

J A M E S M A D I S O N U N I V E R S I T Y
1997 Arts & Sciences Symposium • VIOLENCE: Images & Reality

Sunday, September 21

The movie *Pulp Fiction*, starring Quentin Tarantino, John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman, Harvey Keitel, and Bruce Willis (Discussion to follow the movie) Grafton-Stovall Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 22

Afternoon Panel:

The Study of Violence in the Social Sciences
Taylor Hall, Room 404, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Evening Speaker: **Prof. Richard Wrangham**

Anthropology, Harvard University:

Ape and Superape: The Continuing Evolution of Human Violence

Grafton-Stovall Theater: 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23

Morning Panel:

Images of Violence in Film, Television, and Literature
Taylor Hall, Room 404: 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Afternoon Forum:

***Violence in the University,
Harrisonburg, and Rockingham County***

Grafton-Stovall Theater: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Evening Speaker: **Prof. George Gerbner**

Dean Emeritus, The Annenberg School of Communication University of Pennsylvania

Telling All the Stories

Grafton-Stovall Theater: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24

Morning Panel:

Mediation and Conflict Resolution

Taylor Hall, Room 404: 11:00 a.m. — Noon

Brown Bag Discussion Series:

Critical Thinking and the Death Penalty

Noon: Hillcrest House

with Don Fawkes

Afternoon Panel:

Violence and the Religions of the World

Taylor Hall, Room 404: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Evening Speaker: **Prof. David Bartlett**

Dean, Yale University Divinity School

The Hurting God: Images of God in the Bible

Grafton-Stovall Theater: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25

Morning Panel:

Intimate Stranger: Violence in the Family

Taylor Hall, Room 404: 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Afternoon Panel: *History and Violence*

Taylor Hall, Room 404: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Evening Speaker: **Prof. Richard Slotkin**

Wesleyan University

Equalizers: The Mystique of the Six-Gun in American Culture

Grafton-Stovall Theater: 7 p.m.

THE SPEAKERS

Professor Richard W. Wrangham

Richard W. Wrangham received his M.A. degree in Zoology from Oxford University and his Ph.D. in Animal Behavior from Cambridge University. He is Professor of Anthropology at Harvard University and serves on the L.S.B. Leaky Foundation and the Jane Goodall Institute. He has won the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Fellowship. His important field research in Africa has been the basis of 84 scientific articles, including *The Significance of African Apes for Reconstructing Human Social Evolution*, and five books, including, *Demonic Males: Apes and the Origins of Human Violence* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1996), coauthored with Dale Peterson.

Professor George Gerbner

George Gerbner is Dean Emeritus of the Annenberg School of Communication of the University of Pennsylvania. His research projects have been supported by the National Science Foundation, the President's Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, the Surgeon General's Scientific Advisory Committee on TV and Social Behavior. He served as chair of the editorial board of the International Encyclopedia of Communication. Recent publications include: *Invisible Crises: What Conglomerate Media Control Means for America and the World* (Westview, 1996) and *TV Violence and What to do About It, Nieman Reports, Fall 1996*.

Professor David Bartlett

David Bartlett teaches preaching and New Testament and is Academic Dean at Yale University Divinity School. Bartlett is an ordained American Baptist minister and has served parishes in Oakland, Chicago, and Minneapolis. He has taught at the University of Chicago, the Graduate Theological Union, United Seminary of the Twin cities, and Union Theological Seminary, Virginia. His most recent book is *Romans in the Westminster Bible companion series*, and he has written the study of I Peter for the forthcoming Volume XII of the New Interpreter's Bible.

Professor Richard Slotkin

Richard Slotkin is Olin Professor of American Studies at Wesleyan University. His most recent book, *Gunfighter Nation: The Myth of the frontier in Twentieth Century America* (1992) was a Finalist for the 1993 National Book Award in Non-Fiction. *Gunfighter Nation* completes a trilogy on the American Myth of the Frontier that the Journal of American History has called a dominating landmark in the study of American culture. The first volume in the trilogy, *Regeneration Through Violence: The Mythology of the American Frontier, 1600-1860* (1973) and the second volume, *The Fatal Environment: The Myth of the Frontier in the Age of Industrialization, 1800-1890* (1985) both received important national awards.

FORUM & PANELS

Social Science Panel:

Moderator: James Steele
Andrea Wiley
Doug Skelley
Bruce Busching

Media and Literature Panel:

Moderator: David Jeffrey
Jim Ruff
Marilou Johnson

University and Community Forum:

Moderator: Hillary Wing-Lott
Sheriff Don Farley, Rockingham County
Chief Don Harper, Harrisonburg Police Department
Captain Lee Shifflett, JMU
C. Robert Showalter, M.D.
Tina Clark, Victim Witness Advocate for Com. Atty.
April Roberts, President, JMU Student Council
Allison Doyle, JMU Student
Angela Daniner, JMU Student
Taiwan Lovelace, JMU Student
Miriam Clark, Citizen
Matthew Owens, JMU Student

Violence

Violence can only be concealed by a lie, and the lie can only be maintained by violence. Any man who has once proclaimed violence as his method is inevitably forced to take the lie as his principle.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn (b. 1918), Russian novelist. Nobel Prize lecture, 1973 (published in Solzhenitsyn: A Documentary Record, ed. by Leopold Labedz, 1974).

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Panel:

Moderator: Rex M. Fuller
William D. Kimsey
Kathe H. Smith
Edwin C. Bumbaugh
Beverly T. Noel

World Religions Panel:

Moderator: Diana Edelman
Sallie King
Bill O'Meara
Lamieh Salimi

Violence in the Family Panel:

Moderator: Kay Knickhrem
Robin Teske
Anne Stewart
Peggy Plass

History and Violence Panel:

Moderator: Steve Guerrier
Louise Loe
David Owusu-Ansah
Chong Yoon

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