

**War, Morality, Nonviolence:  
A Conference in Honor of Robert L. Holmes\***

April 8-9, 2011 (Friday and Saturday)

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Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, the President's Office, the Dean's Office, Peace around the World,  
Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, and Center for Nonviolent Solutions, Worcester, MA)

**Friday, April 8, 2011**

- 12-1:30      Brown bag lunch: Prof. Holmes meets with Prof. Cicovacki class "Philosophers on War and Peace," and all interested students  
(PCON concentrators, Pax Christi, and Peace around the World)
- 4-6            Official opening of the Conference and Prof. Holmes' keynote address  
"Toward a Nonviolent American Revolution"
- 6-8            Dinner for the participants

**Saturday, April 9**

- 9-10:30      "Beat Me Daddy 12 to the Bar: The Blues, Peace and Cats in a Trance"  
Speaker: Prof. Robert Brimlow, St. John Fisher College,  
author of *What about Hitler?*
- Commentator: Barry Gan, St. Bonaventure University,  
Co-editor of *Nonviolence in Theory and Practice*
- 10:30-10:45   Coffee break
- 10:45-12:15   "The Rationale of U.S. War-Making Foreign Policy"  
Speaker: Prof. James Sterba, Notre Dame University,  
author of *Terrorism and International Justice* and other books,
- Commentator: Richard Werner, Hamilton College  
co-editor of *Just War, Nonviolence, and Nuclear Deterrence*
- 12:15-2        Lunch break
- 2-4:30        Round table discussion  
(including 10 people: Prof. Holmes, two speakers and their commentators, plus  
two HC Professors, 1 representative of the Center for Nonviolent Resolution,  
1 Clark University Professor and 1 Assumption College Professor)  
- A list of the questions to be discussed at the round table will be prepared in  
advance by the students in Prof. Cicovacki's class
- 4:30 Closing of the conference

\*“This state of affairs can be changed only by reconstituting societies. And we must begin with our own. We need to make peace education a priority; to make development of alternatives to violence a priority; to begin to take seriously the values we profess to cherish. Not least of all we need to convert our economy to peaceful ends.”

—Robert Holmes

Prof. Robert Holmes has just retired from the University of Rochester, where he was teaching since 1962. He was the recipient of the “Professor of the Year” and “Teacher of the Year in Humanities” Awards. He was visiting professor at University of Moscow (Fulbright Fellow), Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi (The First Rajiv Gandhi Professor of Peace and Disarmament), Notre Dame University, Hamilton College, University of Texas, Austin, etc. His main research is in philosophy of war, the ethics of nonviolence, and contemporary moral problems. He is author of *On War and Morality* and *Basic Moral Philosophy* (4th edition), and editor of *Nonviolence in Theory and Practice* (3rd edition in preparation) and *Philosophical Inquiry* (2nd edition). He also published over 75 scholarly papers.

The conference is organized by Prof. Predrag Cicovacki

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