

"IS THERE A MORAL ALTERNATIVE TO VIOLENCE?"

February 25-27, 1988

Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder

- THURSDAY**
February 25
- 7:30 "THE NONVIOLENT ALTERNATIVE" -- KEYNOTE ADDRESS -- RAMALEY C250
Sister Mary Luke Tobin, Director of the Thomas Merton Center for Creative Exchange
- 9:00 Reception -- GAMOW TOWER, 11th Floor
- FRIDAY**
February 26
- 2:00 Registration, case study distribution, refreshments -- UMC 157
- 3:00 Seminar discussions of case studies: What kind of violence is involved?
-- UMC conference area and seminar rooms in HELLEMS
- 4:40 Distribution of case study comments by panel: Marilyn Frye, Jan Narveson, and John Swomley
- 5:45 Refreshments and dinner -- UMC Aspen Room (By reservation only, deadline February 10, 1988)
- 8:00 Discussion with panel -- UMC 235
- SATURDAY**
February 27
- 9:30 Refreshments -- HELLEMS 169
- 10:00 Seminar discussion of case studies: What kind of violence is justified as a response to the original violence? -- UMC conference area and seminar rooms in HELLEMS
- 12:00 Lunch (Various places on the Hill)
- 1:45 Discussion with panel -- HELLEMS 252
- 3:00 Refreshments -- Hallway of HELLEMS 2nd Floor
- 3:30 Summary comments by panel and seminar spokespersons -- HELLEMS 252

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Sister Mary Luke Tobin (M.A. in history, Notre Dame University, 4 Honorary Doctorates) has taught at Loretto Heights College and at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. She published a book entitled *Hope is an Open Door*, co-authored the book *Peaceworld*, and was a contributing author in *The Recovery of Spirit in Higher Education*, *Merton--Those Who Knew Him Best*, and *Midwives of the Future: U.S. Sisters Tell Their Story*. She has also contributed articles to several periodicals.

Deeply involved in peace efforts, Sister Mary Luke has been a member of several international missions for peace, solidarity, and disarmament. She has been an active member of numerous national boards and is on the advisory committee and the speakers' bureau of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Director of the Thomas Merton Center for Creative Exchange in Denver, she gives many workshops around the country on Merton, peace, the nuclear threat, and other topics of current interest.

GUEST PANELISTS

Marilyn Frye (Ph.D. in Philosophy, Cornell University) is a lesbian feminist philosopher. She teaches philosophy and women's studies at Michigan State University, where she has been on the faculty since 1974. She is the author of *The Politics of Reality*, a collection of essays in feminist philosophy.

Jan Narveson (B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy, University of Chicago, Ph.D. in Philosophy, Harvard) is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada. He has published over a hundred papers and reviews in philosophical periodicals and anthologies, mainly on ethical theory and practice. He has written two books, *Morality and Utility* and *An Examination of Libertarianism*, and edited the anthology *Moral Issues*.

John Swomley (Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, STB and MA Boston University) is a Professor Emeritus at the St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. He has written 9 books and over 250 articles. Among his books are *Liberation Ethics* and his most recent work, *Religious Liberty and the Secular State*. He was the executive secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation from 1953-1960 and directed the campaign against universal military training from 1944-1952. He is currently on the national board and executive committee of the ACLU, and is President of Americans for Religious Liberty.

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THE COLLOQUIUM PROCESS

The Department of Philosophy presents the twelfth annual Colloquium on Social Philosophy in honor of its late colleague Bertram Morris and as a service to the community. Reflecting the commitments of its namesake, each colloquium offers philosophical perspectives on a particular social issue. This year's colloquium will revolve around case studies exemplifying different aspects of violence. There will be no formal papers.

A primary aim of the conference is to involve experienced and thoughtful people from different segments of the community, and each workshop will have--as core discussants--people representing the perspectives of religion, feminism, politics, and philosophy.

On Friday afternoon, seminar groups composed of a core group and additional colloquium attendees will meet together and take their case studies wherever they will. The general goal will be to determine what kind of violence, if any, is involved in the example being discussed (e.g., pornography).

In order to bring the results of these seminar discussions together, Jan Narveson (philosophy), Marilyn Frye (philosophy/feminism), and John Swomley (liberation ethics/political science), will form a panel which will try to filter and focus the arguments. We will move from the seminar discussions to a session in which all the participants come together and--so to speak--argue with each other through the panelists, who will have participated in the seminar discussions during the day.

In the evening, all the seminar participants will meet with the panel; each of the panelists will have written up some short comments on whatever strikes them

about the issues raised in the cases (these comments will be distributed toward the end of the afternoon sessions). The panelists will start things off by reacting to each other's written comments, then the discussion will become general (and probably unmanageable).

Saturday will have the same structure, beginning with the seminar groups considering the question of what sort of response--including violence--is justified or morally called for in response to their original case. In the afternoon, we'll bring everyone together and start the discussion with ten-minute comments by the panel members, who will have been participating in the morning seminars. After a coffee break, the panel and a spokesperson from each seminar will try to sum up where we find ourselves in the dialectic.

Bertram Morris (1908-1981) was born in Denver. Educated at Princeton and Cornell, he taught at the University of Colorado at Boulder from 1947 until his retirement in 1977. He published several books, including *The Aesthetic Process*, *Philosophical Aspects of Culture*, and *Institutions of Intelligence*.

Bertram Morris is remembered as much for his committed involvement in the social issues of his community as for his scholarly work. In 1953 he began an outreach program at Manual High School in Denver that still continues. In 1975 he was given a special award by the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado for his efforts on behalf of academic freedom and his work to improve conditions at the Boulder County Jail.

As an expression of admiration and gratitude, the Philosophy Department established this colloquium when Bertram Morris retired in 1977.

Help us continue the Bertram Morris Colloquium on Social Philosophy. University faculty, staff, former students, and friends of Bertram Morris have now contributed approximately \$40,000 to our endowment campaign. Our goal for the endowment is \$50,000. Please help us reach it--send your tax deductible contribution to the University of Colorado Foundation, Boulder, CO 80309.

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