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Friday, October 17

7:30a Registration Begins [ongoing during conference]

8:30 - 12:30p Youth Conference [all conference participants welcome to attend]

8:30 - 9:45a Youth Plenary Speaker: Rev. Lennox Yearwood [all conference participants welcome to attend]

10:00a - 10:45a Plenary Debriefing

11:00a - 12:00p Youth Workshops

12:00p - 12:45p Youth Lunch

1:00p - 2:00p Opening Plenary Speaker [Ruby Nell Sales]

2:15p - 3:30p Concurrent Sessions I

3:45p - 5:00p Concurrent Sessions II

*6:30p - 7:30p Reception

*7:30p - 10:00p Sounds of Unity Concert

Saturday, October 18

7:30a Registration Begins

9:00a - 10a Plenary Speaker [Fr. Roy Bourgeois]

10:30a - 11:45a Concurrent Sessions III

12:00p - 1:30p Lunch

1:45p - 3:00p Concurrent Sessions IV

3:30p - 4:30p Plenary Speaker [Michael Nagler]

*6:30p - 8:30p Banquet & Keynote Speaker [Amy Goodman]

_There will be rooms available for meditation, prayer, and yoga throughout the conference in St. Joseph Room 10.

_Unless otherwise noted, all events are at Christian Brothers University, located at 650 East Parkway, Memphis, TN 38104.

*Reception and Concert located at Galloway United Methodist Church, 1015 S. Cooper [See page 38 for directions]

*Banquet will take place at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, 70 N. Bellevue Blvd. [See page 40 for directions]

On behalf of the Gandhi-King Conference Steering Committee I want to welcome all of the workers, academics, professionals and community members that are here because of a dedication to foster peace through nonviolence in our communities.

We have come to know many of you over the past five years and are so pleased to have another opportunity this year to share experiences, to learn and to model what we know is the only way for our world to progress forward in a positive and progressive direction. This is the change that we seek to accomplish with our work.

But as it is an election season, I would be remiss not to comment on the spirit of change that is sweeping our country. No matter what party or candidate we may support, it seems that change has become the clarion call for any politician. I would say this is not because our political leaders are necessarily affected directly by the social ills of our world, but because the people are beginning to rise up and demand that our leaders work for our communities, and not the narrow interests of the elite.

It is the namesakes of this conference that have always provided a route through this wilderness of our political jungle for myself and so many others. The Mahatma is perhaps best known for his statement that “We must be the change we wish to see in the world.” The statement is simple, but contains a wealth of guidance to those seeking the nonviolent path to social change in our world. It implies that we must begin by looking inward at ourselves to create change, that it is our responsibility above any leader or politician.

Dr. King also weighed in on the mantra of change by stating, “Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle.” This quote speaks to the hard road that still lays ahead in our struggle for human freedom.

We know that no matter who leads us in our seats of government, that it falls upon our communities to fan the flames of freedom. That we will not be able to rest on our laurels until no one is oppressed.

So we welcome you as we work to vision, plan and train for this struggle. We have worked very hard to create the space in which these conversations can come to fruit, but we rely on you for the grassroots energy to make this change possible.

Peace in the Struggle for Freedom,
[Jacob Flowers](#)
Chair, Gandhi-King Conference on Peacemaking
Executive Director, Mid-South Peace and Justice Center

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The 2008 two day conference is entitled “Continuing the Dream...Constructing the World House”. The conference will focus on practical ways we can each build the ‘World House’ that Dr. King referred to as the next step in creating the Beloved Community. Our house will be built on three pillars; nonviolence, social justice, and community building. All plenary speakers, workshops, paper presentations, dialogue sessions, panel discussions, and film presentations will fall under one of these pillars.

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Possible topics under each pillar include but are not limited to:

[NONVIOLENCE]

Personal, Political, Social, and Spiritual
Nonviolence

[SOCIAL JUSTICE]

Environmental, Economic, and Racial Justice

[COMMUNITY BUILDING]

Nonviolent Communication, Dialogue Processes,
and Multiculturalism

YOUTH COMPONENT

The Gandhi-King Conference will again bring local high school youth an innovative and interactive youth component which will occur on Friday of the conference weekend. Friday morning will begin with a plenary address by Reverend Lennox Yearwood, President of the Hip Hop Caucus, followed by two workshop sessions specifically designed for the youth.

The youth component continues Friday evening with a reception and community performance event during which artists will be sharing their messages of peace and visions of Beloved Community through music, spoken word, visual art, and dance. Students are welcome to join us for the duration of the conference weekend, providing a unique opportunity for intergenerational learning and sharing.

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AMY GOODMAN

Keynote Speaker

Amy Goodman is the host and executive producer of Democracy Now!, a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program airing on 750 radio and television stations in North America. Time Magazine named Democracy Now! in its “Pick of the Podcasts.”

Goodman and her brother, journalist David Goodman, co-authored the NY Times bestseller *Static: Government Liars, Media Cheerleaders, and the People Who Fight Back*, and the New York Times bestseller *The Exception to the Rule: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them*. She writes a weekly column (also produced as an audio podcast) syndicated by King Features, for which she was recognized in 2007 with the James Aronson Award for Social Justice Reporting.

Goodman’s reporting on East Timor and Nigeria has won numerous awards, including the George Polk Award, Robert F. Kennedy Prize for International Reporting, and the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia Award. She has also received awards from the Associated Press, United Press International, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Project Censored.

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REV. LENNOX
YEARWOOD, JR.

Plenary Speaker

Rev. Lennox Yearwood, Jr. is a minister, community activist, and one of the most influential people in Hip Hop political life. Firmly grounded in his Caribbean and Louisiana roots, Rev. Yearwood is a fierce advocate for human and civil rights in the 21st century. A powerful and fiery orator, Rev. Yearwood works diligently and tirelessly to encourage the Hip Hop generation to utilize its political and social voice.

