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# Conference Schedule At A Glance

## Friday :: 10.26.07

7:30a	Registration opens (Theatre Lobby at CBU) ongoing throughout the conference
8:30a - 12:30p	Youth Conference with Plenary Speaker :: Rosa Clemente
1:00p - 2:00p	Plenary Speaker :: Simon Harak
2:15p - 3:30p	Concurrent Sessions I
3:45p - 5:00p	Concurrent Sessions II
5:30p - 6:30p	Picnic Reception at BRIDGES
6:30p - 8:30p	Speak Out for Peace • Memphis Artists Building the Beloved Community Concert at BRIDGES (BRIDGES is located at 477 North Fifth Street)

## Saturday :: 10.27.07

7:30a	Registration opens (Theatre Lobby at CBU)
8:00a	Continental Breakfast :: Theatre Lobby
9:00a - 10:00a	Plenary Speaker :: Gwendolyn Z. Simmons
10:30a - 11:45a	Concurrent Sessions III
12:00p - 1:30p	Lunch :: Alfonso Dining Hall, Thomas Center
1:45p - 3:00p	Concurrent Sessions IV
3:30p - 4:30p	Plenary Speaker :: Barry L. Gan
6:30p - 7:00p	Reception at BRIDGES
7:00p - 8:30p	Banquet with Keynote Speaker Naomi Tutu at BRIDGES (BRIDGES is located at 477 North Fifth Street)

:: Buckman Hall :: Room 357 is available throughout the conference for prayer, meditation, yoga, and recharging.

:: Buckman Hall :: Room 358 is available for Open Space. Sign up to lead or to be a participant at the Registration and Information Table. A description of Open Space can be found on page 37.

:: Unless otherwise noted all events will be held at Christian Brothers University, located at 650 East Parkway :: Memphis, TN 38104.

# FROM THE CHAIR

To all the workers, activists, academics and professionals involved in building peace in every corner of the world, in every community, we welcome you to the 2007 Gandhi-King Conference on Peacemaking.

We are so pleased to have this opportunity and space to share experiences, to learn, to model what we proclaim, and to implement new models of education and action. Many of you have already participated in earlier conferences and we are very excited to reconnect with you as a community. As always, this year we welcome new people from other nations and communities who are here for the first time. We hope that all of you will find this conference to be a rich and fulfilling experience and will join us now and in the future in building the Beloved Community.

The work of envisioning and planning for another world while located inside the United States, and in particular the US South presents many challenges.

This is one of the many reasons that we chose to broaden the scope of this conference. It is a natural connection to make between the Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Memphis. Memphis, the home of the blues, barbeque and that famous Southern hospitality is also known as the most violent city in our country, the site of the assassination of Dr. King and a place still struggling with racism, poverty and prejudice. A place so very rich in culture but beset by modern violence. When I think of this I wonder if there could be a better place for this conference.

As we work towards building the Beloved Community, we all articulate the struggle in our own unique language, some quoting religious texts, the Constitution or even Marx. But what we share is common drive to make freedom real in our lives. We are tired of dreaming of the imagined world of justice. We want to act, creating a just world now for all of us.

We are a community, not of a single agenda, but of a single vision of what makes a peaceful and just world: the free and fully human person. The emancipated human spirit creates a world peace and justice. We can't do everything, but lets make sure what we do – do – fans the flames of freedom -keeping the spirit alive in Memphis, in this larger community, in this place, in this world.

Peace in the Struggle for Freedom,

Jacob Flowers  
Chair, Gandhi-King Conference on Peacemaking

## Conference Overview

Based upon the theme, [Building the Beloved Community](#), this fourth annual conference on nonviolence will explore nonviolent means to achieve lasting peace within ourselves, our communities, and our world. In these times of escalating violence, this exploration of our own ideas and actions is more important than ever.

The Conference consists of acclaimed speakers and presenters from a multitude of peace-related backgrounds. Workshops, paper presentations, and panel discussions based on Gandhi and Dr. King's principles, ideas, and practices are offered during the two-day conference. With the conviction that peace and active nonviolence can help improve conditions in our times for the benefit of all humankind, the Conference joins the insights of academics with the experience of activists in exploring how we can bring these ideas together in creating a viable and sustainable community for all.

## Youth Conference

The newest and most innovative component of the conference is a partnership with BRIDGES PeaceJam that will allow 300 high school students to participate in the Gandhi-King youth conference all morning, followed by an afternoon at The BRIDGES Center promoting youth engagement, leadership, and action.

The youth component joins the rest of the conference Friday evening with a community performance event to be held at BRIDGES, during which artists will be sharing their messages of peace and visions of beloved community through music, spoken word, visual art, and dance.

