

DePaul University
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Gandhi Non-Violence Conference Travel Course

Course Description

Students will participate in the Fourth Annual Gandhi Non-Violence Conference in Memphis, Tennessee on October 26 and 27, 2007. **CONTACT PROFESSOR BEFORE FOR FALL QUARTER BEGINS.** A special emphasis at this year's conference entitled, "*Building the Beloved Community*," is on educating and organizing youth. The themes of non-violence in personal, community, and global change will be pursued in workshops and presentations at the conference and in course work before and after the conference in classes held at DePaul. These include both theoretical models and concrete case studies. non-violent communication; interpersonal conflict resolution; integrations of spirituality and civic engagement; practices such as fasting, simplicity of life, meditation, etc. the use of Gandhian principles in contemporary justice struggles; Gandhi's resistance to empire and its implications for today; comparison of Mahatma Gandhi and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.; war resistance and self-determination of people and their resources. Social Justice areas concentrate on: the Satyagraha movement of India and the Civil Rights Movement of the U.S.; labor struggles; the role of women in building peace; creation of alternative economic structures to corporate privatization; Gandhi's thought and action in relation to that of a specific activist such as Cesar Chavez or Dorothy Day. This conference brings together academics and peace organizers from around the U.S. to explore the philosophical, spiritual, and political underpinnings of Gandhi's non-violence movement in our world. Students are expected to fully participate in the conference, keep a journal, read all conference materials, and meet regularly as a class. Classes prior to the conference will focus on readings by Mahatma Gandhi, Arun Gandhi, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., peace websites, etc. as well as theoretical and case studies of non-violence. Classes after the conference will include presentations on workshops attended, reflections on the overall experience, sharing information and understanding on non-violence at the personal, community, and global levels and the Gene Sharp book. (See articles in January 2006 and January 2007 Yoga Chicago Magazine at yogachicago.com.)

Logistics

Please email mdolan1149@aol.com for information before course begins. Please plan on attending the information session on Monday September 10 in order that logistical arrangements for travel, hotel, conference registration can take place with the most ease. The Conference takes place Friday and Saturday October 26 and 27, 2006 in Memphis Tennessee. Students need to register for the conference itself as well as for the SNL course (see gandhiconference.org). The class will also visit the Civil Rights Museum on Friday morning or Sunday afternoon. Only two overnights required and shared rooms cost about \$ 45 per night. Inexpensive flights are available and should be booked to allow conference attendance from Friday 1 pm until Sunday 1pm (and either Friday morning or Sunday afternoon for Civil Rights Museum). Registration for the Conference itself is only about \$10 and registration for the Keynote Speech Dinner is \$25. Information about conference registration is at gandhiinstitute.org. Tuition for DePaul credit does NOT include travel, hotel, conference registration or other expenses.

PAX 200 students will attend conference and at least one class before and one after the conference.

Faculty Biographical Sketch

Maureen Dolan, Swami Shraddhananda, is an ordained priest and a certified Hatha Yoga Teacher, and has taught SNL courses: Women's Voices in Peacemaking; Cooperatives: Building Communities of Peace and Justice; Election 2004: The Whole World is Watching; Global Futures: Oil, Water, War, and Peace; and Body, Mind, Spirit: Yoga and Meditation; and LA&S PAX 200 course: Intro to Peace, Conflict Resolution and Social Justice. This is the fourth year for the Gandhi Travel course. She is also Adjunct Interfaith Chaplain at DePaul Loop campus. She has been teaching yoga and meditation for several years at YMCAs, retreats, workshops, and at DePaul University for over six years. For over 30 years, she has been engaged in social justice work in the peace movement, union organizing, community coalitions, and women's organizations. She has served as Executive Director of the Chicago Electric Options Campaign, and as Executive Director of Women United for a Better Chicago; Assistant Director of the Public Interest Law Initiative; Coordinator of Artemisia Gallery; Recording Secretary for the UWA-UE union; Co-Chair of the Eighth Congressional District Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign; member of the Spiritual Life Circle of the Parliament of World Religions; served on numerous boards of peace and justice organizations; was a founder of the Logan Square Housing Cooperative; published several articles on peace and justice issues, and is currently working on a book. She received her B.A. at Northeastern University in 1986, Lawyers' Assistant Certificate from Roosevelt University in 1988, and graduated from the Temple of Kriya Yoga Seminary Program in 1995, with a concentration on Eastern Philosophy and Comparative Religion. Maureen also has two grown sons who work in the social justice arena.

Competence Offerings for the Course

A-3-G Can assess the assumptions and implications of significant ideas about human experience.

H-1-F-Can describe and explain the roles of individuals, groups, societies or states in history.

H-2-H Can work with community partners to implement a service learning project.

H-4 Can analyze power relations among racial, social, cultural, or economic groups in the U.S.

PAX-250 (Satisfies 2 credit workshop requirement of Peace, Conflict Resolution & Social Justice studies minor program in L A &S)

Please contact Professor if other competencies are to be negotiated. FX is negotiable in your focus area. Also, examples of A-3-X Can explore the connections between spiritual/personal transformation and community/ global peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and social justice.

H-1-X Can explain theory of non-violence and describe case studies to illustrate its power.

The Learning Experience

This course educates on the principles of Gandhi non-violence through readings, discussions, and attendance at the Gandhi Non-Violence Conference. The learning experience offers the opportunity to meet people from across the country who are educating and organizing for peace. Students will acquire an understanding of practical tools and skills, as well as underlying non-violent principles and theory in order to resolve conflicts, contribute to peacemaking in their own lives, in communities, and on a global scale. This course offers an intellectual and experiential way to see how non-violent theory can be applied to issues such as militarism, racism, ecology, and personal life in our contemporary world. The learning experience includes immersion in the activities of the conference, deep and regular reflection, critical analysis, discussions with others. Journal entries, oral presentations, and an integrating paper are requirements. (H2H requires a pre-arranged presentation to a community group about the Non-Violence Conference and sharing of lessons learned.)

Required Reading & Resource Materials (may be amended):

Legacy of Love: My Education in the Path of Non-Violence by Arun Gandhi (North Bay Books, El Sobrante, CA 2003 ISBN 09725004X) Paperback

Mohandas Gandhi: Essential Writings by John Dear, S.J. (Orbis Books New York, NY 2002 ISBN 1570754322) Paperback

Excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

HIGHLY Recommended:

Waging Nonviolent Struggle: 20th Century Practice And 21st Century Potential by Gene Sharp (Porter Sargent Publishers Inc. Boston, MA 2005 ISBN 13 978-0-87558-162-0) Paperback;

Please note: This is a crossover class. Some students will be from the School for New Learning (SNL) program-adults returning for their undergrad degrees and some students will be from the traditional undergrad programs taking this as a 2 credit workshop in the PAX minor. All students are welcome for all the classes scheduled.

LAST Meeting

November 5

- * Centering techniques
- * Oral presentations on Workshops and Presentations attended
- * Large group discussion on Gene Sharp's book
- * Evaluations

HAND in YOUR FINAL PAPER BEFORE November 12 - Paper Delivery - Due for Instructor -No Class

Recommended resources, websites, organizations, journals, etc:

commondreams.org

truthout.org

alternet.org

theotherside.org

oneworld.net

8th Day Center for Justice www.8thdaycenter.org

American Friends Service Committee (the Quakers) www.afsc.org

Chicago Peace Response Coalition www.grassrootsvoices.org

Code Pink www.codepink4peace.org

Fellowship of reconciliation www.fourusa.org

Gandhi Institute www.gandhiinstitute.org

Iraq Peace Pledge Campaign www.peacepledge.org

Military Families Support Organization www.mfso.org

MLK Center www.thekingcenter.org

Nonviolent Peace force www.nonviolencepeaceforce.org

Pax Christi USA www.paxchristiusa.org

Peaceful Tomorrows www.peacfultomorrows.org

School of the Americas watch www.soaw.org

United for Peace Coalition www.unitedforpeace.org

Voices for Creative NonViolence www.vcnv.org

War Resisters League www.warresisters.org

Yoga Chicago Magazine www.yogachicago.com

DePaul Library online has several Peace Journals including: Journal of Peace; Peace and Conflict Resolution; Peace Watch; Peace and Change; and Peace Magazine.

Additional Recommended Authors of books and articles on non-violence:

Mohammed Abu-Nimer

Isabel Allende

Maya Angelou

Margaret Atwood

Medea Benjamin

Dr.Helen Caldicott

Cesar Chavez

Pema Chodron

Noam Chomsky

Teilhard de Chardin

Dorothy Day

Riane Eisler

Barbara Ehrenreich

Thich Nhat Hanh

bell hooks

Kathy Kelly

Petra Kelly

Gwyn Kirk

Aung San Suu Kyi

the Dalai Lama

Wangaari Matthai

Thomas Merton

Mairead Corrigan McGuire

Peace Pilgrim
Barbara Ransby
Betty Reardon
Rosemary Reuther
Arundhati Roy
Gene Sharp
William Ury
Walter Wink
Howard Zinn