He currently serves as President of the Hip Hop Caucus in Washington, D.C. The Hip Hop Caucus is a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that inspires and motivates those born after the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

Rev. Yearwood is known for his activist work as the National Director of the Gulf Coast Renewal Campaign in which he organized a coalition of national organizations and grassroots organizations to advocate for the rights of Hurricane Katrina survivors. More recently, Rev. Yearwood has become an important figure in the peace movement as an outspoken critic of the war in Iraq and the Bush Administration. He was an Officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and recently led a “Make Hip Hop Not War” national tour to engage more young people in the movement for peace.

Rev. Yearwood was a co-creator of the 2004 campaign “Vote or Die” with Sean “Diddy” Combs. He was also the Political and Grassroots Director for Russell Simmons’ Hip Hop Summit Action Network in 2003 and 2004, and a Senior Consultant to Jay Z’s Voice Your Choice.

Rev. Yearwood was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of the District of Columbia in 1998 and was awarded a Master of Divinity from Howard University in May 2002. Rev. Yearwood has been seen on CNN, BET Tonight, MTV, BBC, C-Span, and Hardball with Chris Mathews and featured in the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and *VIBE*.

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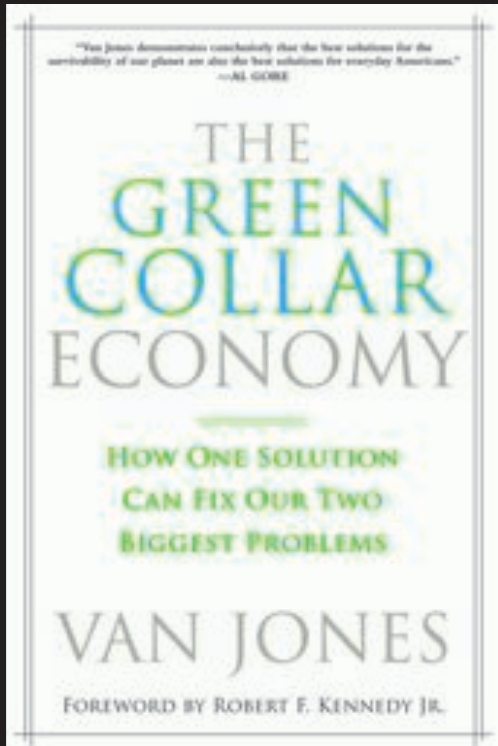
Plenary Speaker

Dr. Michael Nagler has devoted his life to exploring nonviolence as an alternative to war. Professor Emeritus of Languages at the University of California, Berkeley, and founder and former chairperson of the University's Peace and Conflict Studies program, Nagler has become one of the world's most widely respected peace scholars and activists.

Prof. Nagler has spoken and written widely for campus, religious, public and special interest groups on the subject of peace and nonviolence for many years, especially since 9/11. He has consulted for the U.S. Institute of Peace and many other organizations and is President of the board of METTA: Center for Nonviolence Education and of PeaceWorkers, and on numerous other boards, and has recently co-founded Educators For Nonviolence (info@efnv.org). He has worked on nonviolent intervention since the 1970's and served on the Interim Steering Committee of the Nonviolent Peaceforce.

In addition to his many articles on peace and spirituality, he is the author of *America Without Violence* (Island Press, 1982), *The Upanishads* (with Sri Eknath Easwaran, Nilgiri Press, 1987) and most recently *The Search for a Nonviolent Future* (Inner Ocean Publishing) which won the 2002 American Book Award and is being used in many courses as well as reading groups around the country (Italian translation appeared in 2005; pending in Korean and Arabic).

Michael Nagler is a student of Sri Eknath Easwaran, Founder of the Blue Mountain Center of Meditation, and has lived at the Center's ashram in Marin County since 1970.



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**FR. ROY
BOURGEOIS**
Plenary Speaker

Fr. Roy Bourgeois was born in Lutcher, Louisiana in 1938. He graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology.

After college Fr. Roy served as a Naval Officer for four years--two years at sea, one year at a NATO station in Europe, and one year of shore duty in Vietnam. He received the Purple Heart.

After military service, Fr. Roy entered the seminary of the Maryknoll Missionary Order. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1972, and he went on to work with the poor of Bolivia for five years before being arrested and forced to leave the country, then under the repressive rule of dictator and SOA grad General Hugo Banzer.

In 1980 Fr. Roy became involved in issues surrounding US policy in El Salvador after four US churchwomen--two of them his friends--were raped and killed by Salvadoran soldiers. Roy became an outspoken critic of US foreign policy in Latin America. Since then, he has spent over four years in US federal prisons for nonviolent protests against the training of Latin American soldiers at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

In 1990, Roy founded the School of Americas Watch, an office that does research on the US Army School of the Americas (SOA), now renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation or WHINSEC, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Each year the school trains hundreds of soldiers from Latin America in combat skills - all paid for by U.S. taxpayers.

The School of the Americas Watch, located just outside the main entrance of Fort Benning and in Washington, D.C., informs the general public, Congress and the media about the implications of this training on the people of Latin America.

Roy has worked on and helped produce several documentary films, including 1983's *Gods of Metal* about the nuclear arms race and 1995's *School of Assassins*. Both films received Academy Award nominations.

Fr. Roy was the recipient of the 1997 Pax Christi USA Teacher of Peace Award.

In December 1998, Roy testified in Madrid before Spanish Judge Baltasar Garzon seeking the extradition of Chile's ex-dictator General Augusto Pinochet.

In June 2006, Roy testified before the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva. From 2002-2007, Roy made fact-finding trips to Iraq, Iran, Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, and Central America.

Father Roy travels extensively, giving talks at universities, churches, and groups around the country about U.S. foreign policy in Latin America and Iraq.

Continue the Dream...

Peace cannot be kept by force.
It can only be achieved by understanding.

—Albert Einstein

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RUBY NELL SALES

Plenary Speaker

Ruby Nell Sales is a deeply committed social activist, scholar, public theologian and educator. She is an excellent public speaker and preacher who has spoken and preached in churches and other venues around the country.

Ruby attended Tuskegee Institute, Manhattanville College, and Princeton University. Most recently, in 1998, Ruby received a Masters of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was the Absalom Jones Scholar and she received the Social Justice Award upon graduation.