*The nonviolent resister must often express his protest through noncooperation or boycotts, but noncooperation and boycotts are not ends themselves; they are merely means to awaken a sense of moral shame in the opponent. The end is redemption and reconciliation. The aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, while the aftermath of violence is tragic bitterness.*

1957 :: [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

# Youth Conference Workshops

Friday 10:30-11:45

- :: "Story Sharing as Peace Making"  
Reverend Elaine Blanchard :: Neshoba Unitarian Church
- :: "From Gangs to Greatness"  
Ronald Baldrige
- :: "Mindfulness meditation as a tool for use in the development of inner peace and social connection"  
Marvin Belzer :: Bowling Green University
- :: "Standing in the Shoes of the Other: Building the Beloved Community with Understanding"  
Diane Lopez Hughes :: Pace e Bene
- :: "Truth in Recruiting"  
George Grider, Joey King, Charles Osburn :: members of Veterans for Peace, and Hardy Thames :: teacher at Central High School
- :: "Nonviolent Communication"  
Paul Dekar :: Memphis Theological Seminary
- :: "Help Design a National Anti-Hate School Campaign"  
Rhian Miller :: Not in Our Town & Michele Phillips :: Facing History and Ourselves
- :: "Activism and Media: Getting Your Voice Heard"  
Chad Johnson :: Community Voices Media Project
- :: "Ideal Schools Workshop"  
Leah Wells :: Center for Urban Child Policy
- :: "Introduction to Human Relationships"  
Stephan McLaughlin :: HEAL
- :: "Street Poetry - So You Want to be a Rapper?"  
Jimmy Catchings :: Tunnel Clones
- :: "Scratch Academy"  
Luke Sexton :: Tunnel Clones



Nontombi  
Naomi Tutu ::  
Keynote Speaker

The challenges of growing up black and female in apartheid South Africa have led Naomi Tutu to her present role as an activist for human rights. Those experiences taught her how much we all lose when any of us is judged purely on physical attributes. In her speeches she blends the passion for human dignity with humor and personal stories.

Ms. Tutu is the third child of Archbishop Desmond and Nomalizo Leah Tutu. She was born in South Africa and has also lived in Lesotho, the United Kingdom and the United States. She was educated in Swaziland, the US and England, and has divided her adult life between South Africa and the US. Growing up the 'daughter of ...' has offered Naomi Tutu many opportunities and challenges in her life. Most important of these has been the challenge to find her own place in the world. She has taken up the challenge and channeled the opportunities that she has been given to raise her voice as a champion for the dignity of all.

Her professional experience ranges from being a development consultant in West Africa, to being program coordinator for programs on Race and Gender and Gender-based Violence in Education at the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town. In addition Ms Tutu has taught at the Universities of Hartford and Connecticut and Brevard College in North Carolina.

She started her public speaking as a college student at Berea College in Kentucky in the 1970's when she was invited to speak at churches, community groups, colleges and universities about her experiences growing up in apartheid South Africa. Since that time she has become a much sought after speaker to groups as varied as business associations, professional conferences, elected officials, churches and civic organizations. Ms Tutu has also led Truth and Reconciliation Workshops for groups dealing with different types of conflict. Together with Rose Bator she presents a workshop titled Building Bridges dealing with issues of race and racism. The two also lead women's retreats through their organization Sister Sojourner. They are also writing a book provisionally titled I Don't Think of You as Black: Honest Conversations on Race and Racism.

In addition to speaking, Ms Tutu is a consultant to two organizations which reflect the breadth of her involvement in issues of human rights. The organizations are the Spiritual Alliance to Stop Intimate Violence (SAIV), founded by renowned author Riane Eisler and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Betty Williams, and the Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa (FHSSA).

Ms Tutu is a single mother of three children and currently lives in Nashville, TN.



Gwendolyn  
Zoharah Simmons ::  
Plenary Speaker

Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons is currently an Assistant Professor of Religion and affiliated faculty in the Women Studies Department. Simmons received her BA from Antioch University in Human Services and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Religion with a specific focus on Islam from Temple University as well as a Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies. Simmons' primary academic focus in Islam is on the Shari'ah (Islamic Law) and its impact on Muslim women, contemporarily. Simmons spent two years (1996-1998) living and conducting dissertation research in the Middle East countries of Jordan, Egypt, Palestine, and Syria. The areas of focus for her teaching at this time include: Islam, Women, Religion and Society; Women and Islam, African American Religious Traditions, and Race, Religion, & Rebellion.

In addition to her academic studies in Islam, Simmons was a disciple in Sufism (the mystical stream in Islam) for seventeen years (1971-1986) under the guidance of Sheikh Muhammad Raheem Bawa Muhaiyadeen, a Sufi Mystic from Sri Lanka, until his passing. She remains an active member of the Bawa Muhaiyadeen Fellowship and Mosque and student of this great Saint's teachings. Simmons has a long history in the area of civil rights, human rights and peace work. She was on the staff of the American Friends Service

Committee (AFSC), a Quaker peace, justice, human rights and international development organization headquartered in Philadelphia, PA. for twenty-three years. During her early adult years as a college student and thereafter, she was active with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and spent seven years working full time on voter registration and desegregation activities in Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama during the height of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's.

Publications include:

"Striving for Muslim Women's Human Rights – Before and Beyond Beijing" in *Windows of Faith: Muslim Women Scholar-Activists in North America*, ed., by Gisela Webb, Syracuse UP, 2000.

*The Islamic Law of Personal Status and its Contemporary Impact on Women in Jordan*, dissertation, Temple University, January, 2002.

"Racism Today in Higher Education as Manifested in the Continued Assault on Affirmative Action" in *Florida Law Review*, University of Florida Levin School of Law, February 2003 (forthcoming).

