinically and unblinkingly.

Returning to the decent, here in Bluegrass horse country you might be very interested in how a Harvard numbers-cruncher, not a horse-industry expert at all, was able to spot that Lot No. 85 at a recent Fasig-Tipton yearling sale would become American Pharoah, and leapt to advise his sheik owner against selling the future Triple Crown winner before he turned his first dollar.

Big Data has constructive uses, such as enabling authoritative medical diagnosis. But Big Data can’t solve everything. It can mislead, or go negative. Corporations and governments sometimes can’t be trusted to handle it well. And of course no one wants their every salacious Google search publicized. Thankfully, the data are only aggregated; nobody is personally identifiable. At least, not yet.

As an alarming counterpoint, author and former Wall Street number-cruncher Cathy O’Neil last month published *Weapons of Math Destruction*, which argues that Big Data fosters discrimination and is tearing apart the social fabric.



Her point of view also must be considered, and appropriate limits exercised, but at this point I’m thinking Big Data is like an automobile, airplane or firearm: none are good or bad in themselves, but useful for pursuits of both stripes. We have to be careful, certainly.

Reviewer Jim Trammel likes to drop absurd Google-searches like “flaming penguins” just to confound Big Data-compiling efforts like this. Won’t you join him?

CKCPJ Committees

Standing CKCPJ committees began meeting on Tuesdays in September.

The peace action committee, meeting on the first Tuesday of the month (Oct. 3) discussed the on-going efforts to introduce non-violence training in the community, beginning with schools. The steering committee approved a \$1500 expenditure for printed materials.

Committee chair Kerby Neill has extended an invitation to Jonathan Granoff for early spring and awaits a response.

Kerby also reported a need for additional trainers and suggested that people who are interested in participating in such training could also be valuable additions to CKCPJ.

Richard Mitchell reported that a meeting of the single-payer health care committee is scheduled for October 10 at the Quaker Meeting House.

There was no report from the housing committee.

Please feel free to attend a CKCPJ committee meeting of your choice.

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*If you want to make peace with
your enemy, you have to work
with your enemy. Then he
becomes your partner.*

~ Nelson Mandela

Give a shout-out!

by Margaret Gabriel

For the last couple of weeks, I have been mulling the idea of giving a shout-out to Lexington businesses and institutions with socially conscious business models. I think this idea came to me when I was stuck behind one of those electrically-powered Lextran buses. I'm not a patient person by nature, but on this particular day, instead of seething (and perhaps because I wasn't inhaling bus fumes), it occurred to me that Lextran should be commended for its strides to reduce the carbon footprint of commuters in Lexington. In addition to the buses that loudly proclaim "Battery Electric Zero Emissions," Lextran, years ago, operated a ride-sharing van program that has removed hundreds of cars from the roads that take commuters to Frankfort, Louisville and Richmond.

I'm proud of Lextran's progressive approach to using alternate fuel for public transportation and promoting ride-sharing, in much the same way that I'm proud of Mayor Jim Gray for his position concerning moving the statues of John Hunt Morgan and John C. Breckinridge. Thanks, too, to the Lexington Cemetery for its recent vote to accept the statues that are being moved from downtown Lexington. Keep your fingers crossed that the move will be approved by the Kentucky Military Heritage Commission.

I hope by the time you read this piece, I will have eaten at DV8 Kitchen, a new restaurant at 867 South Broadway (near Red Mile Road). The restaurant specializes in serving homemade food, breakfast all day and, most important, giving a second chance for employment to people recovering from drug or alcohol dependence.

I recently had occasion to transport a woman seeking a drug detoxification program to Louisville, and although contact had been made, she was not accepted into three of the programs she approached for help. In her vulnerable state, the rejection she experienced on that gray, rainy day could easily have sent her back to the drugs she was trying to escape. By the end of the day I was emotionally exhausted (and I was just driving the car—I can only imagine her level of exhaustion). Thankfully, the story had a happy ending. She was enrolled in a day program and has been given access to the detox she needs.

That day has made me even more determined to patronize DV8 Kitchen and its mission of giving a second chance to people in recovery. The reviews I've read on-line assure me that the food is worth a trip, too!

I would like to get into a habit of giving a shout-out in *Peaceways* to places like Lextran and DV8 Kitchen, so



if you know of someone, something or someplace in Lexington that deserves a pat on the back, email me at peacewayseditor@gmail.com.

Margaret Gabriel is the editor of Peaceways.

Peace is Possible

CKCPJ thanks Rebecca Glasscock for her continuing efforts to reconcile the account that collected reservations for the sale of its artistic specialty Kentucky license plate that proclaims "Peace is Possible."

Rebecca has contacted everyone who reserved a license plate to tell them their options concerning the refund of deposits to reserve the plate. There are still a few

folks who have not responded to her inquiries.

If you reserved a license plate but have not given information about how to direct your deposit or would like request a front plate please contact Rebecca at rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu.