While studying at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, Ruby became involved in the Southern Freedom Movement (commonly known as the Civil Rights Movement). She became a student volunteer with the Student NonViolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in Lowndes County, Alabama. As a volunteer, she worked alongside local Black people on a Freedom Summer voter registration drive.

Those were terrible and violent days in “Bloody Lowndes County.” One day, Ruby was arrested with other SNCC volunteers and local young Blacks for protesting against a company store system that robbed local black sharecroppers. On the day that they were released, Jonathan Daniels, a white seminarian and SNCC volunteer, walked to the corner store with Ruby and two others to purchase sodas for members of the group who had also been released. As they approached the steps of the store, Tom Coleman a local white man shot at them. Jonathan pushed Ruby out of the range of the bullet and he was killed instantly while saving her life. Unnerved and unable to speak significantly for seven months, Ruby was determined to attend the trial of Daniels’ murderer, Tom Coleman, and to testify on behalf of her slain colleague.

Upon leaving the Southern Freedom Movement, Ruby resumed her formal education. She later formed two organizations, Black Women's Voices and Images and Women of All Colors, that provided common spaces for women to come together to preserve and promote their voices and their lives. Her training as a seminarian coupled with her life experiences prepared Ruby to launch the SpiritHouse Project in 2000.

As a social activist, Ms. Sales has served on many committees to further the work of reconciliation, education, and awareness. She has served on the Steering Committee for International Women's Day, Washington, D.C., the James Porter Colloquium Committee, Howard University, Washington, D.C., the Coordinating Committee, Peoples Coalition, Washington, DC. the President's Committee On Race, University of Maryland, and the Coalition on Violence Against Women, Amnesty International, Washington, DC. She was a founding member of SAGE MAGAZINE : A Scholarly JOURNAL ON BLACK WOMEN. Ms. Sales received a Certificate of Gratitude for her work on Eyes on the Prize. Additionally, she is part of the Veterans of Hope documentary Series and was featured in Broken Ground: Film on Race Relations in the South, Broken Ground Productions. In 2000, Dan Rather spotlighted Ms Sales on his American Dream Segment. In 1999, Selma, Alabama gave Ms. Sales the key to the city to honor her contributions there.

From 1991-1994, Ms. Sales also founded and directed the national nonprofit organization Women of All Colors, dedicated to improving the overall quality of life for women, their families, and the communities in which they live. Women of All Colors organized a weeklong SisterSpeak that brought more than eighty Black women together to set a national agenda.

Throughout her career, Ms. Sales has mentored young people and provided support and venues for performing artists. Currently, Ms. Sales is the Director of SpiritHouse, which she also founded in 2000 for the purpose of building a just and non-violent world through the arts, spiritual reflection, and attention to public policy. SpiritHouse has emerged as cutting edge and highly respected national voice on peace and justice Issues. SpiritHouse houses the Jonathan Daniels and Samuel Younge Institute for Justice that trains a new generation of activists.

“End Teen Violence” [Nonviolence]

Selena Smith, Living Legacy, Inc., TN
Gymnasium Hospitality Suite

This workshop will break down the definition and the components of domestic violence. Victims of domestic violence will speak on their history of abuse and ways they were able to get out of a situation and find resources to help. Teens will leave empowered to end domestic violence.

“Money (and more) Grows in Empty Lots: How Urban Gardens Fuel the Green Economy” [Community Building]

Josephine Williams, GrowMemphis Coordinator
Thomas Center Sabbatini Lounge

Learn how to begin the process of turning an abandoned lot into a thriving and productive center of community and hear from urban youth interns about their experiences working in some of the GrowMemphis gardens this summer.

“The N-Word: Is There a Message in The Madness?” [Social Justice]

Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr., Founder, White Privilege Conference and Director of Diversity, the Bush School, Seattle, WA
Kenrick Room 204

The session will take a look at the history of the “N” word utilizing Randall Kennedy’s controversial book along with TV and film clips. Participants will examine their personal and social histories with the “N” word, explore the different feelings and visuals associated with the word, and discuss its ongoing impact and/or influence on all communities.

“The Fishbowl” [Community Building]

Jean Handley
Kenrick Room 115

The Fishbowl is an exercise that creates a safe space to talk and be real with each other. This activity will help us to see other people’s points of view through deep listening and understanding. You will be able to use this exercise yourself in other situations where people are trying to bridge differences with respect.

“The Revolution Will Be Blogged and Podcasted!!!!” [Social Justice]

Ronald Herd II, R2C2H2 Tha Activist
Cooper-Wilson Room 324

The workshop presentation will be about advocating for social justice using the internet. Topics to be discussed include starting a blog, and creating a podcast, using social network websites such as Facebook in order to build, organize and sustain a community of like minded individuals for your cause(s).

“Truth in Recruiting” [Nonviolence]

George Grider, Joey King, and Mike Hearington, Veterans for Peace; Kelly Atwood, Mid South Peace and Justice Center
Buckman Hall Room 360

Having seen the effects of war and militarism first-hand, these heroes of peace are dedicated to informing high schoolers about the realities of the military and ways they can dedicate their lives to peace.

“Teaching Nonviolence: Peace through Hip Hop” [Nonviolence]

Dr. Andre Johnson, Pastor, Gifts of the Life Ministries, Professor, Memphis Theological Seminary
Kenrick Room 117

Join a facilitated conversation about the culture of hip hop as it relates to peace and nonviolence.

“Taking Responsibility for My Own Stress: An Option We Overlook” [Nonviolence]

Divya Kanchibotla and Deepika Konakanchi, The Art of Living Foundation
Kenrick Room 200

This experiential workshop will offer interactive processes which develop leadership skills, techniques which sharpen mental clarity and increase productivity, and breathing techniques to control emotions and eliminate stress.

“Education and Jobs for the Future: The Green Economy” [Social Justice]

Leah Wells, Green Jobs Memphis
Kenrick Room 221

Students will explore the foundational concepts of Green Collar Jobs and apply these terms to their current community context by examining five different areas of Green Opportunities: Food, Energy, Transportation, Business and Policy. Students will use a checklist of items to determine their community’s level of “green-ness”. They will have a working understanding of the key components of sustainability and The Green Wave, and will begin to explore the dimensions of disparity that exist between communities’ differing access points into the green economy – eco-privilege.

