

Ahimsa Center Virtual Conference: October 8-10 (Friday-Sunday), 2021

Bridging Divides: What Can Ahimsa Offer?

Friday, October 8: 4:00-6:30 p.m. PDT

4:00p.m.	Meet and Greet
4: 10	Welcome Remarks: Sara Garver , Interim Dean, College of Letters, Arts, & Social Sciences, Cal Poly Pomona
4: 20	Introduction to the Conference, Tara Sethia , Ahimsa Center, CPP
4:30	Opening Keynote: Ahimsa in Turbulent Times Rajni Bakshi , Founder, Ahimsa Conversations , Mumbai, India
5:30-6:30 pm	<i>Panel: Ahimsa, Gandhi, and Education</i> Gandhi's Ahimsa as Interwoven Concept of Unity and Love David Thomas , India Nirman Sangh Ahimsa education and Nuclear Divides Anand Sreekumar , Jawaharlal Nehru University, India Moderator: Shivani Bothra , Rice University

Saturday, October 9: 9:30 a.m.-12noon; 1:00-3:00 p.m. PDT

9:30 am	Meet and Greet
9:40	Welcome to the Second Day of the Conference: Role of Nonviolence Education Tara Sethia , Ahimsa Center, CPP
9:45	Opening Keynote: A Time for Radical Empathy Reading Guide Terri Givens , McGill University, Canada
10:45	<i>Panel: Empathy, Poetic Engagement and Storytelling</i> Ahimsa and Environmental Empathy Danita Dodson , Walters State Community College Poetic Engagement to Humanize and Reenergize Jyoti Bachani , St. Mary's College Bridging Divides through Digital Storytelling Jode Brexa , Santa Fe Community College Moderator: Andrew Moss , Cal Poly Pomona
Noon	Lunch Break
1:00p.m-2:15	<i>Panel: Role of Thinking, Listening, and Reflecting to Overcome Divides</i> <i>Anekanta: A Concept for Connecting Multiple Perspectives</i> Andrew Bridges , California State University, Fullerton

Saturday (Contd.) 1:00-2:15 p.m.	<p>Active Listening: A Step in Addressing Conflict Yasmiene Mabrouk, Stone and Water Collaborative</p> <p>Deep Reflection: The Next Step for Promoting Understanding Kirby Broadnax, Stone and Water Collaborative</p> <p>Moderator: Stephanie Van Hook, Metta Center</p>
2:15-3:00	<p>Closing Keynote: Nonviolence as a Calling of Our Time and Curriculum Visions Hongyu Wang, Oklahoma State University</p> <p>Moderator: Nirmal Sethia, Cal Poly Pomona</p>

Sunday, October 10: 9:30-12 noon; 1:00-3:00p.m. PDT

9:30 am	Meet and Greet
9:40	<p>Welcome to the Final Day of the Conference Tara Sethia, Ahimsa Center, CPP</p>
9:45	<p>Opening Keynote: Gandhian Ideals, Faith-Based Communities, and Current Crisis in South Africa Ela Gandhi, Gandhi Development Trust, Durban, South Africa</p>
10:45	<p><i>Panel: Coalition, Restorative Practices, and Healing</i></p> <p>Coalition-building to Resolve Racial Conflict Donna S. Hill, Cleveland Humanities Magnet</p> <p>Mindful Orientation: Trauma Sensitive Restorative Dialogue Vikas Srivastava, Legacy Early College, South Carolina</p> <p>Moderator: Daan Pan, Cal Poly Pomona</p>
11:45	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	<p><i>Panel: Inclusive Learning and Nonviolence Education</i></p> <p>Gandhi, Inclusion, and Bridging Gaps in the Learning Community Tazeen Rashid, Suncoast Community Highschool</p> <p>Education about Kingian Nonviolence and Intrapersonal Peace Yehuda Silverman, Nova Southeastern University</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Slaughter, Cal Poly Pomona</p>
2:00	<p>Closing Event: Film, <i>The Third Harmony: Nonviolence and the New Story of Human Nature</i> Michael Nagler, Metta Center</p> <p>Moderator: Philippe Duhart, Cal Poly Pomona</p>
3:00	Concluding Remarks, Tara Sethia , Ahimsa Center, Cal Poly Pomona