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Professor Brandon Hamber is the John Hume and Thomas P. O'Neill Chair in Peace at Ulster University based at the International Conflict Research Institute (INCORE). He is also a member of the Transitional Justice Institute at the university, and is a Visiting Professor of the African Centre for Migration and Society at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa.

## Background

He was born in South Africa and currently lives in Belfast. In South Africa he trained as a Clinical Psychologist at the University of the Witwatersrand and holds a Ph.D. from the Ulster University. Prior to moving to Northern Ireland, he worked at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation in Johannesburg coordinating their work on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

## Experience

Professor Hamber has undertaken consulting and research work, and participated in various peace and reconciliation initiatives in Liberia, Mozambique, Bosnia, the Basque Country and Sierra Leone, among others. He has written extensively on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the psychological implications of political violence, and the process of transition and reconciliation in South Africa, Northern Ireland and abroad. He has consulted to a range of community groups, policy initiatives and government bodies in Northern Ireland and South Africa. He is a board member of Healing Through Remembering (Northern Ireland) and Impunity Watch (Netherlands). He is on the Society Advisory Group of the British Council.

## Awards

He was a visiting Tip O'Neill Fellow in Peace Studies at INCORE in 1997/1998. He was also the recipient of the Rockefeller Resident Fellowship (1996) and was a visiting fellow at the Centre for the Study of Violence in Sao Paulo, Brazil. In 2010-2013 he was a Mellon Distinguished Visiting Scholar at University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. He has been awarded The Paul Harris medal for contributions to peace by Rotary (2013), and was listed as one of the Top 100: The most influential people in armed violence reduction by the Action on Armed Violence Network (2013/2014).

## Publications

He has published some 30 journal articles, over 25 book chapters and 4 books. In 2011 he published *Transforming Societies after Political Violence: Truth, Reconciliation, and Mental Health* was published by Springer in 2009, and published in 2011 in Spanish by *Ediciones Bellaterra*. In 2015, he published *Psychosocial Perspectives on Peacebuilding* (Editors: Hamber, Brandon, Gallagher, Elizabeth) and *Healing and Change in the City of Gold: Case Studies of Coping and Support in Johannesburg* (Editors: Ingrid Palmary, Brandon Hamber, Lorena Núñez). Both published by Springer.

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