

## **Kansas State University Nonviolence Studies & Programs**

The K-State Nonviolence Studies Programs began in 1998-1999 as a university-wide network of students, faculty and staff who came together to create a safer and more equitable community by creating positive, participatory nonviolence projects and educational programs.

### **Campaign for Nonviolence**

The K-State Campaign for Nonviolence (CNV) emerged from K-State Women's Center/Office for Nonviolence Education in collaboration with University Counseling Services and a cross-section of faculty, staff and students including participants from social work, sociology, women's studies, and the student governing association (SGA).

In 2000, the Campaign for Nonviolence (CNV) was adopted as a presidential-level committee, chaired by the director of University Counseling Services. Scores of campus and community nonviolence education programs originated through the auspices of the CNV during the following decade, including: SafeZone, Noontime Yoga, Empty Bowls, Season for Nonviolence, and Movies on the Grass. In 2010 a K-State Peace Pole was planted (at Thurston and Manhattan Ave.) to commemorate a decade of nonviolence education and to celebrate the establishment of K-State's academic Nonviolence Studies program.

### **Nonviolence Studies & Programs**

Academic Nonviolence Studies courses began during the 2003-2004 academic year, administered through the general education division of the College of Arts & Sciences, with credit authorized by the K-State Honors Program. Introduction to Nonviolence Studies (2002/3) and Applied Nonviolence Studies (2005) were the original offerings; numerous electives from a cross-section of disciplines soon followed and a new Nonviolence Studies faculty formed.

In 2007 the College of Arts & Sciences formalized the 15-hour Nonviolence Studies Certificate Program. In 2010, we ventured into the world of the internet when the core courses (Introduction to NVS, Applied NVS, Violence, Nonviolence and Social Change) plus several Certificate electives became available online through K-State Distance and Continuing Education (DCE). In 2011 the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work (SASW) became the academic/administrative home for Nonviolence Studies and Programs (NVS). Today, the NVS Certificate is available both on campus and online.

Because of the systems-based, problem solving focus of our program, in 2010, the U.S. Department of Education listed K-State's Nonviolence Studies Program under the category of Sustainability Studies - with key words: nonviolence, problem solving and systems. K-State designated Nonviolence Studies in the category of Ethical Reasoning.

Beginning in 2011/2012, NVS has been administered through the Department of

Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work and an academic Advisory Council. The NVS Advisory Council is composed of at least one member from: Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work; affiliated Nonviolence Studies faculty; K-State Campaign for Nonviolence and/or SafeZone; and K-State Distance and Continuing Education

**Current Advisory Council members are:**

*SASW:* Dr. Nadazda Shapkina, Dr. Betsy Cauble, Dr. Robert Schaeffer, and Dr. Jacque Gibbons;

*NVS faculty:* Dr. Torry Dickinson;

*CNV & SafeZone:* Dr. Dori Lambert and Lopamudra De;

*DCE:* Dr. Susan L Allen and Rev. Thea Nietfeld

In 2012, members of the K-State Nonviolence faculty joined with peace and nonviolence teachers, activists, organizers, writers, and service workers from communities and colleges around Kansas to form a state-wide Kansas Nonviolence Network.

[http://nonviolencenetwork.org/about\\_us.htm](http://nonviolencenetwork.org/about_us.htm)

For additional information please contact the current campus academic advisor, Dr. Nadia Shapkina or a member of the Advisory Council.

[http://www.k-state.edu/nonviolence/links/Nonviolence\\_Studies.htm](http://www.k-state.edu/nonviolence/links/Nonviolence_Studies.htm)

[http://catalog.k-state.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=13&poid=3817](http://catalog.k-state.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=13&poid=3817)

<http://www.k-state.edu/sasw/nonviolencestudies.html>

<http://www.dce.k-state.edu/artsci/nonviolence/>