

Gardner Fellows Seminar, Fall 2016
Violence and Non-Violence

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Office hours: Wednesdays 12:30-2:30
(Hickman)
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Other times by appointment

Assigned texts

Summer reading

Bartolomé de las Casas, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies* (Penguin)
Kirkpatrick Sale, *Christopher Columbus and the Conquest of Paradise* (Plume)

Assigned texts

M. K. Gandhi, *Non-violent Resistance (Satyagraha)* (Dover)
Susan Sontag, *Regarding the Pain of Others* (Verso)
Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Examples*, 5th edition

Course Requirements and Grading

In addition to our regular seminar meetings, the following speakers will visit this semester:

Hamid Abdeljaber, Department of Political Science and Center for Middle Eastern Studies (December 6)
Dennis Bathory, Department of Political Science (September 15)
Alastair Bellany, Department of History, Rutgers (September 20)
Abena Busia, Department of Women's and Gender Studies (November 29)
Tom Glynn, Political Science Librarian, Alexander Library (November 8)
Daniel Goldstein, Department of Anthropology (November 1)
Lisa Miller, Department of Political Science (November 15)
Edward Ramsamy, Department of Africana Studies (October 25)
Roland Rich, former Executive Head, United Nations Democracy Fund (October 18)

Each speaker will assign several readings (on Sakai under "Resources"). These are to be completed **before** the speaker visits the seminar. Each student should bring (and submit to the Sakai Drop Box) **three questions** that they would like to explore further about the reading. These will form the basis of our conversation with the speakers and in subsequent classes, and will be part of your participation and preparation grade (see below).

Grading is based on **participation and preparation for class (30% of final grade)**, **two essays (25% each)** and a **proposal for an independent research project (20%)** to be completed during the spring 2017 semester. Due dates are listed on the syllabus below. More details to come on all of these assignments.

Tentative schedule of readings/discussions

Sept. 6 Introductions and course overview
Bartolomé de las Casas, *A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies*
(Penguin)
Kirkpatrick Sale, *Christopher Columbus and the Conquest of Paradise* (Plume)

Sept. 8 Continued

Sept. 13 Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*: selections (announced in class)
Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, Part I

Sept. 15 **Dennis Bathory, Department of Political Science**
St. Augustine, *War*, selections (218-229)
Augustine, *City of God*, Book 19 (selections)
Oliver O'Donovan, "Augustine's *City of God* XIX and Western Political Thought"
Cicero, *On Duties*, Book I: ch. 11
Cicero, *On the Commonwealth*, Bk. III: ch. 23

Sept. 20 **Alastair Bellany, Department of History**
Readings TBD

Sept. 22 **NO CLASS MEETING**

PAPER 1 DUE SEPTEMBER 23

Sept. 27 Discussion of Bellany and Bathory presentations; Quaker peace testimony (1661)

Sept. 29 Gandhi, *Non-Violent Resistance*, sections I, II

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Oct. 4 Gandhi, *Non-Violent Resistance*, Sections III, VI
Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, "Afterword: Nonviolence and the Theory of War"

Oct. 6 William T. Cavanaugh, "The Myth of Religious Violence"
Janet R. Jakobsen, "Gender in the Production of Religious and Secular Violence"
(both from *A Companion to Religion and Violence*, ed. Andrew Murphy)

Oct. 11 Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, Parts II, III

Oct 13 Catch up

Oct 18 **Roland Rich, former Executive Head, United Nations Democracy Fund**

Readings TBD

Oct 20 Discussion

Oct 25 **Edward Ramsamy, Department of Africana Studies**
Readings TBD

Oct 27 Discussion

OCTOBER 28: United Nations Trip: Meet at College Ave. Student Center for 7:00 a.m departure

Nov 1 **Daniel Goldstein, Department of Anthropology**
Daniel Goldstein, “*Flexible Justice: Neoliberal Violence and ‘Self-Help’ Security in Bolivia*”
Daniel Goldstein, with Gloria Achá, Eric Hinojosa, and Theo Roncken, “*La Mano Dura and the Violence of Civil Society in Bolivia*”

Nov 3 Discussion

Nov 8 **Library research orientation session with Tom Glynn, Political Science Librarian (meet in Room 413 Alexander Library)**

PAPER 2 DUE NOVEMBER 9

Nov 10 **No class meeting: Independent work day on proposals**

Nov 15 **Lisa Miller, Department of Political Science: Violence as State Failure**
Lisa Miller, “What’s violence got to do with it? Inequality, punishment, and state failure in US politics”

Nov 17 Discussion

Nov 22 Judith Butler, “Violence, Mourning, Politics.” Chapter 2 of *Prekarious Life: The Powers of Mourning and Violence* (Verso, 2004)

NO CLASS NOVEMBER 24: THANKSGIVING

Nov 29 **Abena Busia: “Gendered Violence: Creative Resistances”**
Readings TBD

Dec 1 Susan Sontag, *Regarding the Pain of Others*

Dec 6 **Hamid Abdeljaber, Department of Political Science**
Readings TBD

Dec 8 Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, Parts IV, V
Dustin Howes, “The Just War Masquerade” (sakai)

Dec 13 Max Weber, “Politics as a Vocation”
Wrap up

**FINAL APPROVED PROPOSAL FOR SPRING INDEPENDENT RESEARCH
PROJECT DUE BY 12 NOON, WEDS DECEMBER 21**