"Are We Up To The Challenge: The Need for a Radical Re-ordering of the Islamic Discourse on Women" in *Critical Islam*, ed., by Omid Safi, London, One World Press, April 2003 (forthcoming).



Barry L. Gan ::  
Plenary Speaker

Barry L. Gan is Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Nonviolence at St. Bonaventure University.

He is co-editor with Robert L. Holmes of a leading anthology on nonviolence, *Nonviolence in Theory and Practice*, 2nd edition; editor of *The Acorn: Journal of the Gandhi-King Society*; co-editor of *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of the Peace History Society* and the *Peace and Justice Studies Association*; and for two years he served as program committee chair of the oldest and largest interfaith peace group in the United States, the *Fellowship of Reconciliation*.

He has taught at St. Bonaventure University for the past twenty-three years since receiving his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy from the University of Rochester in 1981 and 1984, respectively. Prior to that he taught high school and junior high school English for six years. His wife Maureen teaches English and remedial reading at a local high school. He has a daughter and son of college and high school age, respectively.

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## A Place for Healing

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G. Simon  
Harak, S. J. ::  
Plenary Speaker

G. Simon Harak, S. J. entered the Society of Jesus (an order of Catholic priests) in 1970, and has served as a missionary in Jamaica and the Philippines. He has a B.A. from Fairfield University, an M.Div. from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, and an M.A. from the University of Notre Dame. He finished his Ph.D. from Notre Dame in ethics on a national fellowship and began teaching ethics at Fairfield University in 1986. He was John Early Visiting Professor at Loyola College in Baltimore, MD in 1992-3. In 1995, he was chosen "Teacher of the Year" by the Fairfield University students. In 1998, he gave the Staley Lecture for Distinguished Christian Scholars, at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA, and attained the rank of full professor at Fairfield, having served 5 years as Chair of the Academic Council.

He has written *Virtuous Passions: The Formation of Christian Character* (Paulist, 1993), edited *Aquinas and Empowerment: Classical Ethics for Ordinary Lives* (Georgetown University Press, 1996), and *Nonviolence for the Third Millennium: Its Legacy and Its Future* (Mercer University Press, 2000), co-edited *Beyond Boundaries: Student Volunteers in the Developing World* (JASPA, 1998). He has published numerous articles and is currently writing *Vicious Passions: The Deformation of Christian Character*.

He is a member of various professional organizations in theology and ethics, including the Society for Christian Ethics and the American Academy of Religion. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice.

He has been active in the peace movement and helped found Voices in the Wilderness, which was nominated in 2000, 2002, and 2003 for the Nobel Peace Prize. He has traveled to Iraq three times with VOICES, where he openly and publicly violated US/UN sanctions to bring medicine and toys to Iraqi hospitals. During one of his visits, he was the only American representative among 500 international participants at the Baghdad International Conference on the Sanctions [May 1-4, 1999], presenting 2 plenary papers, and a paper to the Committee on Humanitarian Effects of the Sanctions. He has since then made over 2,000 presentations on Iraq on TV, radio, and at different venues in the US and abroad, and to a congress of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) at the UN building. In 1998, he resigned his full professorship at Fairfield University, to work full time with Voices in the Wilderness against the sanctions.

Among his many presentations, he was honored to give the Inaugural Richard McSorley, S. J. Lecture for Peace and Justice at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, and the Augustana Theological Lecture at Augustana College in Alberta, Canada.

In 2003, Harak joined the War Resisters League as its National Anti-Militarism Coordinator, where he organized a National Speakers Bureau on war profiteering, and a national conference on war profiteering at St. Thomas University in Minneapolis-St. Paul in 2006. In 2006, he was named Pax Christi's Long Island's National Peacemaker of the Year, and Pax Christi's New York City's Peacemaker of the Year. He has written articles and given numerous presentations on war profiteering across the country, spending July 2006 in Germany on a speaking tour. He returned to speak in Germany and Poland in the Summer of 2007.

In January 2007, Harak left his position at the War Resisters League to join Marquette University in Milwaukee as a professor of theology and as the Director of the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking.



Rosa Alicia  
Clemente ::  
Plenary Speaker

Rosa Alicia Clemente is a community organizer, journalist and Hip-Hop activist. Born and raised in the South Bronx she is a graduate of the University of Albany and Cornell University. A much sought after commentator, political activist, community organizer and independent reporter, Rosa has been delivering workshops, presentations and commentary for over ten years. Chuck D says “When you need a dynamic, stylish women to get your campaign going or to get your organization excited about activism, Rosa is the person you are looking for, she speaks from the heart with truth, fire and passion. She is one of this generation’s most important political voices and community organizers.”

Rosa’s academic work has been dedicated to researching national liberation struggles inside the United States, with a specific focus on the Young Lords Party and the Black Liberation Army. While a student at SUNY Albany, she was President of the Albany State University Black Alliance (ASUBA) and Director of Multicultural Affairs for the Student Association. At Cornell she was a founding member of La Voz Boriken, a social/political organization dedicated to supporting Puerto Rican political prisoners and the independence of Puerto Rico.

