April Peace Post

In a world filled with violence, the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies works tirelessly to further our mission of peace. Check out what we did in April, and see what you can look forward to this summer!

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Coming in May: Gandhi awards

The 9th annual Rhode Island 8th Grade Gandhi Essay Contest winners will be announced at a ceremony in the URI Welcome Center on the evening of May 3.

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Coming in June: Summer Institute

The 20th annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute will take place June 10 – 14 at the University of Rhode Island. Registration is still open for those who have completed Level I training.

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Nonviolence fall course open

This fall, Center Director and Psychology Professor Paul Bueno de Mesquita will teach "Nonviolence Conflict and Social Change" (PSC481), a Political Science Seminar on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 6:15 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island. The course still has open seats available.

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Avi Schaefer Fund recognizes Center Director with peace award

On April 1, Center Director Paul Bueno de Mesquita was honored with the Avi Schaefer Seek Peace and Pursue It award. The recognition took place at the premiere of student-made Holocaust film “The Fence Between Us” at the University of Rhode Island Norman M. Fain Hillel Center.

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Nonviolence class surrounds Congo peacebuilder with peace, love

Amani Matabaro Tom, a Center-trained Level II nonviolence trainer from D.R. Congo spoke to Prof. Bueno de Mesquita's PSY479 Kingian Nonviolence & Conflict Reconciliation class on April 23.

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Students learn peace psychology through interactive research projects

On April 25, Professor Paul Bueno de Mesquita’s Peace Psychology (PSY425) class presented their final research projects in a symposium setting in the Multicultural Student Services Center Hardge Forum.

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Geshe Thupten Tendar completes compassion research

The Center’s graduate assistant and Summer Institute coordinator, Thupten Tendhar, completed his dissertation and submitted it to the graduate school after five years of intensive study on “Compassion and Well Being: The Effects of On-Line Film-Mediated Compassion Education on Undergraduate Students.”

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"Open Mic for Peace" fundraises for school children in Nepal

The URI Student Nonviolence Coordinating Committee (SNCC) sponsored an Open Mic for Peace on April 3, with funds going to support children going to school in Nepal.

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Senior nursing student collaborates with Inner Peace, Healthy Minds program on Honors Project

Megan O'Connell, a senior nursing major with a psychology minor, spent the spring semester of her senior year at the University of Rhode Island collaborating with the Inner Peace Healthy Minds Program at the URI Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies, under the direction of Professor Paul Bueno de Mesquita.

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Peacebuilder from Nepal speaks on transitional justice research

Anuja Sapkota, an international nonviolence trainer and peacebuilder from Nepal, shared her perspective on her social work experiences supporting women in Nepal with students at URI and the Care New England Intimate Partner Violence Task Force.

Nonviolent Schools RI collaborates with Center

From Aug. 5–9, Nonviolent Schools RI and the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies are teaming up to conduct an innovative initiative that will address the urgent need to create more peaceful and inclusive, classroom and school environments.

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