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. Click on the image above to watch Greta Thunberg’s full speech at the 2019 Climate Action Summit.

Check out what we did in September, and see what you can look forward to this October!

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August

Center Staff Receives Blessings from the Dalai Lama

August 7, 2019 – A delegation of certified Kingian Nonviolence & Peace educators and professors from three nations – USA, Jammu/Kashmir India, and Tibet visited His Holiness the 14th
 McMahon Hall

Dalai Lama at his residence in McLeod Ganj, India, seeking both wisdom and spiritual guidance.

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September

Hundreds Joined for Peace Day!

September 19, 2019 – Hundreds of URI students passed through the Quad today and paused to make a peace flag or “Stand for Peace” in the Human Peace Sign in the middle of campus. This has been an annual event for over ten years, sponsored by the Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies.

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Venerable Othok Brings Inner Peace to URI

September 19, 2019 – The venerable Othok Rinpoche from the Drepung Monastery in India spoke to students, faculty, and community members at the close of URI Peace Day at the Welcome Center on Campus as part of the Healthy Minds Inner Peace series.

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Coming in October

Launch of the 10th Annual RI 8th Grade Gandhi Essay Contest

Each year the URI Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies hosts the statewide Rhode Island 8th Grade Gandhi Essay Contest. The purpose of this contest is to celebrate the life teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and his message of peace, and to

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every [person]’s needs, but not every [person]’s greed.”

Mahatma Gandhi
encourage Rhode Island students to become nonviolent peacemakers in their schools and communities.

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**Gandhi - King Global Initiative**

The Center is honored to join the **Gandhi-King Global Initiative** in planning an international conference. The **Martin Luther King, Jr. Research & Education Institute** at Stanford University will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi’s birth by presenting a major, international Gandhi-King conference from **Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13, 2019**.

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**Peace, Love and Pasta! Fundraising Event**

**Tancrell Scholarship Fundraising Dinner**

**When**: Saturday, October 5, 6:00PM  
**Where**: Smithfield Elk’s Lodge, (#2359), 326 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI

[https://web.uri.edu/nonviolence/scholarships/bruce-tancrell-scholarship/](https://web.uri.edu/nonviolence/scholarships/bruce-tancrell-scholarship/)

It's time for the annual Tancrell Scholarship Fundraising extravaganza hosted by the amazing Tancrell family to honor Bruce and his commitment to the philosophy and practice of nonviolence as a way of life. Following Bruce's death in 2010, his family established a scholarship fund to support internationals coming to the Center's International Nonviolence Summer Institute. They have awarded scholarships to 14 participants from 10 different countries. This is an important way for all of us to support the work of nonviolence.

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**Welcome Back to a New School Year!**

The Center is excited to begin a new year of peace and nonviolence on the URI Campus. We have begun our three peace-focused courses this semester:**

**NVP425 Peace Psychology**, taught by Dr. Paul Bueno de Mesquita.
NVP500 *Theory & Research of Nonviolence & Peace*, taught by Dr. Paul Bueno de Mesquita.

HPR316 *Tibetan Buddhism: Journey to Nirvana*, taught by Dr. Geshe Thupten Tendhar.

Healthy Minds Inner Peace Research Project.

[Learn more about the courses](https://web.uri.edu/nonviolence/)

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