Rosa has written for Clamor Magazine, The Ave. Magazine, The Black World Today, The Final Call and

numerous websites. She has been the subject of articles in the Village Voice, The New York Times, Urban Latino, and The Source magazines. She has appeared on CNN, C-Span, Democracy Now and Street Soldiers. In 2001 she was a youth representative at the United Nations World Conference against Xenophobia, Racism and Related Intolerance in South Africa and in 2002 was named by Red Eye Magazine as one of the top 50 Hip Hop Activists to look out for. In 1995 she developed Know Thy Self Productions, which is a full service speakers bureau, production company and media consulting service. Seeing a need for young people of color to be heard and taken seriously, she began presenting workshops and lectures at colleges, universities, high schools, and prisons. In the past ten years she has presented at over 200 colleges, conferences and community centers on topics such as: African-American and Latino/a Intercultural Relations, Hip-Hop Activism, The History of the Young Lords Party, and Women, Feminism and Hip Hop. KTSP now includes an expanded college speakers bureau which has produced three major Hip Hop activism tours: Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win with M1 of Dead Prez and Fred Hampton Jr.; The ACLU College Freedom Tour with Dead Prez, DJ Kuttin Kandi, Mystic and comedian Dave Chapelle; and the Speak Truth to Power Tour, a collaborative tour of award winning youth activists.

In 2003 Rosa helped form and coordinate the first ever National Hip Hop Political Convention that drew over 3000 activists who came together to create and implement a national political agenda for the Hip-Hop generation. As an independent journalist 10 days after Hurricane Katrina ravaged parts of the south, Rosa traveled to the areas as an independent journalist and her on-the-ground reports were aired on independent radio stations all over the world including Air America, NPR, Pacifica Radio, Democracy Now, Indymedia, Hard Knock Radio and many more independent and mainstream media outlets. Davey D, prominent hip hop historian and founder of the largest Hip Hop website [www.davdyd.com](http://www.davdyd.com), says about Rosa, "Hip Hop activist Rosa Clemente is one of the few 'non-mainstream' journalist allowed into New Orleans where the flood waters and damage has occurred. She brings to us a heart-wrenching eye opening account of what's really going on... She talks about the smell of death in the air and how things are much worse than we could ever imagine."

"I KNOW YOU ARE ASKING TODAY,  
'HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?' ...  
HOWEVER DIFFICULT THE MOMENT,  
HOWEVER FRUSTRATING THE HOUR,  
IT WILL NOT BE LONG ...  
THE ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE IS LONG  
BUT IT BENDS TOWARD JUSTICE."

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- :: We are gratefully accepting pledges in support of next year's conference.

Friday 2:15-3:30

Paper Presentations :: Session I

Buckman Hall :: Room 102

:: "The Nonviolent Diet"

Rachel M. MacNair, Ph.D. :: Institute for Integrated Social Analysis  
MacNair explores the relationship between living a nonviolent lifestyle and diet. The paper goes beyond vegetarianism to discuss issues of social justice, such as fair trade, workers' rights, and environmental soundness.

:: "Peace Education and Technology: Building the Beloved Community One Child at a Time"

Helen Bond, Ph.D. :: Howard University  
Bond focuses on the themes of building the beloved community by focusing on the long-term objective of creating a culture of sustainable peace and respect for human rights through peace education and technology.

:: "Dignity and its Role in Social and Political Activity"

Court Lewis :: University of Tennessee

Lewis examines Adam Michnik's writings concerning dignity and its role in resisting the societal oppression that occurred in Central and Eastern Europe under Communist rule.

Paper Presentations :: Session II

Buckman Hall :: Room 112

:: "The Young Gandhi, the Young King, and Religion: How Reading the Gita transformed Gandhi and reading the Bible Transformed King into Nonviolent Activists"

Paul R. Dekar :: Memphis Theological Seminary

Dekar explores how Gandhi in South Africa and King in the US read the religious texts and turned to nonviolence, while religious extremists of their day turned to violence. As a biologist and geneticist, Singh offers a parallel question: are we biologically given to violence?

:: "The Biological Basis of Human Freedom: Violence is not in our Genes"

Dr. Rama Singh :: McMaster University

Religion (God) and science have worked as competing sources of legitimatizing authority in explaining life, especially human behavior and our place in nature and society. Dr. Singh argues that yes, we are product of our biology, but as biology depends on the environment, we are not chained by genes. It is our biology that makes us free. Violence is not in our genes, it is a preventable disease.

Friday 2:15-3:30

Panel Discussion and Workshop Presentations

:: "Community Empowerment and Parental Involvement in Rural Mississippi"

Lori Cable, M.A., Kathy Jenkins, and Beulah Greer :: Community Students Learning Center, MS

Buckman Hall :: Spain Auditorium

This panel will discuss the necessary involvement of children in the process of overcoming poverty and improving the community. It addresses how the Community Students Learning Center, a grassroots organization, has transformed into a powerful nonprofit in Mississippi.

:: "Crochet as Constructive Programme"

Ashley Reynolds :: Blessed by Default, AL

Buckman Hall :: Room 225

One frequently overlooked aspect of both Gandhi's and King's nonviolent communities are the concept of constructive programme. Reynolds explores this concept and her use of crochet as an extension of the constructive programme.

