The 21st annual *International Nonviolence Summer Institute* will be an online 3-day nonviolence training/conference experience open to all! Now more than ever nonviolence and the visionary thinking of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr shines like a bright ray of hope lighting the way forward through the darkness and uncertainty of racial inequality and economic injustice underlying the viral pandemic of violence and racism threatening the public health of our society today, and ultimately weakening the viability of our democracy.

What will you learn about?
The training is useful for people of all ages and backgrounds, including those who experience systematic racism, different levels of violence in their daily lives, people seeking justice, equality, and human rights through nonviolent social change.

Meet and Learn from Experienced Trainers

**Bernard LaFayette, Jr. EdD**

Bernard LaFayette, Jr. has been a Civil Rights activist and luminary for over fifty years, beginning as a co-founding leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Nashville Lunch Counter Sit-ins, a Freedom Rider, and an associate of Dr. King in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and national coordinator of Poor People's Campaign. He previously served as distinguished scholar and director at the Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies at the University of Rhode Island and at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Dr. LaFayette's books include, *In Peace & Freedom: My Two Year Journey in Selma*and *The Chicago Freedom Movement: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Civil Rights Activism in the North*. He is a recognized global authority in the field of nonviolence training and education.

**Kazu Haga**

Kazu, a Level III Kingian Nonviolence and Restorative Justice Trainer, is the founder & coordinator of the East Point Peace Academy in Oakland, CA and one of today’s most experienced activists and trainers. He teaches in prisons, jails, high schools, and with activist communities across the country, and has played leadership roles in many movements and direct actions. A member of the Ahimsa Collective and The Evolutionary Leaders, Kazu has been recognized with several awards, such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award and the Gil Lopez Award for Peacemaking. His recent book, *Healing Resistance: A Radically Different Response to Harm*, brings nonviolence philosophy to the front lines of the movements.

**Roberta Opara**

An International Teaching Scholar and a certified Level II trainer in Kingian Nonviolence, Roberta holds a LLB/JD degree and a Masters in Communications. She has training experiences in courses such as Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, Peace Psychology, and Nonviolence & Global Peace Studies. Before joining our Center, Roberta was engaged in
Thupten Tendhar, PhD
Thupten Tendhar, is a Level III Kingian Nonviolence trainer. Born of Tibetan parents, he joined a monastery in India at age 12 where he studied for 20 years, earning a doctoral level Geshe degree in Buddhist Philosophy. He recently completed a PhD at URI in Education focusing on inner peace and compassion training. A spokesperson for the Mystical Arts of Tibet Tour, he has traveled widely across the US. He conducts workshops and programs and teaches an honors course at URI on Tibetan Buddhism: Journey to Nirvana. He coordinates the Center’s Inner Peace Healthy Minds Program and the annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute. His book *Peace, Rhythm of My Heart* is a published collection of his poetry and photography.

Paul Bueno de Mesquita, PhD
Paul has served as director of the URI Center for Nonviolence & Peace studies and the summer institute for the past twelve years, and is a Level III Kingian Nonviolence trainer. For more than thirty years Paul has worked as a professor, a psychologist, and advocate for positive mental health. Focused on violence prevention and positive psychological development, particularly in under-represented and underserved low-income communities and schools serving predominantly Afro-American and Latino populations. He has been instrumental in the development of a global nonviolence trainers network across the US, Asia, Africa, and South America. His book, *Kingian Nonviolence: Applications for International and Institutional Change* documents the implementation and effectiveness of a principles-based approach to nonviolence.

What participants tell us

"*Learning more about Dr. King's philosophy and strategies helped me become a more effective nonviolent activist."

"*The Summer Institute has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life."
"This training empowered me to do something."

"I made friends and developed a strong network of folks, who believe in the idea of Peace and Beloved community. This sense of community will remain with me and last the rest of my life."

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