

Ahimsa Center Conference on Giving and Forgiving

Friday, November 18, 2016: Ursa Major Room

8:00 a.m. Conference Registration and Refreshments

9:00 a.m. *Welcome Remarks & Recognition of Darbari S. Seth Foundation*

Dr. Soraya M. Coley, President, Cal Poly Pomona

Dr. Sharon Hilles, Dean, College of Letters, Arts, & Social Sciences, Cal Poly Pomona

9:30 a.m. *Conference Introduction*

Tara Sethia, Director, Ahimsa Center, Cal Poly Pomona

9:45 a.m. *Opening Session: The Power of Giving and Forgiving*

The Transformative Magic of Giving and Forgiving

James Doty, Center for Compassion & Altruism Research, Stanford University

10:30 a.m. The Reality of Living a Life of Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Linda Biehl, Amy Biehl Foundation, USA

Moderator: **Tara Sethia**, Cal Poly Pomona

11:15 a.m. BREAK

11:45 a.m. *Session 2: What does Design have to Give to Humanity?*

Giving through Human Centered Design: The Radical Power of Designer's
"Decency" Drive

Gianfranco Zaccai, Continuum LLC Worldwide

Moderator: **Jeff Smith**, Lunar Design

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:45 p.m. *Session 3: Ethics and Methods of Giving and Forgiving*

On Gestures of Giving: Toward a Material Ethics in Irigaray and Dussel

Lenart Škof, University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia

The Feminine He(art) of Giving and Forgiving

Nadja Furlan Štante, University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia

Seva: An Art of Giving

Gopi Ona-Ali, Morningland Monastery, Long Beach

Preksha and the Cultivation of Amity, Compassion and Humility

Samani Satyapragya, Samani Rohinipragya, Florida International University

Moderator: **Marc Scarcelli**, Cal Poly Pomona

3:45 p.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

4:15 p.m. *Closing Session: Documentary Screening and Dialogue*

Beyond the Wall: Giving and Forgiving among the Formerly Incarcerated

Jenny Phillips, Cultural Anthropologist, Film Producer & Director

Moderator: **Zeynep Aytug**, Cal Poly Pomona

6:00 p.m. DINNER

Saturday, November 19, 2016: Ursa Major Room

8:30 a.m. **Conference Registration, Refreshments**

9:00 a.m. *Opening Session: Narratives about Forgiveness and Reconciliation*
The Power of Restorative Narrative

Marina Cantacuzino, The Forgiveness Project, U.K.

9:45 a.m. James X - Reflections on Rape, Race and Redemption

Nancy Scheper-Hughes, University of California, Berkeley

Moderator: **Farah Godrej**, University of California, Riverside

10:30 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. *Session 6: Healing the Past, Creating the Future*

Conflict Transformation through Gardens of Forgiveness

Lyndon Harris, Tigg's Pond Retreat Center (Zirconia, NC)

11:45 a.m. *Admissions: A Transformative Tale of Forgiveness*

Film screening and a dialogue with Producer and Screenwriter

John Viscount, PeaceNow.com

Moderator: **Nirmal Sethia**, Cal Poly Pomona

12:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:45 p.m. *Session 7: Forgiveness in the Context of the Self, Religion And Culture*

Self-Forgiveness through the Power of Imagination

Donna Hill, Cleveland Humanities Magnet High School

Jaina Notion of Forgiveness: Its Relevance in a Multicultural World

Venu Mehta, Florida International University

Forgiveness: A Contemporary Pragmatic Foundation

Roderic Owen, Mary Baldwin College

Forgiveness: Lessons from Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Anna Ikeda, Office of UN Affairs, Soka Gakkai International; and

Stephanie Steiner, Metta Center for Nonviolence

Moderator: **Steve McCauley**, Cal Poly Pomona

4:00 p.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

4:30 p.m. *Closing Session and Guided practice*

Forgive for Good

Fred Luskin, Stanford University Forgiveness Project

Moderator: **Kamala Gollakota**, University of Redlands

6:00 p.m. DINNER

7:00 p.m. *Arohi Peace Concert*

Paul Livingston, Pedro Eustache, Neel Agrawal, Peter Jacobson and Dave Lewis

Sunday, November 20, 2016: Ursa Minor Room

8:00 a.m. Conference Registration, Refreshments

8:45 a.m. *Opening Session*

Giving Hope to Victims of Sex-Trafficking: The Genesis and Work of the Rescue Foundation

Triveni Acharya, Rescue Foundation, India

Moderator: **Suketu Bhavsar**, Cal Poly Pomona

9:30 a.m. *Session 10: Role of Education In Creating A Culture of Giving & Forgiving*

Teaching as Giving

Stephanie Sebolt, Mary Baldwin College, VA

Peace Education for a Giving and Forgiving World

Paula Garb, University of California, Irvine

Cultivation of Giving and Forgiving

Peggy Sia, Palm Elementary School, CA

Moderator: **Anjana Narayan**, Cal Poly Pomona

10:45 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. *Closing Session: A Roundtable Discussion on Teaching, Giving and Forgiving*

Fanny Machado, Creekside Middle School, Castro Valley, CA

Patricia Saucedo, Orange County Educational Arts Academy, CA

Laura Hirshfield, Century Center for Economic Opportunity YouthBuild, CA

Andrew Duden, Lake Oswego High School, OR

Danita Dodson, Hancock County High School, TN

Moderator: **Christian Bracho**, American University, Washington DC

12:30 p.m. CONCLUSION & LUNCH

Post-conference Educator Meeting: 2:00-3:30 p.m.