:: “The Life, Work, and Legacy of Hendry D. Thoreau”

Devon Kurtz :: Concord Museum, Concord, MA

Buckman Hall :: Room 226

Kurtz explores the influence of Thoreau in the writings of Gandhi, King, and Tolstoy. The workshop uses new materials from the Concord Museum with New England middle school students to reconstruct Thoreau’s writing process.

:: “Service-Learning and Conflict Resolution Education as Avenues for Peacemaking in Learning Environments”

Laura M. Frey, Ph.D. :: Central Michigan University

Buckman Hall :: Room 223

Dr. Frey will explore conflict-resolution education and, drawing from participants’ perspectives, will focus on the relevance and application of this to their communities and learning environments.

:: “Yoga and Peace”

Molly Fleming :: Midtown Yoga

Thomas Center :: Sabbatini Lounge

Fleming will lead a yoga class focusing on freedom of the breath, peacemaking on the yoga mat and cultivating compassion. All levels are welcome and no experience is necessary.

:: “The Evolving Global Vision of the Beloved Community”

Vincent Kavaloski, Ph.D. :: Edgewood College

Buckman Hall :: Room 224

The presenters will utilize King’s “World House” vision as a way to deal with the threats of militarism, racism, and materialism. They will then explore the meaning of global citizenship, including the United Nations and ways to become directly involved in advocacy networks.

Friday 3:45-5:00

Paper Presentations :: Session III

Buckman Hall :: Room 102

:: "We Can't Have Peace without Saving the Planet, and We Can't Save the Planet Without the Christians"

Joe Johnston

Johnston will present his paper, based upon the upcoming book God Said Build An Ark, So Let's Not Miss the Boat, with a powerpoint presentation that includes statistics and inspiring photographs and artwork that focuses on how American Christians are needed to solve the planets current crisis in order to establish a viable notion of peace.

:: "Building Reason for the Community"

Abram Allen, DVM

This workshop will focus on the effectiveness of the principles of Dr. King and Gandhi based on the books of the workshop leader. The method and reasoning is based on the "Adversity of Diversity Law."

Paper Presentations :: Session IV

Buckman Hall :: Room 112

:: "Living by Conscience: the Key to Transformation"

N. S. Xavier, M.D.

Based on his book "Fulfilling Heart and Soul," Xavier's studies have led him to realize the importance of the conscience in transformation. Xavier explains the role of the conscience in relation to the superego and how this duality can affect compassion and social awareness.

:: “Wednesdays in Mississippi: Women Building Bridges of Understanding, Summer, 1964”

Debbie Z. Harwell :: University of Memphis

This paper will examine the civil rights project Wednesdays in Mississippi- the only civil rights program organized by women, for women, as part of a national women’s organization, and the only one focused on opening lines of communication between black and white Mississippi women in an effort to gain acceptance of integration and black enfranchisement in the South.

Friday 3:45-5:00

Panel Discussions and Workshop Presentations

:: “Gandhi, King, Berrigan: Themes on the Beloved Community”

Dr. Barry Gan, Dr. Ron Large, Dr. Gail Presbey, and Dr. Anna Brown  
Buckman Hall :: Spain Auditorium

This panel presentation will examine the role and importance of community in the ethics of Mohandas Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Fr. Dan Berrigan. While using different aspects of community, each understood that community was central to the creation and preservation of peace and justice.

:: “From Racism to Reconciliation: The Peaceable Kingdom Here and Now”

Debra Nell Brittenum, Dixie Fletcher, Carolyn Head, Onie Jones, Brooke Sarden, Art Sutherland, and Fred Terry :: Memphis School of Servant Leadership  
Buckman Hall :: Montesi

This panel will focus on the principles of servant leadership, the process of forging bonds that foster trust and commitment, the process of identifying community ills, and the process of servant leaders in racial reconciliation.

:: "Teaching Peace: Skills Needed for Effective Global Citizens"

Julie Morton & Heather Metz :: Conflict Research Consortium, Boulder, CO

Buckman Hall :: Room 104

This interactive workshop will attempt to model various modes of experiential learning that promotes peace. Concrete applications of peace work in schools are explored, focusing on the skills of dialogue, critical thinking, and creativity.

:: "Karl Marx and Non-Violence: Do Marx's Ideas Have a Place in a Dialogue Around 'Peacemaking'?"

Terry Moon & Allan Lummus :: News and Letters Committee

Buckman Hall :: Room 111

Does fighting oppression necessarily involve violence? This workshop attempts to deal with this question and Marx's view of peace and violence as it is associated with both the struggle to overcome oppression and the world that would follow such a struggle.

:: "Content + Intent = Change"

Molly Murphy :: Working Films, NC

Buckman Hall :: Room 225

This interactive session will engage participants through the medium of documentary film as a catalyst for strategic, grassroots change in support of peace and justice. The Iraq Media Action Project and the Ghosts of Abu Ghraib Campaign will be used as case studies to discuss creating strategic opportunities for audiences to take action on the issues that they learn about through film screenings.

