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TITLE: The History of Christian Nonviolence

TERM: Spring 2021-22

PROFESSOR: Debra Dean Murphy

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: 3

UNLIMITED _____
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Mahatma Gandhi read the Sermon on the Mount every day for forty years and concluded that Jesus of Nazareth was humanity’s prime exemplar of the way of nonviolence—a way his followers were called to practice, even at great personal cost. This course looks at representative texts, contexts, and historical figures from antiquity to the present, including Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Origen, Augustine, the Truce of God movement, the Peace Church tradition, the Barmen Declaration, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Franz Jägerstätter, Sophie Scholl, André and Magda Trocmé, Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero, Mothers of the Disappeared, Martin Luther King, Jr., Wangari Maathai, and Traci West.

CLASS OBJECTIVES: TBD

PREREQUISITES: TBD

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

1. *A Field Guide to Christian Nonviolence: Key Thinkers, Activists, and Movements for the Gospel of Peace*, David Cramer and Myles Werntz. (Baker Academic, 2022). ISBN: 978-1540960122
2. Other online readings as assigned.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING: TBD

ATTENDANCE: Required.