

## **Information that Connects Communities: A Collaborative Webliography for Engineering, Social Justice and Peace**

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There is a gap within the engineering literature for practitioners and students who are interested in social justice and peace issues. For example, a typical search for “activist engineers” in Engineering Village produces 93 results, but after a closer look at these results one finds that most of the articles are decades old and have little or nothing to do with today’s social justice or peace issues – or even activism as the keywords would have implied!

So where does one begin to look for information in this ambiguous subject area? How should engineers identify and connect with the “movers and shakers” in the domain of “activist engineers”? Only when these information needs are met can a prosperous community of activist engineers emerge and transform the engineering profession.

This presentation will advise conference attendees on the importance of accurate and relevant information for engineers concerned with issues of social justice and peace, explain how to search for and identify useful, authoritative information, and demonstrate several Web 2.0 tools that could be used to build a community of “activist engineers”. Finally, the presentation will unveil a collaborative webliography intended to bridge this gap and establish a space for social justice and peace issues within traditional engineering information.