

Ahimsa and the Quality of Life

Program: Friday, April 28, 2006

- 8:30 a.m. CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION
- 9:15 a.m. WELCOME ADDRESSES
J. Michael Ortiz, President, Cal Poly Pomona
Barbara J. Way, Dean, College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, Cal Poly Pomona
- 9:45 a.m. FELICITATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
- 10:15a.m. CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION
Tara Sethia, Ahimsa Center and History Department, Cal Poly Pomona
- 10:30 a.m. OPENING SESSION: PHILOSOPHICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVES ON QUALITY OF LIFE
Quality of Life: Perspectives from Eastern and Western Traditions
James O'Toole, Center for Effective Organizations, USC, and the Aspen Institute
Current Research in the Quality of Life: Scientific Approaches to Happiness
Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Quality of Life Research Center, Claremont Graduate University
Moderator: Nirmal Sethia, Management & Human Resources Department, Cal Poly Pomona
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH (Mexican Theme)
- 1:30 p.m. **Ahimsa and the Pursuit of Happiness: Insights from Indian Traditions**
Padmanabh S. Jaini, Professor Emeritus of Buddhist Studies, University of California at Berkeley
Moderator: Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
- 2:15 p.m. **Igniting the Genius Within and Transforming the Quality of Life**
Prasad Kaipa, Kaipa Group
Moderator: Kathryn Rogers, Pitzer College
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:15 p.m. **Ethical Conduct: A Workplace Oxymoron or Business Need?**
Neerja Raman, Stanford University
Moderator: Dorothy D. Wills, Anthropology Department, Cal Poly Pomona
- 4:00 p.m. **Becoming One: Service and the Inner Net**
Nipun Mehta, Charityfocus.org
Moderator: Sharon Collins, L.A. Shanti
- 4:45 p.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK
- 5:15 p.m. **PANEL: TEACHING ABOUT NONVIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS--WHY AND HOW?**
Nonviolence and Safe Schools
Johnny Reyes, Diamond Ranch High, Pomona Unified District
Connecting to the Concept of Nonviolence Through Powerful Texts
Heather Penrod, Reseda High, Los Angeles Unified District
Putting the Spirit Back in the Classroom
Christian Bracho, Hacienda La Puente Unified District, and Shalom Montgomery, Los Altos High
Building Soul Force with Drama
Teresa Burke, Howe Elementary, San Juan Unified District
Transformative Telling: Expanding Human Potential Through the Art of Digital Storytelling
Karen Brzoska, Media Vision, Cal Poly Pomona
Moderator: Tomás Morales, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Cal Poly Pomona
- 7:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS
Tomás Morales, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Cal Poly Pomona
- 7:15 p.m. DINNER (Italian Theme)

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- 9:00 a.m. CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION
- 9:30 a.m. **Ecological Nonviolence: Reconciling Individual Quality of Life with Global Habitat Restoration**
Michael Tobias, Dancing Star Foundation
Moderator: Daniel K. Lewis, History Department, Cal Poly Pomona
- 10:30 a.m. **PANEL: NONVIOLENT ECONOMICS AND ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY**
The Economics of Ahimsa and the Environment
Amit Basole, Economics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Earth Democracy, Ahimsa and the Quality of Life
Andrew Moss, English Department, Cal Poly Pomona
Moderator: Steven McCauley, Physics Department, Cal Poly Pomona
- 11:45 a.m. **LUNCH (Indian Theme)**
- 1:00 p.m. **PANEL: MEDIATION, MEDITATION AND NONVIOLENT CONFLICT RESOLUTION**
Meditation and Inner Peace
Charitraprajna Samani, Jain Vishwa Bharati Institute
Mindfulness and the Art of Mediation
Elizabeth Davey, Attorney/Mediator
Meditation, Mediation and the Clients' Quality of Life
Eva Malhotra, Malhotra & Malhotra Law Offices
Environmental Law, Compassion and Creative Negotiations
Erica Martin, Environmental Protection Agency
Moderator: Shayna Parekh, Law School, Yale University
- 3:00 p.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**
- 3:30 p.m. **Coffee House and the Ashram: Satyagraha, Gandhi and the Public Sphere**
Lloyd Rudolph, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Chicago
Susanne Hoerber Rudolph, Professor Emerita of Political Science, University of Chicago
Moderator: Tara Sethia, History Department and Ahimsa Center, Cal Poly Pomona
- 4:15 p.m. **BREAK**
- 4:30 p.m. **CLOSING SESSION**
The Seed and the Spinning Wheel: Gandhi and Alternatives to Corporate Globalization
Vandana Shiva, Foundation of Science, Technology, and Ecology, India
Nonviolence is a Way of Life
Satish Kumar, Schumacher College, UK
Moderator: Bob Suzuki, President Emeritus, Cal Poly Pomona
- 6:00 p.m. **REFLECTIONS ON THE CONFERENCE**
Susanna Barkataki, Cleveland Humanities Magnet School
Carol Holder, Professor Emerita of English, Cal Poly Pomona
Bipin Shah, Kovair-Speedev
- 6:30 p.m. **DINNER (Asian Theme)**
- 7:45 p.m. **CONCERT: CREATIVE WORLD MUSIC FOR PEACE**
Paul Livingstone and *Salaam Suite*
The Salaam Suite Ensemble is a musical dialogue for unity, peace and hope, integrating popular styles and world music in its songs and collective improvisations