

## WAMM Welcomes New Staff

WAMM is delighted to announce the hiring of our new staff members.

Our new director Pepperwolf may not need much introduction to some of you. Pepper has been a long-time activist and organizer in the areas of peace and justice locally and in connection with wider movements.

Among her activities, she helped organize weekly actions and vigils with AlliantACTION, which for years, protested the manufacture of military weapons in Minnesota. She also worked in coalition to lobby the Minnesota legislature regarding depleted uranium. She has led workshop trainings in the spirit of Gandhian nonviolence and organized local groups to participate in the School of Americas Watch (SOA). She has been involved in national actions in Washington, D.C.; at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia; at nuclear test sites in Nevada and at Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and Project E.L.F. in Wisconsin.

Locally, she has been involved in the antiwar protests of the 2008 RNC in St. Paul, on Highway 55 and Coldwater, MN reroute, and the Lake/Street Marshall Avenue Bridge Vigil. With Global Exchange and Witness for Peace, she participated in international delegations. Pepper is an experienced professional educator and holds a Master of Arts, Curriculum and Instruction degree from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. She has served terms on the WAMM Board of Directors, and worked on many WAMM projects and events. Along with experience, Pepper brings her expertise, dedication and positive spirit to the position of director of Women Against Military Madness.

Our new WAMM office manager is Elina Kolstad. Born and raised in Minneapolis, Elina was in high school when the 9/11 attacks occurred, coming of age in an era of fear mongering and “terror.” With a family history of antiwar protest and political activism, she sought outlets for action, volunteering with WAMM while in high school and later, while at the University of Minnesota, participating in Anti-War Committee events. After graduation, Elina traveled around the world. Now she has found her place doing what she loves—working in an office in support of the peace and justice movement.

## You and WAMM

Join a WAMM committee and work on ending war, tackling torture, grounding drones, looking at media, supporting Occupy, among other issues. Or, if you like, you can volunteer at or just attend our events. Some WAMM members are able to offer monetary support. Whatever they may be, your contributions are always greatly appreciated and make our antiwar message stronger.