



Cal Poly Pomona's Ahimsa Center is the leading organization on campus for the interdisciplinary teaching of nonviolence and its practical applications. Established in 2003 in the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, the Ahimsa Center promotes social justice, lasting peace and ecological sustainability through its vast network of educational programs and outreach activities.

AHIMSA means
rejection of violence.

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

THE DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE

The institute is fundamental to the Ahimsa Center's aim to build a discourse on what democracy without violence, and a world without attacks on fellow citizens and the planet itself might look like. The institute prepares student-scholars to think globally and to address constitutional and democratic questions that shape the human story.

THE STUDENT INITIATIVE FOR JUSTICE (SIJ)

Affiliated with The Democracy Institute, this student organization seeks to engage Broncos on the most divisive questions facing society. Through regular dialogues on campus between faculty, students and educational leaders across the country, SIJ equips students to take on global issues surrounding technology, climate, law, violence and rights.

THE JUSTICE DIALOGUES

This series brings leading national and international voices to CPP to foster engaging conversations on matters that affect social, racial and economic justice.

SETHIA ANNUAL AHIMSA LECTURE

The annual spring event features a leading scholar of nonviolence speaking on the moral and political significance of nonviolent civic action in a world beset by inequality and strife.

NONVIOLENCE STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

This minor provides CPP students an opportunity to learn about the philosophical, cultural and literary traditions of nonviolence and the histories of nonviolent change.



EVERETT ELIAS

I am a 33-year-old returning student. In my first semester back on campus, I met Dr. Aishwary Kumar at the Justice Dialogues. It was in this encounter that my educational journey began. Through Dr. Kumar's mentorship, and the Ahimsa Center and Democracy Institute events, I have embarked on a new intellectual journey around nonviolent social change, community involvement and democratic activism.



**BRIANNA M.
CHAN-GEORGE**

In my last semester of my senior year I took a class with Dr. Kumar and in it, we had conversations that dealt with the future of our democracy. It made me want to get involved in creating a club to have a campus environment where students can lead and have these discussions, where no matter what political side or beliefs, you can express your opinion, learn from one another and hear different perspectives. For me, that is why I wanted to be involved in the Student Initiative for Justice and the Ahimsa Center.



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The center's conference was a major success — not just for the scholarship and intellectual rigor of the participants, but also the excellence of all whom were present, and especially the students. In all my years of academic conference life, I have never had the privilege of engaging with such astute undergraduate learners. Their questions, and their confidence in asking them, clearly came from a place of care and concern for critical reflection on our contemporary moment. I am equally enthralled by the ambition and curatorship of the Ahimsa Center's mission.

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