



Peace+Justice Studies Initiative
at Stanford University
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"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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What Is the Peace+Justice Studies Initiative?

Peace & Justice Studies is an interdisciplinary academic field that emphasizes the study of nonviolent and transformative responses to injustice, conflict, and violence. Areas of study include the following.

- **Nonviolence, violence, and civil resistance:** theories and meanings of nonviolence and violence; history, principles and methods of dissent, communication, art, organizing, and individual and social change.
- **Peacemaking:** seeking to prevent, resolve, or transform conflicts -- including war, genocide, human rights violations, non-state and state terrorism, and ecological destruction -- through nonviolent means.
- **Transformative justice:** liberation, restoration, reparations, healing, and reconciliation as alternatives to retribution.
- **Well-being:** creating and sustaining health and quality of life in individuals, groups, societies, and ecosystems.

The **Peace+Justice Studies initiative (PJSI) at Stanford**, with support from the **Hoagland Award Fund for Innovations in Undergraduate Teaching**, works to develop and strengthen course offerings in these areas and to support interactive learning among students, faculty, and the world beyond our campus.

Brief history

Earlier “Peace Studies” course taught by multiple faculty (1984-2004)

-> Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation

Current student-initiated faculty/staff group won a 3-year curricular grant (2013-2016)

Year one completed, two years left

First year summary

Student and faculty outreach

Website developed and language agreed on

Course: “Building Digital History: Social Movements and Protest at Stanford” (Winter Quarter)

Conference: “Nonviolent Action Amidst Violent Conflict” (May 30-31)

Student film *Reimagining Violence:
Peace+Justice Studies at Stanford*





Nonviolent Action Amidst Violent Conflict



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May 30-31, 2014

Arrillaga Alumni Center

Stanford Peace+Justice Studies Initiative is pleased to invite you to its first conference.

Attention to nonviolence in theory and practice has gone far beyond pious invocations of Gandhi or sonorous soundbites from Martin Luther King. Nonviolent action, from principled to pragmatic, is studied by political scientists, strategists, activists, historians, ethicists, and psychologists, among others. How effective is it? How do nonviolent and armed resistance intersect in particular struggles? What does morality have to do with it? How far-reaching are the transformations that are being sought?

Register at bit.ly/PJSconference

Speakers Include...



Stephen Zunes



David Palumbo-Liu



Judith Butler

Co-sponsored by the Center for African Studies and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute

Friday, May 30th

3:30 – 4:00 Registration

4:00 – 5:30 Keynote:
Overcoming Repression through Nonviolent Resistance: The Ultimate Asymmetrical Warfare

Stephen Zunes, Professor of Politics and International Studies, University of San Francisco, examines how strategic nonviolent action has become a force more powerful than war.

5:30 – 6:00 Screening
Reimagining Violence: Peace+Justice Studies at Stanford; a 20-minute film by Cole Manley, BA '15

6-8:30 Dinner & Film
Dinner for registered attendees.
Screening of *Al Helm: Martin Luther King in Palestine*, directed by Connie Field, begins at 6:30.

Saturday, May 31st

9:30 – 10:00 Breakfast + Registration

10:00 – 12:00 *Resistance in Apartheid-Era South Africa*
Joel Samoff, Stanford University. *Challenging Apartheid: Divestment Seemed Far Too Weak.*

Grant Parker, Stanford University. *Sharpeville and After: Violence in the Struggle Against Apartheid.*

Amanda Kemp, Franklin & Marshall College. *Stanford Out of South Africa: Lessons and Possibilities.*

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch provided for registered attendees

1:00 – 3:00

Palestinian Modes of Resistance & The Rise of BDS
Joel Beinin, Stanford University. *National Liberation, Global Solidarity, and the Rise of BDS in the Palestinian Movement.*

Omar Dajani, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific. *From Bilateralism to BDS: Law's Changing Role in the Palestinian Struggle.*

David Palumbo-Liu, Stanford University. *Caring about Peace and Justice.*

3:00 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:00 Closing Address
Interpreting Non-Violence

Judith Butler, Maxine Elliot Professor in the Department of Comparative Literature and the Program of Critical Theory at the University of California, Berkeley.

5:15 – 6:15: **Student breakout session: Peace, Justice, and Stanford?** In this student-led workshop, we will ask: What could peace & justice studies provide that is not offered by other programs? What role can students play in developing this program at Stanford? What are our next steps?

Plans for the next two years

Mount 2 or more new courses

Peace & Justice Studies Colloquium

Intro to Peace & Justice Studies

Practicum and/or film series?

“Helix” (certificate cluster) proposal

Foment new courses to be taught by others

Research on internship and career paths

More conferences in 2015 and 2016

Proposal for Stanford Development office

Challenges

Stimulating overburdened faculty to support us and develop courses

Establishing a unique niche within Stanford's alphabet soup (Hoover, FSI, CISAC, CDDRL, CCSRE, FemGen, Urban Studies, Haas Center)

Establishing a strong student base