The Center Joins MLK in Reminding You to vote!
Click below to watch the video

The video was filmed on October 27, 1964 in Compton, California, one week before the 1964 elections. Credit to the MLK Research and Education Institute at Stanford University for sharing this video.
Join the URI Center for Non-Violence and Peace Studies 10/29/20 at 7:00pm as we welcome Dr. Prieto who will talk about the culture of peace in Latin America.

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150 Years of Celebrating the Mahatma

This year the center marked the 150th celebration of the birth and life of Gandhi as members of the Gandhi-King Global Initiative. The Gandhi-King Global Initiative held an event to commemorate this celebration, at which a selection of Nobel Peace Laureates delivered presentations about their work and the influence of Gandhi in practicing peace and non-violence to make a better world.

The Center Launches Global Impact Study
The Center launches a new research study to assess the long-term global impact of two decades of Kingian Nonviolence Training. The Center is joined by Political Science Professor and human rights researcher, Brendan Skip Mark and International Relations graduate student assistant Tosin Salau for collaborative research exploring the impact of Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation training of trainers programs at the annual international nonviolence summer institutes held on campus for the past 20 years. Participants will be drawn from the Center’s large global network of nonviolence trainers now working in half the US states and representing more than 40 countries. The study will include online survey focus group and individual interview methods.

The Center Welcomes Two New Peace Ambassadors

**Christian Escobar**
Senior, Psychology Major
Peace Ambassador for Technology and Social Media

**Kristi Castellone**
Senior, Psychology Major
Peace Ambassador for Technology and Social Media
93% of Black Lives Matter Protests Have Been Peaceful

A study done by The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED), analyzed more than 7,750 Black Lives Matter demonstrations in all 50 states and Washington D.C. that took place in the wake of George Floyd’s death between May 26 and August 22. Their report states that more than 2,400 locations reported peaceful protests, while fewer than 220 reported “violent demonstrations”.

PSC 482: Political Science Seminar: Black Protest - Winter J-Term

Instructor: Brendan Skip Mark

This course will examine contentious politics as it related to black protests and repression in America during four eras: 1860s to 1945, 1945 to 1960, 1960-2001, 2001-present. This course will examine the major events outlined above using political science theories and research. Understanding democratic institutions, public opinion, and elections in the U.S. helps explain why systemic racism persists and why the grievances remain unresolved. This course will explain when we are likely to see protest (and whether it will be violent or peaceful) and when governments accommodate those protests or repress them violently. Intensive studies in various important fields in political science. Class discussion of assigned readings and student reports. Emphasis on independent research. (Seminar) Pre: PSC 210 or PSC 211 or PSC 310. May be repeated up to two times for a total of 8 credits with a different topic.

4 crs.

Schedule: M-TH: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Start Date – End Date: 1/4/21 – 1/22/21

General education outcome: N/A

Course delivery: Online-Synchronous

Additional fees: No additional fees.
The world community enters the 21st century facing some of the greatest challenges in the history of humankind. Crises abound, manifesting in the various forms of health pandemics, environmental catastrophes, economic instability, political tyranny, and widespread social injustices. As a result the increasing spread of violence and human suffering is observed leading to an inevitable existential threat. Common across all these sectors, we find persistent historical and sociocultural barriers impeding the progress of women and hindering their full empowerment. Within this context, women are often the most vulnerable victims. Empowerment, especially through educational and economic advancement, is a way forward. However, institutional change and altering the status quo is an enormous problem. This presentation will propose a solution based on the foundational nonviolence principles and social change methodology of Dr. Martin Luther King. Known as Kingian Nonviolence, this philosophically-grounded approach has been shown to be an effective means to address the root causal conditions that contribute to violence affecting women and young girls. Kingian Nonviolence will be explained and strategies presented for how nonviolence can be applied especially in the workplace leading to sustainable development and career advancement for women.
Join us for weekly fall mindfulness meditation sessions. Open to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni – free online virtual mediation. No meditation experience necessary. Sessions are facilitated and typically last from 15 to 20 minutes.

Mindful Meditation Meet-ups Login Details:
CLICK TO JOIN WEBEX MEETING OR
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JOIN BY PHONE: 1-415-655-0001 US TOLL

Peace Day
The URI Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies invites you to celebrate and participate in the following programs on the International Day of Peace.

1. Meditation: Come meditate with us online on Inner Peace. We hope to generate positive energies for personal and global peace. 
   Time: 12:30 - 1:00PM (US Eastern Time) 
   Zoom: https://uri-edu.zoom.us/j/93962558758

2. Music: Join us for a wonderful musical event to rejuvenate with blessings, melody, and peaceful thoughts. 
   Time: 7:00 - 8:00PM (US Eastern Time) 
   Zoom: https://uri-edu.zoom.us/j/97818093051

The center celebrated the annual United Nations Day of Peace. This year's peace day looked a little different than usual. Although we couldn't be out on the quad, the Center for Non-Violence and Peace Studies here at URI hosted a virtual meditation and music event for students, faculty and staff to honor this day.

International Education Week
November 16-20, 2020

Click the picture to learn more about International Education Week and how you can celebrate the benefits of international education!

Redesigned Annual International Summer Institute Conducted During Pandemic

This summer, URI’s Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies hosted their 21st annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute, “Nonviolence: The Antidote to the Pandemic of Violence”, as a three-day online introductory short course amidst a global pandemic and the fight against systemic racism weighing heavily on the world’s consciousness. Recognized nationally and internationally for its intensive two-weeklong
training courses in the philosophy and methodology of Kingian nonviolence, the Center this year, due to COVID-19, redesigned the course for online delivery to adhere to Rhode Island and URI social distancing protocols. This new format allowed the Center to reach a much wider audience, connecting with nearly 300 participants from 30 US states and 18 countries around the world, all seeking a deeper understanding of nonviolence during these challenging times. This training is part of a historic social change legacy passed down directly in 1968 from civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. to the Center’s founder, Dr. Bernard LaFayette, Jr., who first brought it to URI. An important goal of the Center’s training is to offer individuals an opportunity for deeper study of personal and social nonviolent transformation with the mission of institutionalizing nonviolent practices and reducing human suffering. “Participants often report it to be a very transformative learning experience,” says Center Director Paul Bueno de Mesquita of the Summer Institute. “It can be life changing to see the world through from the perspective of nonviolence.” Due to this summer’s success, the Center plans to host more online events open to the public in the coming months, such as talks with guest speakers on topics concerning nonviolence and further online training programs. The Center also plans to continue hosting the International Nonviolence Summer Institute to carry their important legacy forward into a third decade!

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