“Imagine Memphis: Creating What We Want to See in the World” [Community Building]

Brandon Dupree, Diance Spence, Mary Jo Greil, Imagine Memphis
Buckman Room 358

Tired of always hearing negative points about your community and city? Learn from youth and adults about how together they are using Discovery Interviews to imagine and create a vital future for all in Memphis. Experience the interview process and consider its use in your community.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS [SESSION 1]

Buckman Hall Room 102

Moderated by Dr. Rakesh Goorha

“Risk, Religion and Nonviolence in a Secular World” [Nonviolence]

Austin Reece, Sauk Valley College

Reece will critique “Gandhi and Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence” by Terrence Rynne, by analyzing two interconnected themes that Rynne fails to address in an adequate manner: the serious personal risk and danger involved in Gandhi’s and Jesus’ practice of nonviolent resistance to evil and the role of religious belief.

“The Body of Christ and King’s World House: Overcoming the ‘Giant Triplets’ through the Doctrine of the Trinity and the Practice of the Eucharist” [Community Building]

Dr. J. Burton Fulmer, Christian Brothers University

Fulmer discusses the “giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism” as spoken of by Martin Luther King, Jr. He then shows how they are challenged by the Christian doctrine of the Trinity and the practice of the Eucharist.

“Peace Beyond Belief” [Nonviolence]

Mike McCullough, UT Martin

The thesis of this paper is that beliefs can be obstacles to peace and nonviolence. Beliefs are variously considered ordained of God, obvious, valid because of who accepts them. They are generally products of cultures and as such are difficult for anyone within the culture to challenge. The belief in violence as a solution to political problems is an example.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS [SESSION 2]

Buckman Hall Room 112

Moderated by Kira Duke, National Civil Rights Museum

“A Report on the World Conference on Dialogue” [Community Building]

Dr. John Kaltner, Rhodes College

Dr. Kaltner offers an overview of the World Conference on Dialogue, which he recently attended in Madrid. Dr. Kaltner situates the conference’s participants and themes in the broader context of interfaith relations, particularly between Muslims and non-Muslims and reflects on the conference’s possible outcomes and significance.

“The Urgency of Nonviolence” [Nonviolence]

Dr. Parke Burgess, Author

Burgess argues that violence is the root cause of injustice, poverty, and environmental degradation, as well as war and countless other atrocities. Burgess identifies five key strategies that people with some privilege can implement in their own lives and communities. Nonviolence is urgently necessary to prevent an eventual collapse of the global ecosystem and human civilization as we know it.

“The Dialogic Structure of Nonviolent Ontology: Reading the Logos in Gandhi and the Narratives of Peacemakers in Northern Ireland” [Nonviolence]

Dr. Thomas G. McGowan, Rhodes College

Dr. McGowan will present a paper on the nonviolent philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and his belief that human beings have an inherent ability to experience empathetic insight through the practice of non-violence.

PANEL DISCUSSION

“King Day: A Day ON, Not a Day Off” [Community Building]

Panelists: LeeAnn Rasmussen, Caitlin Boulger, John Speed, and Sandra Halat:: MS Gulf Coast Community College
Buckman Hall Spain Auditorium [Panel Discussion]

As members of the 2009 MLK Celebration Committee at MGCCC, panelists will discuss honoring Dr. King’s memory by striving to achieve his goal of a society where we serve each other selflessly as a means of creating true community.

FILM SCREENING

“The Narrow Path: Walking Toward Peace and Nonviolence” [Nonviolence]

Paul Crum, Pax Christi Memphis

Buckman Hall Room 101 [Film Screening]

The Narrow Path is a bold and challenging film from the San Damiano Foundation, whose motto is “Putting the Power of Film at the Service of the Poor.” It follows John Dear, SJ, who has been arrested and imprisoned more than 75 times, as he follows in the footsteps of the great apostles of nonviolence and crisscrosses the country and the world tirelessly preaching the message of the nonviolent Jesus.

WORKSHOPS

“Imagine-Discovery Interviews” [Community Building]

Imagine Memphis Youth Design Team

Buckman Hall Room 358 and 360

Experience a unique strengths-based process through interviews conducted by local youth. Learn how Appreciative Inquiry through multi-generational conversations can impact your community.

“The Alternatives to Violence Project: “Each one teach one” [Community Building]

Caroline Kiev, Alternatives to Violence Project, MN

Buckman Hall Room 103

In this workshop, Caroline Kiev will describe the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), which teaches the skills needed to practice peace based on the principles of nonviolence utilized by Gandhi and Dr. King. Kiev will lead a demonstration of the project’s Transforming Power teaching, and also discuss AVP’s curriculum and training program for facilitators.

“Teaching Nonviolence to Children” [Nonviolence]

Brigitte Benchimol, Author, Los Angeles, CA

Buckman Hall Room 111

This workshop will provide recommendations and resources for teaching nonviolence to children through literacy, programming, and activities for the home or classroom. Benchimol also will explain the Way of the Council, a technique of communication coming from the Native Americans, as a resource for teaching children nonviolence.

CO-PRESENTATION

“Justice Brings Security: Human Rights in Israel and the Palestinian Territories.” [Social Justice]

Joel Gulledge, Voices for Creative Nonviolence, Christian Peacemaker Teams

Buckman Hall Room 222

Joel Gulledge recently spent four years in Palestine and brings back with him stories of occupation, nonviolence, and dignity in the face of humiliation and violence. Joel will address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the work of Christian Peacemaker Teams in the West Bank region of the occupied Palestinian territories. This will be a 35 minute presentation followed by Q&A.

