
Hope College

Abstract

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History

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Scope and Content

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Container List

Box 1

Committee, 1984-1998
Correspondence
1985-1990
Muste, John M., 1985-1988
History, 1985-1997
Lecture Plans, 1993-1994
Speaker Address, Cronkite, Donald J., “I Cannot Love at All: Variations on a Theme by A. J. Muste,” February 2, 2008

Speakers
  Robinson, Jo Ann, 1985
1986: “Martin Luther King, Jr.: His Legacy for Today”
  Deats, Richard B., 1986
1987: “Vietnam and the United States: Twelve Years After”
  Taylor, Keith, 1987-2007

Box 2

Speakers (cont.)

1988: “Engagement with Adversaries: A Principle for Peacemakers”
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Forest, Jim, 1987-1991
1989: “There is No Free Press Unless You Have One”
Pontier, Glen
1991: “Uphill All the Way: The Fate of Reconciliation in the Land of
Israel”
Padnos, Daniel, 1991
1993: “Teaching Non-Violence”
Raley, Katherine D., 1991-1993
O’Brien, Tom, 1994
1996: “Invisible Prison”
Perry, Kay D., 1996
1997: “Poems in Memory of A. J. Muste”
Berrigan, Daniel, 1996-1997
White, Mel
McCarthy, Colman
2000: “Church and Gospel”
Kansfield, Norman, 1999-2000
2000: “Speaking Truth to Power”
Bourgeois, Father Roy
2002: “How to be a Peacemaker”
McCarthy, Coleman
Bing, Anthony, 2003
2004-2005: “Becoming Unified”
Lindner, Eileen
Jalla’a Abdelwahab, 2005
Arendshorst, Thomas, 2007
Cronkite, Donald
2008-2009: “What the Torture Debate Reveals about American Christianity”
Gushee, David
2009-2010: A Show of Force (drama)
2010-2011: “Islam and the Practice of Non-Violence”
Erickson, Adam
2011-2012: “Another World Instead: Some Pacifist Poets and Poetics, from
William Stafford to Occupy Wall Street”
Merchant, Fred
2012: “A Thicker Jesus is the Basis for Just Peace Making”
Stassen, Glen, 2012
   Cortright, David
   Redekop, Vern Neufeld
2015-2016: “Strategies for Peacemaking in Israel/Palestine”
   Kleinheksel, John, John D. Paarlberg, Paul H. Verduin
2016-2017: “Accept War and Terror or Build Peace and Justice?”
   Johansen, Robert C.
   Danielson, Leilah
   Mary E. Neznek
   “Charting a New Way to a New Peace in Troubled Times”
   George A. Lopez
Photographs, 1989-1992 (7 images)
Videos
   “Peace is the Way,” Tony Bing, September 9, 2003
   “Speaking Truth to Power,” Father Roy Bourgeois, September 7, 2000