:: "Non-Violent Palestinians and Israelis Working for Peace"

Eunice & Edward Ordman

Buckman Hall :: Room 224

The presenters will provide information on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and will talk about their experience on a recent trip to the area where they met with Israeli Jewish, Palestinian and Christian groups working for peace.

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Saturday 10:30-11:45  
Papers Presentations :: Session V  
Science Center :: Room 153

:: “Gandhi vs. King on the Meaning of Nonviolence – And Why It Matters”

Ira Chernus :: University of Colorado at Boulder

Chernus explores how King’s view of nonviolence can be more attractive to students than Gandhi’s and attempts to consider the varying meanings of nonviolence and the impact they can have on different people.

:: “Teaching in Wartime: Historical Perspectives”

Joseph Jones, Ph.D. :: University of Memphis

Jones explores the role of the teacher and the connection said role has with the inculcation of patriotism founded on the approbation of the nation’s military objectives. Participants will have an opportunity to consider the contemporary implications of the following question: What is the classroom teacher’s role in teaching students about patriotism and citizenship, war and peace?

Paper Presentations :: Session VI  
Science Center :: Room 155

:: “Keeping the Peace: The Experience of Heifer International and Balancing Goals and Managing Growth”

J. Rex Enoch, Ph.D. :: Heifer International

Enoch, who is current director of adult education programs at Heifer International, emphasizes one of Heifer’s main tenets: “Peace happens when the hungry can feed themselves.” Sustainability and self-subsistence are pervasive topics Enoch hopes to give perspective to in light of Heifer’s success.

:: “From Bystander to Change Agent: A Model for the Development of Courageous Resisters”

Sharon Toffey Shepela, Ph.D. :: University of Hartford, CT

Based on the upcoming book *Courageous Resistance: The Power of Ordinary People*, Shepela utilizes a specific developmental method to encourage people, including children, to become socially active within their community. This paper addresses the question: What might we do to increase the likelihood that we will respond to the needs of those around us and in doing so, create the very caring and peaceful communities in which we would like to live?

Saturday 10:30-11:45

Panel Discussions and Workshop Presentations

:: “Seeing Ourselves, Healing Our Hearts: the Role of Filmmaking in Building Peace Within Community”

Paulette Moore, Betty Kilby Fisher, and Phoebe Kilby

Buckman Hall :: Spain Auditorium

This panel will explore the use of filmmaking in creating peace and promoting social justice. This will be a case study of two recent documentaries about desegregation in the Shenandoah Valley showing clips from their film, *Wit, Will and Walls*.

:: “From the Pavement of Calcutta to the Prison of Guantanamo: Here is Where We Learned How to Pray, to Work, and to Love”

Anna J. Brown, Ph.D, Mar Peter-Raoul, Ph.D., and Jamie Williams ::

St. Peter’s College and Marist College

Buckman Hall :: Montesi

This panel will discuss the human rights, especially in the context of torture and global poverty. Dr. Brown focuses on her participation in a campaign to protest human rights violations occurring at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. Dr. Raoul will discuss her experiences in Calcutta while establishing a program for poor mothers.

:: “Community Yoga Workshop: Yoga and Meditation Interactive Workshop”

Maureen Dolan (Swami Shraddhananda) :: DePaul University  
Thomas Center :: [Sabatini Lounge](#)

The workshop reinforces the Gandhi teaching that the only way to peace is through peace. Yoga helps people to be more peaceful individuals and provides a lifestyle conducive to peace and justice. This workshop will include simple yoga stretches and breathing techniques. No experience is required.

:: “MAU (Mothers Acting Up) Now!: the Joy of Activism – Mobilizing the Mommas”

Paige La Grone Babcock :: Mothers Acting Up  
[Buckman Hall](#) :: [Room 111](#)

MAU will facilitate conversation about parental activism: where are we on our current journey? What are the barriers and obstacles to parental activism? How can we overcome them? The goal of the session is to provide each participant with the tools to become everyday peacemakers and peacekeepers in their hometowns by starting a Mothers Acting Up Community.

:: “Student-Centered Teaching and Training for Justice and Peace: Best Practices of INVST Community Studies at the University of Colorado-Boulder”

Jenn Ambrose :: University of Colorado at Boulder  
[Buckman Hall](#) :: [Room 222](#)

This workshop explores the way in which activism can be combined with academic work, especially among college students. INVST takes a radical stance for peace by providing a two-year comprehensive training experience that combines rigorous academics with a long menu of practical skills and travel. This workshop, along with presenting INVST as a case study, will also call upon participants to share their models of peace education.

:: "Faith Seeking Peace: Education as Spiritual Practice"

Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss :: Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)  
Buckman Hall :: Room 226

This workshop seeks to invigorate religious communities with timely discourse about the implications of faith in a time of war. It will invite participants into dialogue about education as spiritual practice.

:: "Introduction to Mindful Communication- Part 1"

Jean Handley & Stephan McLaughlin :: Turning Point Partners and HEAL  
Thomas Center :: Conference Room

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Saturday 1:45-3:00

Paper Presentations :: Session VII  
Science Center :: Room 153

:: "The Role of Justice in Transforming Conflict and Building a Sustainable Peace: Liberia As a Case Study"

Mulbah K. Morlu, Jr.