“Joy Amidst the Rubble: Rebuilding Homes in Palestine” [Nonviolence]

Dr. Anna J. Brown, Saint Peter’s College

Buckman Hall Room 222

Dr. Brown recently returned from Palestine, where she helped rebuild two homes under the auspices of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolition and participated in numerous other nonviolent activities. As a result of her experiences in Palestine, she asked some serious questions about nonviolence. For example: (1) When you are under attack by the military, how do you love the one who is attacking you? (2) What are some practices that help to keep one nonviolent during a time in which you are afraid of being harmed and/or killed?

[FRIDAY 3:45-5:00P]

PAPER PRESENTATION

Buckman Hall Room 112

Moderated by Dr. David Ciscle, University of Memphis

“Building Capacity through Evaluation of our Efforts” [Community Building]

Dr. Denise Pearson, University of Denver

Pearson explores practical ways for participants to evaluate efforts on behalf of creating the Beloved Community, emphasizing the importance of structured and strategic evaluation processes to support continuous growth.

“Working Toward the Top: The Power of Grassroots Activism” [Community Building]

Sapna Jain, Student at Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis

Grassroots activists were the backbone of the civil rights movement for racial equality in the United States of America. The methods used by grassroots activists can be applied to modern-day situations to solve problems that we face in today’s society. Grassroots activists help to make students into leaders and to have organizers (locals) lay the foundation for mobilizers “national figures” to bring in the attention. The key is to have local leaders that are willing to fight for a cause that would better our world.

“Global Paths to Human Rights Work: Young Leaders Speak Out” [Social Justice]

Dr. Sharon Shepela, Hillyer College/ University of Hartford

The book, *Courageous Resistance: The Power of Ordinary People* gives a model of the circumstances that led to people and groups taking great risks to resist the abuse of others’ rights. To test the model with real world situations, the authors interviewed ten global young leaders who work with human rights. Shepela will report on the results of those interviews, how they reflected the model, which appears to have explanatory value for this group, and make proposals for how we can use this information to increase the number of people who are willing to take the risks and pay the costs of working for justice.

PANEL DISCUSSION

“Remembering to be Human: Nonviolence in a Violent World?” [Social Justice]

Panelists: Dr. Ron Large, Gonzaga University; Dr. Anna Brown, St. Peter's College;

Dr. Michael Nagler, the Metta Center, CA

Buckman Hall, Spain Auditorium

This panel will address the multiple layers of nonviolence, social justice, and community building as they relate to a broader understanding of the beloved community. Dr. Michael Nagler will examine the validity of nonviolence; Dr. Ron Large will present the specifics of Martin Luther King's understanding of social justice; and Dr. Anna Brown will consider King's three-fold mandate for the building of communities engaged in the work of resistance.

FILM SCREENING

“Sins of the Blind” [Social Justice]

Michelle Sweeney, Director, Southwest Community College, Memphis, TN

Buckman Hall Room 101

Sins of the Blind is a short documentary film on the examination of public awareness/attitudes toward genocide in the region of Darfur, Sudan. Interviews were conducted with students around the Southwest Tennessee Community College to see how many people both young and old know about the ongoing genocide. The blindness of society to suffering that they can see is and always will be a sin.

WORKSHOPS

“Hutto: America's Family Prison film-screening and workshop
on Campaign to Abolish Family Detention” [Social Justice]

Matthew Gossage, Filmmaker; Luissana Santibanez and Bob Libal, Grassroots Leadership, TX

Buckman Hall Room 222

The workshop will begin with a screening of Hutto: America's Family Prison, a short film on family detention, followed by a question and answer session with filmmaker Matthew Gossage. Then, Gossage and Grassroots Leadership organizers Luissana Santibanez and Bob Libal will discuss family detention and efforts to reform the immigration system to respect the dignity of immigrant families.

“World Empire or World Community: Dr. King’s Global Vision and its Enemies”

Professor Vince Kavaloski and Edgewood College students, Edgewood College, WI

Buckman Hall Room 224

This discussion focuses on the evolution of the “World House” concept in King’s thinking and experience, especially his trips to Africa, India, Europe and the Middle East. Next the threats to this global vision are explored. And finally Edgewood College students will briefly discuss the applications of this vision today based on their civic engagement projects.

“Resolving Personal Conflicts Using Your Emotional Intelligence” [Community Building]

Leslie Brunker, Unlimited Potentials Consulting Services, Portland, OR

Buckman Hall Room 226

Emotional Intelligence (EQ) will be explored in this fun and active workshop session. Participants will see a model of EQ and immediately apply it to their own conflict communication mode, allowing for greater understanding of their own thinking and responses to conflict. They will also receive a 5-step confrontation tool along with coaching for how to use the tool in the real world.

“Gandhian Nonviolence as a Way of Life” [Nonviolence]

Dr. James B. McGinnis :: Institute for Peace & Justice, St. Louis, MO

Buckman Hall Room 225

This workshop will touch on several dimensions of Gandhi’s nonviolent way of life embodied in his rich understanding and practice of AHIMSA – service, respect, problem-solving, forgiveness, oneness with creation and simple living. Using the worksheets I created for these themes, plus an excerpt from the GANDHI video, I will invite participants to examine and apply Gandhi’s understanding of AHIMSA to their own way of life. For those who work with high school or college students and/or other young adults, these worksheets will be helpful in sharing this way of life with others.

Supporting the Participation of Southerners in the World House

Barbara Love and the United to End Racism Team

Buckman Hall Room 111

Southerners have been stereotyped in a number of negative ways in the history of the United States and this stereotyping continues to interfere with our efforts to create communities of justice and peace. In this workshop, participants will examine ways that we have been hurt by these stereotypes and learn the tools of listening as a way to heal those hurts and reclaim our ability to create relationships and communities of peace and justice.

PAPER PRESENTATION [SESSION 1]

Buckman Hall Room 112

Moderated by Dr. Burton Fulmer, Christian Brothers University

“Gandhi’s Influence in the Struggle for Racial Justice in the United States” [Nonviolence]

Dr. Michael Nojeim, Prairie View A&M University, TX

Nojeim traces Gandhi’s influence in the struggle for racial justice in America from the early 1900s until today. Nojeim focuses in particular on Gandhi’s influence on American blacks due to their important role in bringing Gandhian philosophy to the United States.

