VIOLENT TIMES is a presentation to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. The twentieth century produced not only world wars but also coined the term genocide. Empires fell and new geo-political lines were drawn. The world witnessed both neo-colonialism and its end. India, Pakistan, Vietnam, Iraq, Rwanda became sites of war and violence. The 20th century witnessed the rise of Communism in Russia and China as well as the disintegration of the Soviet Union. However, we have not seen a Third World War.

VIOLENT TIMES also refers to urban violence and personal violence. How do families and individuals deal with economic stresses and the impact of drugs? Chicago and other mega-urban sites count the street killings in the hundreds a year.

But there are also responses to violence. We celebrate peace prizes winners. We monitor the impact of violence on the environment. As a society, we are hyper vigilant to violence and are working for transformative justice.

The 20th century saw a catastrophic explosion of violence, but it is not singular in that respect: sacred literature and ancient poets also described and lamented the impact of violence. Are we doomed? Is there some biological imperative for violent behavior? Is violence exclusively a male behavior? We seek answers from a broad set of disciplines!
Violent times

All presentations are scheduled for AS 158 at 2 pm unless noted otherwise.

Sep. 11, Thursday
Dr. Rothschild, Theology
Violence in the Bible

Sep. 16, Tuesday
Dr. Walts, English
Women Warriors in Anglo-Saxon Poetry

Sep. 17, Wednesday
Dr. Anderson, Communication
World War I Newsreels

Sep. 22, Monday
Dr. Liesen, Political Science
Managing the Matrices: evolutionary perspective on female violence

Oct. 1, Wednesday
Dr. Anderson, Communication
World War I: George Creel

Oct. 13, Monday
Dr. Mishra, English
Post-Colonial Violence

Oct. 15, Wednesday
Dr. Tapia, JLPSS
State Violence: Human Rights Violations and Torture

Oct. 21, Tuesday
Rafael Tovar, Detective, retired
War on Drugs

Oct. 23, Thursday
Dr. Kerevel, Political Science
Drug Violence and citizen self-defense in Mexico

Oct. 28, Tuesday
Dr. Tovar, JLPSS
Human Trafficking

Nov. 3, Monday
Dr. Billups, Theology
In the ART GALLERY
Peace Teach-In
1 pm Life without parole
3 pm Peacemaking circles

Nov. 4, Tuesday
Dr. Billups, Theology
In the ART GALLERY
Peace Teach-In
2 pm Transformative Justice

Nov. 6, Thursday
Dr. White & Dr. Muench, English
Poetry’s Response to Violence

Nov. 10, Monday
Dr. Kavouras, Biology
Consequence of Violence on the environment

Nov. 11, Tuesday
Dr. Parker, Physics
The Nobel Legacy: Can Awards for Science, Literature and Peace control Violence?

Nov. 18, Tuesday
Dr. Cunningham, English
Iraq War fiction

Nov. 19, Wednesday
Philip Lynch Theater @ 1 pm
Keith White
Violence and Laughter

Nov. 21, Tuesday
Rafael Tovar, Detective, retired
War on Drugs

Nov. 23, Thursday
Dr. Kerevel, Political Science
Drug Violence and citizen self-defense in Mexico

Nov. 28, Tuesday
Dr. Tovar, JLPSS
Human Trafficking

Nov. 3, Monday
Dr. Billups, Theology
In the ART GALLERY
Peace Teach-In
1 pm Life without parole
3 pm Peacemaking circles

Nov. 4, Tuesday
Dr. Billups, Theology
In the ART GALLERY
Peace Teach-In
2 pm Transformative Justice

Nov. 19, Wednesday
Dr. Greenwood, Psychology
Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition: Mindless violence against groups