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Santa Barbara (August 1, 2007) – Over 100 young activists from around the US will gather at the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's third annual Think Outside the Bomb national conference at UC Santa Barbara from August 16-19. The conference reflects the cutting-edge of a recent phenomenon in United States grassroots activism: young people organizing for a world free of nuclear weapons.

Think Outside the Bomb is a national network of activists and grassroots organizers who come together based on a common interest in nuclear abolition. Most network participants are young people between the ages of 15 and 29.

Featured speakers will include:

- **Shigeko Sasamori**, a survivor of the Hiroshima atomic bombing
- **Myrna Pagan**, a leader of the effort to evict the US military base in Vieques, Puerto Rico
- **Steve Lopez**, a leader of the Fort Mojave Nation tribal resistance to nuclear waste dumping
- **Andrew Lichterman**, program director of the Western States Legal Foundation
- **Julia Moon Sparrow**, a co-founder of the Shundahai Network, most famous for its association with recently-deceased Western Shoshone activist and spiritual leader Corbin Harney
- **David Krieger**, president of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation
- Members of the student network that coordinated the May 2007 "No More Nukes In Our Name" hunger strike at the University of California.

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The conference will take place in the context of ongoing US efforts to develop new nuclear weapons, escalating international tensions concerning Iran's nuclear program, and the possible expansion of the nuclear power industry, among other pressing concerns. Speakers and presenters will provide information and analysis on these issues, share lessons learned and interact with participants.

Attendees will hone their skills in workshops designed to provide them the tools and resources to be more effective agents of change. As part of the conference, the young leaders will develop Action Plans that they will implement upon returning to their respective communities and organizations.

Media representatives are welcome to attend and/or schedule interviews with conference participants. For more information on the conference, visit: www.thinkoutsidethebomb.org, and contact Will Parrish at (805) 965-3443.

Notes to editor:

1. There have been five previous Think Outside the Bomb conferences: August 2005 at UCSB; November 2005 in Washington, DC; October 2006 at UCSB; November 2006 in New York City; April 2007 in Washington, DC.

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