January 2020 Peace Post

In a world filled with violence, the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies works tirelessly to further our mission of peace. The Center is focusing on ways to address environmental violence using nonviolence social change methodologies.

Check out what we did in January, and see what's coming up!

Visit our Website

International Summer Institute 2020

The International Nonviolence Summer Institute is an intensive experiential two-week “training of trainers” workshop that introduces participants to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s philosophy and strategies of nonviolence, and importantly, prepares them to become nonviolence leaders, trainers and workshop facilitators. Institute participants earn certification through the Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies at the University of Rhode Island and become members of the global nonviolence network.

Become the change you want to see in the world. Come and bring your peace!
Ariel Burger Inspires URI

Author Dr. Ariel Burger, friend and colleague of one of the world’s great thinkers took us into the sacred space of the classroom, showing Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Elie Wiesel not only as an extraordinary human being, but as a master teacher. Burger discussed his book, “Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel’s Classroom,” and inspired a filled Welcome Center room of URI students, faculty, and community members.

Click here to learn more.

RI 8th Grade Gandhi Essay Contest 10th Anniversary!

Over 130 essays were submitted from 28 teachers in 23 schools! We are always impressed to read the thoughtful essays that were so thoroughly researched by eighth grade students. A big shout out to the teachers who supported the contest by teaching and encouraging students to participate. We look forward to learning what Rhode Island middle school students have to say about Gandhi’s words, “Earth provides enough to satisfy every person’s needs, but not every person’s greed.” These words ring true today.

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Peace courses for Spring

PSY 425 Peace Psychology — Examines the fundamental knowledge and interdisciplinary perspectives of Peace Psychology; focuses on conditions that contribute to violence as well as the factors that contribute to the creation of peace.

PSY 479 Nonviolence and Conflict Reconciliation — Addresses focuses nonviolence as a model of applied psychological processes employed to achieve conflict reconciliation, promote positive personal change, and accomplish social transformation.

HPR 316 Tibetan Buddhism: Journey to Nirvana — An exploration of the teachings and practices for achieving states of well-being, meditation, and enlightenment.

NVP 399 Nonviolent Economics — An exploration of Buddhist economics and Taoist economics to achieve a sustainable economy and a compassion coalition.
Upcoming Events

Intellectual Pilgrimage of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, from 7 to 8:30PM - Vincent Colapietro, Liberal Arts Research Professor Emeritus of Philosophy & African American Studies with URI Humanities will deliver a lecture and discussion on the Intellectual Pilgrimage of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

At URI Welcome Center, Anchor Room
45 Upper College Rd. Kingston, RI

Sponsored by the URI Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies
Free & Open to the Public. Please join us for an informative discussion!

Annual Avi Schaefer Shabbat Dinner & Program

On Friday, February 21, 2020, at 5:30PM - The Hillel Jewish Student Center will commemorate the life of Avi Schaefer, who dedicated his life to cultivate mutual respect and empower young people to be change-makers in the world.

URI Campus & Community are invited to the event!

Hillel Jewish Student Center
6 Fraternity Circle. Kingston, RI

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Seeking Happiness? Hear Demo Rinpoche on Campus

“Are You Happy? Seeking Happiness in All the Right Places”

On Thursday, February 27, 2020, from 7 to 8:30PM - Demo Rinpoche, Buddhist Scholar, will speak to URI Campus and Local Community.

At URI Beaupre Center for Chemical & Forensic Science, Room 105
140 Flagg Rd. Kingston, RI 02881

Parking: Chafee Lot

This event is free and open to the public. Come join us