Forum for the Establishment of a War Crimes Court in Liberia

Morlu considers this method of peacemaking as especially important considering the realities that may be gleaned from the Liberian conflict resolution experience and how it may foster understanding of similar conflicts.

:: "Pedagogy of the Oppressor: A New Methodology for Peacebuilding in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"

Cassandra Newman

Newman illustrates the process by which oppressive societies are overturned and how it is possible to include the oppressors in the peacemaking process so that said process is inclusive. She draws from the Civil Rights movement, as well as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

:: “Bacha Khan and Servants of God”

Ali Gohar :: Just Peace International, Pakistan

Gohar explores the necessary implementations of the transformation of behavior from a violent lifestyle to one of nonviolence, especially in the context of the Pukhtoon nation.

Paper Presentations :: Session VIII

Science Center :: Room 155

:: “Peace: A Gandhian Perspective”

Nisha Bala Tyagi, Ph.D. :: University of Delhi, India

Tyagi explores the ways in which one can grow into an attitude of peace, as well as using Gandhi’s image of spinning as a symbol of peace to investigate the meaning of peace and the difference between peace and passivity.

:: “Armenians, Turks, and Nonviolence: Experiments toward Peace and Recognition”

Edward S Majian :: Saint Peter’s College, NJ

Majian explores genocide and its effects on identity and the hope of transcending the past and forging a peaceful reconciliation, especially in the case of Armenians in Turkey.

:: “The Journey for Humanity: Peacemaking and the Status of Social Consciousness”

Hasmig Tatioossian :: New York University

Tatioossian recounts her and five other students’ 3,300 mile walk across America to raise awareness of genocide and atrocities associated with it through the Journey for Humanity.

Saturday 1:45-3:00

## Panel Discussions and Workshop Presentations

:: “April 4, 2008: Forty Years In, Building the Beloved Community”

Rev. Cheryl Cornish :: Moderator

Buckman Hall :: Spain Auditorium

Panelists: Rev. Luther Ivory :: Rhodes College, Dr. Johnson Saulsberry

:: April 4th Foundation, Elaine Turner :: Heritage Tours, Dr. Morris ::

Hope Presbyterian, Rhian Miller :: The Working Group

HOLIDAY, a documentary about one community’s quest to finally recognize the MLK holiday, profiles a Southern community’s struggle to make a break with divisive and bitter history and recreate itself as a place defined by equality and inclusiveness. Participants will view a clip of the film followed by a discussion by panelists on where the beloved community is today.

:: “Coming to the Table: Facing America’s Legacy of Slavery”

Amy Potter & Phoebe Kilby :: Eastern Mennonite University

Buckman Hall :: Montesi

Coming to the Table is an organization founded to include both descendents of “slaves” and “slave-owners.” The organization seeks to fulfill the dream of King, namely that of accountability and reconciliation. Participants of this workshop will be invited to look at history as a healing tool, create safe spaces to talk about painful issues, and explore roles of guilt, shame and fear in keeping people from crossing boundaries and building peace.

:: “Finding Our Voice as the Beloved Community”

Barbara Vann & Susan Yates :: Memphis School of Servant Leadership

Buckman Hall :: Room 222

Do you feel what you have to say is important and for some reason you find yourself either not saying it or that it’s not being received? The facilitators of this workshop will explore finding a voice as beloved community and discuss real ways to get around those stumbling blocks that we and others place in our path.

:: “Constructive Program: An Essential Foundation for Building Beloved Community”

Diane Lopez Hughes :: Pace e Bene

[Buckman Hall :: Room 111](#)

Instead of resisting the injustice and oppression, Constructive Program focuses on the building of the Beloved Community, the creation of a society that embodies the values and principles that are most important to the peace movement. This workshop focuses on this often overlooked aspect of Gandhi’s message.

:: “Peace, Earth and the Sacred Feminine: Feminine Energy as Catalyst for Peace”

Karen Latvala & Laurel Boyd :: Vessels of Peace

[Buckman Hall :: Room 223](#)

This workshop will connect the dots between the earth’s feminine energy, other aspects of the sacred feminine, and peace. The Sacred Feminine, an energy that both women and men have, will be explored through movement, discussion, and meditation as a way to BE peace.

:: “Toxic Peacemaking: An Immunization Workshop”

Jerry T. Lawler, Ph.D.

[Buckman Hall :: Room 225](#)

Using concepts in cognitive, social, and clinical psychology, this workshop will raise awareness of our natural tendencies for toxic peacemaking and, thus, help “immunize” the participants against it, and will include experiential exercises to reveal participants’ own unacknowledged prejudices.

:: “Jainism, Gandhian Nonviolence, Yoga and Meditation”

Jyotindrabhai N. Doshi :: Jain Society of Chicago

[Thomas Center :: Sabatini Lounge](#)

This workshop will explore the tenants of Jainism as related to Gandhi’s nonviolence, and how Gandhi implemented the Jain’s code of conduct in his quest for independence. It will also include yoga and meditation as a means of achieving health and inner happiness.

