



# CARL SPAIN CENTER *Events*

## RACE STUDIES & SPIRITUAL ACTION

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

### *Session One*

**8:30AM-9:15AM**  
**BSB 114**

#### **THE CHRISTIAN POSSESSION OF TOOLS OF VIOLENCE**

*Walter Taylor and Matthew Worthington, Racial Wholeness*

After Jesus' arrest in Matthew 26:52, he tells Peter, "Put your sword back in its place." He does not tell him to discard it. In what ways does this passage speak today to Christians who possess weapons? How did Hutu and Tutsi Christians view this passage in the Rwandan genocide of 1994? How does a Christian reconcile the blessing on peacemakers in the Sermon on the Mount with Peter's willingness to use violence during a moment of civil conflict?

### *Session Two*

**9:30AM-10:15AM**  
**BSB 114**

#### **NIEBUHR/BONHOEFFER AND THE PERSONAL USE OF VIOLENCE**

*Darrell Wesley and Chris Dowdy, Racial Wholeness*

During the Jewish Holocaust, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and author of the Christian classic *The Cost of Discipleship*, struggled to apply Jesus' teachings on nonviolence in response to Adolf Hitler. In the 1932 classic *Moral Man and Immoral Society*, American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr addressed the difficulty of applying biblical principles to this topic as well. How can these texts guide our thinking and Christian convictions on whether the personal use of violence is justified?

**11:00AM**  
**MOODY COLISEUM**

## **OPENING OF THE CARL SPAIN CENTER ON RACE STUDIES AND SPIRITUAL ACTION**

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Moody Coliseum as a part of the 11am Theme Conversation.

**11:00AM-11:45AM**  
**MOODY COLISEUM**

#### **THEME CONVERSATION**

*Theme Speaker: Jerry Taylor*

*Worship Leader: Student group under the direction of Nick Tatum, Abilene Christian University*

Who better than Jerry to prompt us of God's call to imitate him and embolden us to emulate Jesus' way of love and self-sacrifice? Our journey to follow Jesus transforms us into a people of holiness. Jerry will proclaim how the Spirit within us seasons our conversations, rewrites our heart's melodies, inspires our thanksgivings, and enables our submissive service.

12:00AM  
HUNTER WELCOME  
CENTER, ZONE C

## CARL SPAIN CENTER ON RACE STUDIES AND SPIRITUAL ACTION LUNCHEON

Join us as we commemorate the grand opening on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

**TICKETS:** \$20 per individual or you may sponsor a table of 8 for \$200

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### *Session Three*

1:30PM-2:15PM  
BSB 114

#### **A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE MOVIE, BLACK PANTHER**

*Darren and Gloria Hagood, Racial Wholeness*

In a critical analysis of Marvel Comics' movie Black Panther, we will examine the various portrayals of the struggle to effectively respond to the violence of oppression. How does this popular movie inform us and what would an application of its principles demand of us as diverse Christians living in America and in the world?

### *Session Four*

2:30-3:15PM  
BSB 114

#### **A CHRISTIAN CRITIQUE OF DAVID WALKER'S APPEAL**

*Brandon Jones and Alvin Curette, Racial Wholeness*

David Walker, a former slave, wrote a book in 1829 in which he made a fervent appeal for slaves to use violence in gaining freedom from their masters. Does this strategy have a place in today's world in which corruption and other evil practices still prevail? Which scriptures or theological arguments could dissuade Christians today, regardless of race, from using civil violence to respond to oppression and injustice?

### *Session Five*

3:30-4:15PM  
BSB 114

#### **RACIAL WHOLENESS – CONVERSATION CORNERS COLLABORATIVE SESSION (Q&A)**

Join the speakers from the day's presentations for the pathway finale as they discuss themes from the day and close with a time of Q&A with attendees.

6:00PM  
WPAC LOBBY

## RECEPTION

A reception will be held celebrating the opening of the Carl Spain Center and the Mountaintop performance.

7:00PM-9:00PM  
WPAC RECITAL HALL

## THE MOUNTAINTOP

The Mountaintop is a play depicting the last night of Dr. King's life, starring Alisha Taylor, the daughter of Dr. Jerry Taylor, and Vincent Green, who are both ACU graduates.