

FRESNO CENTER for NONVIOLENCE



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We honor and celebrate the 150th year (2019-2020) of Gandhi's birth the principles of peace and nonviolence sustained by those who are a part of the global struggle for freedom and justice.

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A few words about Michael

On October 28, 2020, our board member and good friend Michael Black Bull died, he will be missed.

Richard - *He was into people's ancestry. We talked about the royal family of Great Britain (England) has, as a part of their listing of ancestral relatives were all the folks listed in the Bible that been begotten. All the way, to my surprise, to Isis and Redman and not Adam and Eve. Isis and Redman represented the planets Venus and Mars at the time of the beginning of Rome.*

Angela - *I'm saddened at the loss of this wonderful man. Michael has been a friend for many years as well as an FCNV Board member. After a stroke some years ago, he had to cut back on Board duties; nevertheless he still managed to advise us on Indigenous people's issues and in fact just the week before his death was my guest on our Center's monthly radio show on KFCF. We had some spirited phone discussions about the upcoming show and some disagreements on its content.*

Much to Michael's dismay, after his stroke his eyes were affected and the ability to read was impaired. He was an avid reader and consumed many books each year. He used to help us sort books when we had our book sales but did more reading than sorting! And went home with many more books than he donated. Michael was often asked to recommend books, and one had to stop him from reeling off title after title.

Though Michael will be missed for many reasons, top of my list would be his role as an educator. So many lecturers know their subject but do not explain well. Michael not only knew his stuff but explained it so colorfully and in great detail that it was much appreciated by students and others.

Gerry - *Teachers often learn more from their students than the other way around. I first knew Michael as a capable student in my sociology class at Fresno City College in the 1970s. Michael continued on with his education and in the early 2000s he returned to Fresno City College as an adjunct instructor of Native American Indian Studies. In that capacity Michael became a regular guest lecturer in my American Studies class, and boy, did I learn a lot. Michael had carefully researched aspects of Native American history with which I was not that familiar, but I soon became much better educated in that sordid tale. Michael had an excellent rapport with the students and handled all questions with skill and respect. Somewhat later Michael joined the board of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence and I got to know him as a fellow board member. He was an asset the board and became our resident authority on Native American Indian affairs. That led to his appearance, several times, on the FCNV Stir-it-Up radio show on KFCF, where he educated an even broader audience on the issues facing the Native American Indian community. He made his life count for something, and those who knew him are much better off because of his impact on their lives and on the community at large. He is dearly missed.*



KFCF 88.1 FM Wednesday December 9th at 3 pm

December's show will be hosted by Angela Price and as her guest John LaForge, co-director of Nuke watch, a Wisconsin-based peace group dedicated to abolishing militarism and weapons of mass destruction. They will discuss resistance to U.S. Weapons in Germany. The first U.S. Citizen has been convicted for protests at the Nuclear Weapons Base in Germany. They will also discuss the ratification of the UN Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons. Even though the show is live, it will not be a call-in show because of Covid-19 and we are hosting from our homes. However, we do record the show and create a link that will be sent to our Center's list-serv and anybody else who requests it. For more information, you can call the Center for Nonviolence at 559-237-3223 – though our Center is closed right now, we are picking up messages left on our phone.



Last month's show was hosted by Josh Shurley and his guest, VFP national board member, Miles Megaciph. He is a US Marine Corps veteran, social justice advocate and hip-hop performer. They will discuss the legacy of Armistice Day (Veteran's Day), veterans' issues, and our role in today's peace and justice movement.

Listen to last month's show here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-32180140/stir-it-up-111120>



Holiday Message from the Fresno Center for Nonviolence



The Fresno Center for Nonviolence will be closed for the Holidays. We will let you know when we will be opened again but until then please take the time to enjoy this (eeehhh,) lovely time of year. Please remember those young and old who are homeless, friendless and in need of a little compassion now. Remember us in your year-end tax-deductible donations to help keep us going in these times. So much appreciated. Happy Holidays from the friendly folks of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence.