



**A H I M S A C E N T E R**  
NONVIOLENCE IN THOUGHT AND ACTION

Hamilton and Denise Brewart International Conference on Nonviolence  
**Rediscovering Gandhian Wisdom:  
Building a Peaceful Future**

**California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona, CA 91768**

**October 17–19 (Friday-Sunday), 2008**  
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**Invitation to Elementary, Middle and High-School Educators**

The Ahimsa Center at Cal Poly Pomona is offering K-12 teachers a rare opportunity for professional development and educational advancement through participation in a conference on Gandhi, nonviolence and peace, featuring internationally acclaimed experts and panels of engaged educators. The participating teachers will learn about:

- Gandhi's life, thought and actions • Gandhi and the wisdom of learning and leading • Gandhi and the wisdom of Ahimsa (nonviolence), peace and sustainability • Integrating Gandhi and King in K-12 curricula • Ahimsa as a guiding principle for schools • Ways to integrate conference experiences in classroom teaching.

The Center is also providing K-12 teachers at a significantly subsidized cost two units of course credit—upper division course, HST 499 (with letter grade). Requires participation in full conference and submitting a written report. For more information about course credit, please visit: <http://www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference/credit.shtml>

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**Conference Overview**

Ahimsa Center at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona is hosting a major international conference, "Rediscovering Gandhian Wisdom: Building a Peaceful Future."

The timing of the conference commemorates two important centennials associated with Gandhi's life and work. In 1907 he launched the revolutionary satyagraha campaign in South Africa, and in 1909 he wrote the seminal *Hind Swaraj*, in which he articulated his vision of a civilization grounded in nonviolence and truth as core values.

The conference will be a forum to explore the enduring significance of Gandhi's thought and methods. At the intellectual level, we will examine the implications of Gandhi's ideas and his satyagraha-based strategies in domains such as education and learning, business and



economics, ethics, leadership, ecology, law and justice, politics and political action, conflict resolution and peace-building, poverty and development, religion and spirituality. At the practical level we will examine how Gandhian wisdom can guide us in our quest for more effective ways of addressing the social, political, economic, educational and environmental challenges of our times. We will also see how Gandhian wisdom can help us better cope with the personal, interpersonal and spiritual predicaments in our lives.

The lessons derived at the conference will be vital for fostering a culture of nonviolence and promoting social and political change through nonviolence.

The conference will also provide a major impetus for education about nonviolence in schools and colleges.

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**Options for Continuing Education Credit and Conference Registration for Educators**

**Subsidized Fee for 2 Units of Continuing Education Credit and Full Conference Registration (with meals) \$250**  
Available only with pre-registration. Registration must be received by **October 10, 2008**.

Other Options for Educators (Without Course Credits)	Received by Sept. 15	Received by Oct. 10	On-site If space available	Write the applicable amount
<b>Full Conference.</b> Three lunches, two dinners and six refreshment breaks	\$125	\$150	\$175	
<b>Sat-Sun: 10/18 -19:</b> Two lunches, one dinner, four refreshment breaks	\$100	\$115	\$130	
<b>Please also complete the registration information on Page 2.</b>			<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

## Speakers

**Rajni Bakshi.** Independent scholar and journalist. (India)

**Amit Basole.** Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

**Akeel Bilgrami.** Johnsonian Professor of Philosophy and Director of Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University.

**Charles R. DiSalvo.** W. A. Potesta Professor of Law, West Virginia University.

**Rajmohan Gandhi.** Biographer and grandson of the Mahatma, Professor at the University of Illinois.

**Vibha Gupta.** Director, Rural Women Technology Center, and Magan Sanghralaya Samiti, Wardha. (India)

**Prasad Kaipa.** Executive Director, Center for Leadership, Innovation and Change, Indian School of Business.

**Bernard LaFayette Jr.** Director, Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island.

**Nipun Mehta.** Founder, CharityFocus.

**Michael Nagler.** Professor Emeritus of Classics, founder of Peace and Conflict Studies program, UC Berkeley.

**James O'Toole.** The Daniels Distinguished Professor of Business Ethics, Denver University.

**Anthony Parel.** Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Calgary.

**Joseph Prabhu.** Professor of Philosophy and Religion, California State University, Los Angeles.

**Samdhong Rinpoche.** Prime Minister of the Tibetan Cabinet-in-Exile and Gandhian Scholar, Dharamsala.

**Lloyd Rudolph.** Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Chicago.

**Susanne Rudolph.** William Benton Distinguished Service Professor Emerita of Political Science, University of Chicago.

**Anil Sadgopal.** Former Dean, School of Education, Delhi University, and consultant on educational reforms. (India)

**Nirmal Sethia.** Professor of Management, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

**Tara Sethia.** Professor of History and Director of Ahimsa Center, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

## Panelists

Recognizing that K-12 educators have a unique and crucial role in building a peaceful and harmonious future, the Center has trained over the last four years more than 75 teachers from all over the country to develop curriculum on *ahimsa* (nonviolence), social change, and Gandhian wisdom. Several of these teachers will serve on panels at the conference, offering concrete examples of their experiences in bringing *ahimsa* back to their classrooms and schools. The panelists will include:

**Susanna Barkataki.** Learning Works! Charter School, Pasadena CA.

**Christian Bracho.** Ph. D. Program in International Education, New York University.

**Margaret Hesselgrave.** Los Altos Elementary, Hacienda Heights, CA.

**Leila Joseffer.** Winn Brook Elementary, Belmont, MA.

**Michele Milner.** Sequoyah School, Pasadena, CA.

**Vikas Srivastava.** Canyon Crest Academy, San Diego, CA.

**Richard Updegrove.** Community of Peace Academy, St. Paul, MN.

## Other Highlights

Workshop on Nonviolence • Concert of devotional songs from Gandhi's prayer gatherings • Book Exhibition

For conference updates, visit [http://www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference/conference\\_08.shtml](http://www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference/conference_08.shtml)

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### Mail-in Registration Form (Check Only)

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Make check payable to: "Cal Poly Pomona Foundation—Ahimsa Center" and mail it with the completed fee form (on Page 1) to:  
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