Prem and Sandhya Jain Conference on Nonviolence

Ahimsa and Sustainable Happiness, November 2-4, 2012

Tentative Program: Friday, November 2, 2012

Quest for Sustainable Happiness

8:00 a.m. Check-in and Registration, Refreshments

9:00 a.m. Welcome Remarks

Honoring Prem and Sandhya Jain

J. Michael Ortiz, University President, Cal Poly Pomona

Sharon Hilles, Dean, College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, Cal Poly Pomona

Conference Introduction

Tara Sethia, Director, Ahimsa Center and Professor of History, Cal Poly Pomona

9:30 a.m. Opening Session: Perspectives on Ahimsa and Happiness

Pursuing Happiness in the Past and in the Present **Darrin McMahon**, Florida State University

"What Does Happiness Have to Do With It? The Joys of the Nonviolent Life" **Christopher Key Chapple**, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles

11:00 a.m. Session 2: Interdependence and Sustainable Happiness

Merging Sustainability with Happiness

Catherine O'Brien, Cape Breton University, Canada Radical Empathy, Care of Self, Society and Nature Randall Amster, Prescott College, Arizona

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 p.m. Session 3: Violence, War and the Challenge of Sustainable Happiness

Pictures from Hiroshima School Yard: Children's Views of War and Peace"

Daniella Barroqueiro, Illinois State University

Happy Warriors

Edward Maine, CSU Fullerton and Dale Turner, Cal Poly Pomona

Ahimsa, Sustainable Happiness and Combat Trauma Recovery **Lisa Cypers Kamen**, Harvesting Happiness for Heroes

3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:15 p.m. Session 4: The Psychology of Nonviolence

Van Goelst Meijer, University for Humanistics, Utrecht, the Netherlands Promoting "The Good Life" Through Indigenous Peacemaking Psychologies

Jeffery Ansloos, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena

Using Trust to Sustain Happy Societies
Kaltrina Kusari, Quest University, Canada

4:45 p.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

5:15 p.m. Session 5: Perspectives of Spiritual and Political Leaders

Peace and Happiness in the Works of Gandhi and Nelson Mandela

Mark Malisa and Christopher Smith The College of St. Rose in Albany, New York

Dalai Lama on Sustainable Happiness

Roderic Owen, Mary Baldwin College, Virginia

6:15 p.m. Closing Session:

Gandhi's Inclusive Philosophy of Happiness
Anthony Parel, University of Calgary, Canada

Session Chair:

7:00 p.m. DINNER

Tentative Program: Saturday, November 3, 2012

Pathways to Sustainable Happiness

8:30 a.m. Check-in and Registration, Refreshments

9:15 a.m. Opening Session

Flow to Sustainable Happiness: A Positive Psychology Perspective

Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Claremont Graduate University

Engineering Happiness

Rakesh Sarin, UCLA Anderson School of Business

10:45 a.m. Session 8: Positive Emotions and Enduring Happiness

Ahimsa and Happiness: Psychophysiological Perspective

Alane Daugherty, Cal Poly Pomona

Ego Reduction: An Underpinning of Nonviolence and Unconditional Happiness

Mathew Jarman, Florida Atlantic University and Michael Warren, Claremont

Graduate University

A Moral Act, Elevation, and Pro-Social Behavior: Moderators of Morality

Andrew Thomson and Jason Siegal, Claremont Graduate University

12:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 p.m. Session 9: Ahimsa and Happiness: Educational Challenge and Prospects

Integrating Ahimsa and Happiness in Education **Tazeen Rashid**, Suncoast High school, Florida

Ahimsa, Sustainable Happiness and the Teaching Practice **Andrew Duden**, Lake Oswego High school, Oregon

Living Large

Vikas Srivastava, Canyon Crest Academy, San Diego

"Being the Change": Teachers Teaching Nonviolence

Christian Bracho, New York University

3:30 p.m. REFRESHMENT BREAK

4:00 p.m. Session 10: Sustainable Happiness for All

Gross National Happiness: The Educational Challenge **Madhu Suri Prakash**, Pennsylvania State University

Earth Healing and Sustainable Happiness: A Yogic Approach

Adrian Villasenor-Galarza, California Institute for Integral Studies

Compassion: The Ethic of Animals' Right to Happiness in Epic Narratives

Veena Rani Howard, University of Oregon

5:30 Break

6:00 p.m. Closing Session:

The Yasuni Effect

Michael Tobias and Jane Morrison, Dancing Star Foundation, CA

7:00 p.m. DINNER

Tentative Program: Sunday, November 4, 2012

Concurrent Workshops and Conference Conclusion

9:00 a.m. Check-in and Registration, Refreshments9:15 a.m. Teaching About Happiness and Well-Being

Darrin McMahon

Sustainable Happiness for Teachers & Students

Catherine O'Brien

Gandhi on Wealth, Poverty, and the Quest for Happiness

Anthony Parel

The Power of Meditation

Sunil Sharma

11:00 a.m. Conference Conclusion

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Interactive Session with Conference Speakers and Attendees: Individual and Collective Strategies for Sustainable Happiness and Educational Imperatives, An Action Plan?

12 Noon Lunch

For Workshop Descriptions visit:

http://www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/conference/conference_12_workshops.shtml