

## **Dr. James Skelly**

Dr. James Skelly is Director Emeritus of the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at Juniata College in Pennsylvania where he had served for many years as a Senior Fellow. Previously he was a Visiting Professor of Peace Studies at Magee College of the University of Ulster in Derry, Northern Ireland and, Coordinator for Peace & Justice Programming for BCA, an international education organization. He holds a BA from the University of Minnesota, and an MA and PhD from the University of California, San Diego. He has served in administrative and research positions at the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict & Cooperation; New York University's Center for War, Peace and the News Media; the Institute of International Studies, at the University of California, Berkeley; the European University Center for Peace Studies in Austria; and, the Institute for Social and European Studies in Hungary. His research and teaching interests are rooted in the sociology of knowledge and focus on reality construction related to issues of peace, conflict, identity, and global citizenship. In addition to focusing on the moral and political dilemmas of soldiers, which arises from his refusal to serve as a military officer in Vietnam and a subsequent lawsuit against the United States Secretary of Defense, he has also recently been analyzing the global role of international education. He has written and edited numerous articles informed by these research interests including a recent article, "Fostering Engagement: The Role of International Education in the Development of Global Civil Society", as well as a special edition of Peace Review on war and the dilemmas of soldiers.