“‘To Share in All the Blessings of Our Freedom:’ The Concerned Women of Memphis and Shelby County and the Embodiment of Great Society Ideology” [Community Building]

Tammy Prater, University of Memphis

Centering on the Concerned Women of Memphis and Shelby County (CWMSC), this paper discusses how notions of race, class and gender interact with poverty. Specifically the research tells the story of the “home tours” undertaken by a group of middle-class white women in the summer of 1969 in Memphis.

“The Challenges of Racial Reconciliation in Selma, Alabama” [Community Building]

Rebecca E. Davis, American University, Washington, D.C.

Davis examines the reasons why Selma, AL, has yet to experience community-wide racial reconciliation through the lens of John Cocknell’s human security approach to peace-building. Davis then explores what paths might exist toward true community building and reconciliation.

PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION 2

Buckman Hall Room 102

Moderated by Dr. Pete Gathje, Memphis Theological Seminary

“Nonviolence in the Media” The Portrayal of Nonviolent Revolutions” [Nonviolence]

Dr. Marc Simon, Bowling Green State University

Simon’s paper will survey and analyze the print media coverage of a sample of nonviolent revolutions. It will attempt to evaluate both qualitatively and quantitatively, the extent to which the print media has conveyed the importance of nonviolence in these movements. Does the media portray nonviolent revolutions as nonviolent, or just revolutions?

“Camcorders, YouTube and Student Activism: A Case Study of Social Justice Documentary Video at Georgetown University [Social Justice]

Go Funai :: Georgetown University

Can student documentaries promote social justice, or do such amateur videos cause more harm than good? Funai explores how the contribution of students to social justice movements is changing because of the democratization of technology with the use of camcorders and video-sharing websites such as YouTube. Funai’s lecture will include a short documentary and a question-and-answer session.

PANEL DISCUSSION

“Telling the Stories of Fayette County, TN: Virtual and Geographic Communities” [Community Building]

Dr. Leigh Duck, Dr. Loel Kim, and Donna Pope; University of Memphis

Buckman Hall, Spain Auditorium

This panel explores the intricacies in creating “virtual communities” to address lingering tensions in geographic communities with a history of conflict and division. Specifically, they will present their work on an interactive website dedicated to gathering and sharing stories, images, and creative work from the Civil Rights era in Fayette County, TN.

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WORKSHOPS

“Building the World House” [Community Building]

Dr. Paul R. Dekar, Fellowship for Reconciliation, NY

Buckman Hall Room 224

In this workshop, participants will discuss how Dr. King’s 10 commandments that reference the Vietnam War remain relevant today in a culture that regards violence and war as normal. He will explore how these commandments offer needed tools to construct the World House with five central priorities.

“Yoga for Peace” [Nonviolence]

Kimberly Hooss, Yoga Instructor, Memphis, TN

Thomas Center, Sabbatini Lounge

Hooss will lead a yoga class emphasizing the integration of body and breath, with a focus on alignment, followed by a period of meditation. There will be some discussion of yoga as it relates to peace.

“White Privilege: Getting in on the Conversations” [Social Justice]

Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr., Founder, White Privilege Conference and Director of Diversity, the Bush School, Seattle, WA
Buckman Hall Room 358

Using the White Privilege Conference as a model, this interactive, informational, challenging and energetic session will examine and explore the topic of white supremacy, white privilege, oppression and the imperative that those promoting diversity and social justice must “get in on the conversations.”

“Community Building Circles: Bringing the Heart Back into Community” [Community Building]

Jean Handley, Founder, Turning Point Partners; Stephan McLaughlin, HEAL, Memphis, TN
Buckman Hall Room 111

This interactive and experiential workshop will be an introduction to the Community Building Circle Process as developed by M. Scott Peck. Participants will become aware of personal barriers and biases, learn to appreciate and feel compassion for people we might previously have discounted or simply ignored, and learn to accept and celebrate our human diversity and common humanity.

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International Solidarity with the LaOnf Iraqi Nonviolence Movement

Terry Kay Rockefeller, September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows
Buckman Hall Room 226

Formed in 2006 by Iraqi activists, LaOnf is a network that joins together Iraqi civil society organizations to create and support nonviolent strategies to oppose occupation, terrorism and corruption in Iraq. Terry Rockefeller has recently traveled to Erbil, Iraq where she met with LaOnf organizers from across the country. She will show film clips from a documentary on LaOnf activities and talk about upcoming events during the Iraqi Week of Nonviolence, which will take place October 10-20, 2008 in cities and towns all over Iraq.

[SATURDAY 1:45-3:00P]

PAPER PRESENTATION

Buckman Hall Room 102

Moderated by Dr. Pete Gathle, Memphis Theological Seminary

“The Structural Violence of American Politics: Moneyed Barriers to Peace and Social Justice in the World’s Most Powerful Democracy” [Social Justice]

Daryn Cambridge, Common Cause, Washington, D.C.

Cambridge explores the issue of private financing of election campaigns in American politics and the inequality this method can produce. He will then elaborate on a system called “Clean Elections”, which promotes the issue of full public financing of campaigns.

“Building a Community by Building Public Transportation” [Social Justice]

Dylan Perry and Chris Peterson, Students at Christian Brothers University

The lack of sufficient public transportation systems in Memphis and potential solutions to this problem should occupy an important place in the struggle for justice as it pertains to this city. A vicious cycle is created when someone is not working and does not have transportation because they need transportation to obtain a job, but without money transportation is not possible. Perry and Peterson’s paper seeks to expose the cyclical nature of this social phenomenon, analyze in its various aspects, and offer a solution.

“Renewing the Dream of Gandhi and King: Equal Representation Through Digital Democracy” [Nonviolence]

Pablo del Real, Auroras Voice, FL

Gandhi and King shared the same dream: empowering average citizens. For Gandhi, that meant Indian independence. For King it meant ending segregation. Today, in a representative democracy, it means equal representation. If Gandhi and King were alive today, they would be working for greater political equality through digital democracy.