:: “End of Life Decision Making- Perspectives from Different Monotheistic Religions”


Dr. Mohammed Moinuddin :: Baptist Hospital  
Buckman Hall :: Room 102

Based upon a study done to determine how followers of different faiths of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam approach the end of life decision making, this workshop will share the findings of this study, as well as provide a platform for discussion.

:: “Introduction to Mindful Communication Part 2”

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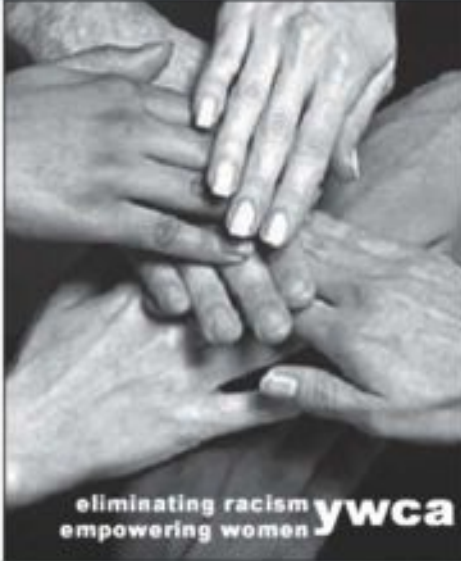
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## GERARD A. VANDERHAAR SYMPOSIUM

AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY

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### REV. BRYAN MASSINGALE, S.T.D.

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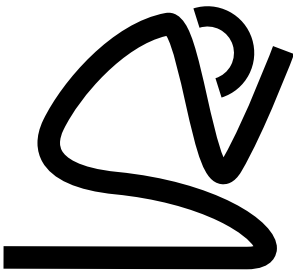
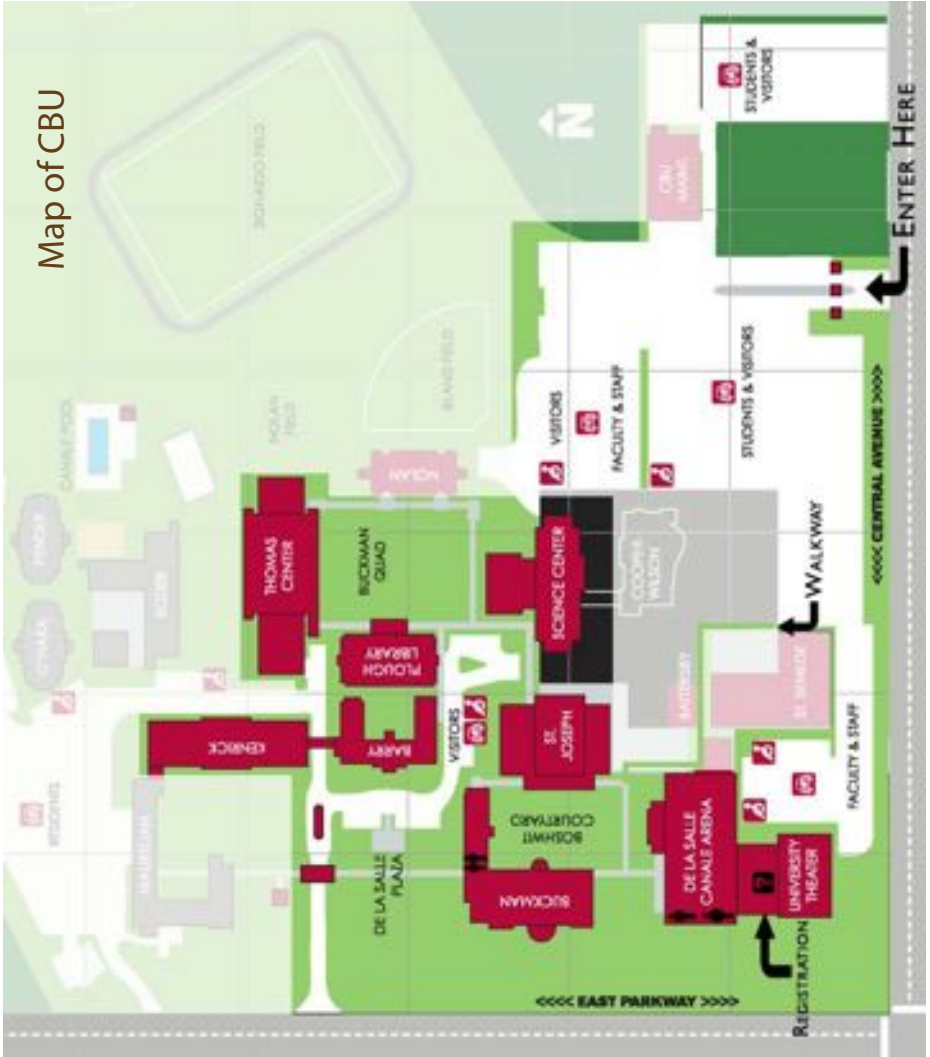
Rev. Massingale is a Catholic Moral Theologian with a focus on liberation theologies, African American religious ethics and racial justice. Recent work applies Catholic social thought to the issues of affirmative action, racial reconciliation, terrorism and the challenge of peacemaking.

The Vanderhaar Student Peace Award will be presented at the Symposium and a reception will follow.

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