



Bonnie Stern Miller

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BONNIE STERN MILLER is a social worker, psychotherapist, educator, consultant, social activist, and trainer. She has held teaching positions at universities throughout the world and trains diplomats at the Foreign Service Institute of the U. S. State Department.

Using her practical parenting and teacher manuals and training videos, which have been translated into a dozen languages, Miller has presented workshops to thousands of educators and mental health specialists in order give them tools to modernize education in the Balkans, Asia, Latin America and Africa.

Over the past decade, Miller has served as a consultant to many organizations to prevent child abuse and to help traumatized youth, refugees, impoverished families, and women who have been forced into the sex trade. She was instrumental in launching public awareness campaigns against trafficking in the Balkans, lobbied the Greek government to pass an anti-trafficking law, helped to establish the first shelter for women in Greece, and wrote major parts of the Greek National Action Anti-Trafficking Plan.

Miller has extensive experience in post-conflict countries. Living in Bosnia after their devastating war and traveling frequently to Kosovo after the ethnic conflict in that country, she was active in working with various nongovernmental organizations. In addition, she created training materials for Iraqi educators and social workers to help children and youth suffering from social and psychological problems and trained master trainers from all parts of the country. She also trained mental health specialists and educators who were working with displaced Georgian populations from South Ossetia after the war between Georgia and Russia. As a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Kyrgyzstan, she trained mental health professionals who were aiding populations traumatized by ethnic violence. Her recent experience training professors to teach courses on conflict resolution includes workshops in Sri Lanka and Macedonia.

Miller is married to Thomas J. Miller, a fellow 1966 New Trier alumnus and a 2012 recipient of the New Trier Alumni Achievement Award.