PANEL DISCUSSION

“From Racism to Reconciliation: The Peaceable Kingdom Here and Now” [Community Building]

Onie Johns, Debra Nell Brittenum, Florida Jackson, Joe Hawes, Brooke Sarden, and Fred Terry; Memphis School of Servant Leadership

Buckman Hall, Spain Auditorium

Panelists will apply the disciplines of servant leadership to the identification of personal and institutional racism. Presenters will share stories of community non-violent action that have evolved from four years discernment to “construct the house” dedicated to racial reconciliation and thus real peace in the community of Memphis.

FILM SCREENING

“White Privilege Conference 101”

Eddie Moore, Jr. Founder, White Privilege Conference and Director of Diversity, the Bush School, Seattle, WA

Buckman Hall 358

This documentary is compiled of personal interviews with keynote speakers, workshop presenters and participants from the conference on white privilege (WPC). The film has four sections which address the definition of white privilege, examples of white privilege, how to deal with feelings of guilt and defensiveness, and what actions to take against white privilege and other forms of oppression.

WORKSHOPS

“Finding Your Elusive Powers” [Social Justice]

Dr. Corkin Cherubini, Writer

Buckman Hall Room 224

Cherubini will account how he became one of the most noted educators in the world today. He will also describe his intense frustration and disillusionment that he felt during the last seven years. Instead of dwelling over the disappointment found in the nightly news, he made an audio CD called the Peace Collection. Cherubini believes that everyone has his or her own means of helping turn pernicious tides, if they are able to work, organize, and persist toward their goals.

“Growing Green Jobs: Equity for People in the New Economy” [Social Justice]

Leah Wells, University of Mississippi and Concerned Memphians United

Pete Nelson, BioDimensions, Memphis. TN

Buckman Hall Room 225

Pete Nelson and Leah Wells will give an overview of the Green Economy in the Mid-South, from new farming techniques and crops of the future to strategies for moving Memphis to closer alignment with Green opportunities. Mr. Nelson will focus on the opportunities within the Memphis region to develop green jobs and related economic development. Ms. Wells’ presentation will focus on taking the movement forward, first by understanding the Green Collar Jobs workforce sector and the existing national initiative, to building and sustaining a movement toward growing a green workforce.

“Racism and the Immigration Debate” [Social Justice]

Mauro Pineda, Call To Action, Chicago, IL

Buckman Hall Room 226

Mauro Pineda leads this anti-racism workshop from a Latino perspective. Mauro Pineda will elaborate on how he discovered racism, his experience with immigration, and commitments toward ending racism.

“Secrets of Breath and Mediation” [Community Building]

Divya Kanchibotla and Deepika Konakanchi, Art of Living Foundation

Buckman Hall Room 222

This interactive and experiential workshop will demonstrate simple tools and techniques to eliminate stress, increase energy and focus, create a sense of belongingness and harmony for peaceful coexistence in cooperation and service.

“Historical Vision: Incorporating the Lessons of Gandhi & King into College Teaching” [Nonviolence]

Susan Kozel, Ocean County College, NJ

Buckman Hall Room 357

This roundtable discussion will reinvestigate academically appropriate ways to address central issues in the Western Tradition as they relate to leadership, “natural” values, and changing definitions of equality. Susan Kozel will share lesson plans that provide faculty and students with an appropriate vehicle to incorporate an Eastern and a modern Western vision into various subject areas.

ONGOING ART AND MUSIC

“Us and Them: Two Views of an Occupation” [Non-Violence]

Andrea Dinep, Visual and language artist, Starkville, MS

Art installations--on display throughout the conference: Thomas Center, Sabbatini Lounge

ARTIST’S STATEMENT: “With these two installations I seek to turn statistics into people and bring home the human cost of our war on Iraq. ‘The Game’ focuses on American military dead, while ‘Walk in our Shoes: Mourning a Million Souls’ deals with the staggering number of Iraqi civilians who have been killed. Not until our hearts grasp the enormity of the tragedy of war will we, as a nation, be moved to change.”

“Musical Minister of Culture” [Social Justice]

Anne Feeney, Musical agitator, Pittsburgh, PA

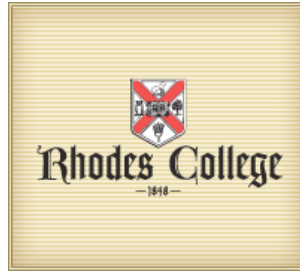
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Based in her hometown of Pittsburgh, Anne Feeney is a cultural voice for the voiceless. She has spent her life comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable through her critically acclaimed music. Her song, “Have You Been to Jail for Justice?” has become an anthem for practitioners of non-violent civil disobedience. Feeney is a dynamic and inspiring performer and takes her musical message to picket lines, rallies, conferences, colleges, high schools, folk clubs and festivals over 230 days a year. A disciple of Joe Hill and Pete Seeger, she is “the best labor singer in North America,” according to the late great Utah Phillips. Anne will be offering songs throughout the conference weekend.

Support Groups

United to End Racism Team

The Support group provides a safe, confidential space for conference participants to come together and talk about their experience of the conference, examine new learning, and process feelings and emotions that arise during their participation in different parts of the conference. Participants are asked to accept the “Confidentiality Agreement” as a condition for participating in the Support Group. People trained in the tools of ReEvaluation Counseling will lead the support groups. Groups specifically for (1) People of Color, (2) White people, and (3) a mixed group will be held Friday at 5:30. A separate group for “Southerners” will also be held on Friday at 5:30. Sessions will occur in Buckman Hall Rooms 222, 224, 225, and 226



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The Scholars in Critical Race Studies Conference, **The Obama Phenomenon: Race and Political Discourse in the United States Today**, will be held at the University of Memphis, **April 3-4, 2009**. The keynote speaker will be **Reverend Jeremiah Wright**. All conference proceedings will be free and open to the public.

