**2021 Conflict Resolution 1 and 2 credit Online “Boot Camps***”**

*ConRes 698 Conflict Resolution Skills Practicum*

**Important Note:** Students should take both January and summer courses to equal 3 credits.

**January 2021: ConRes 698-01C Conflict Resolution Skills Practicum:**

**Non-Violent Action with Jeff Pugh (1 Credit) Class Number #1272**

January 11-16, 2021, Asynchronous with 1 synchronous session 1/12 12-1:30 p.m.

Nonviolent action refers to conflict waged by nonviolent means. Also known as civil resistance, nonviolent action requires collective action, it is strategic and oriented toward a shared goal (usually resisting harm, righting an injustice, toppling an oppressive regime, or liberating a territory), it involves contentious action outside of normal institutional channels, and those practicing it refrain from using violence, despite using a range of other quite assertive and coercive tools of noncooperation or disruption, and often being the recipients of repression or violence from their opponents. Given the power asymmetries in many societies, other conflict resolution, peacebuilding and dialogue tools may prove insufficient if one party benefits from the status quo and does not perceive an incentive to negotiate. In these cases, nonviolent action can be a way of using ‘People Power’ to change power dynamics and the opponent’s perception of how costly it is to refuse to negotiate. This online mini-course will introduce the foundational concepts and theories of nonviolent action, explore the research on its effectiveness, study cases from around the world of how it has worked even in very challenging or repressive contexts, and introduce tools to analyze and plan a campaign relying on nonviolent action to address an injustice or threat.

**Summer 2021: ConRes 698 Conflict Resolution Skills Practicum:**

**Religious Peacebuilding with David Sulewski (2 Credits)**

May 26 – June 25, T/Th, 1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Religion plays a crucial, but ambivalent, role in international affairs as a contributor to both peace and conflict. While introducing students to the analytical study of religion, peace and conflict on the world stage, this course focuses on religion’s positive contributions by acquainting students with theoretical concepts and practices of religious peacebuilding and conflict resolution. Through classroom lectures, discussions, reading assignments, guest lectures, and multimedia, students will survey the contemporary peacebuilding approaches of many of the world’s religions and delve into case studies of religious actors and organizations engaged in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.