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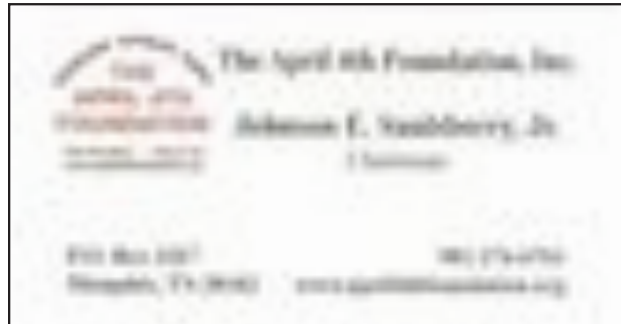
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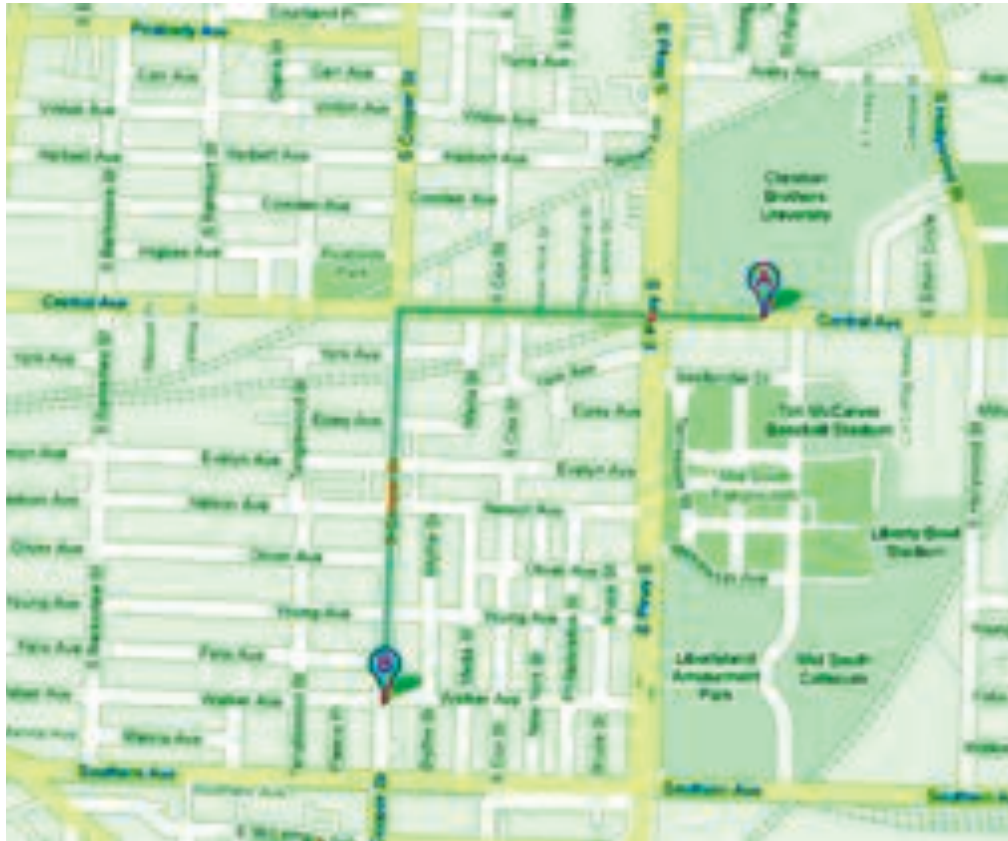
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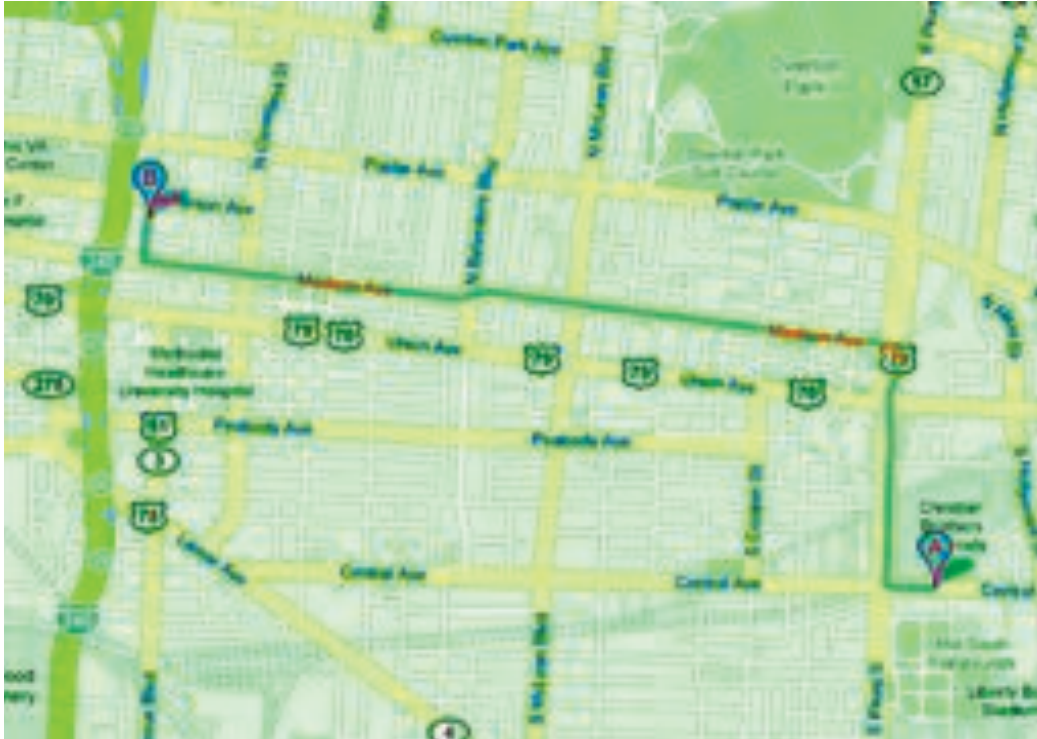


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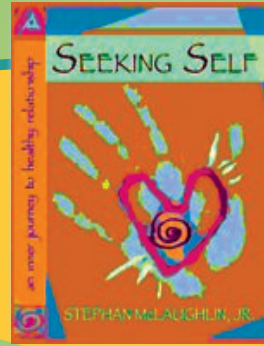
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