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## **UCSB Scholar to Discuss Paths Leading Beyond Religious Violence**

Mark Juergensmeyer has spent much of his career studying and writing about religious violence.

Juergensmeyer will share what he has learned in "Beyond Violence: The Healing of Religion in a Global World," a UCSB Affiliates Spirituality and Culture lecture, Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.

The lecture will be held in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 21 East Constance Ave. in Santa Barbara. Cost is \$8 to UCSB Affiliates and Chancellor's Council members and \$10 to all others. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling the UCSB Office of Community Relations at (805) 893-4388.

Juergensmeyer will look at the changes facing the world's religions in this era of globalization. He will also examine how while some might feel religion contributes more than its share of tension and violence to the world, it also offers social visions of hope and healing.

The director of UCSB's Global and International Studies Program, Juergensmeyer also serves as a professor of sociology and a professor of religious studies, and is a much sought after expert in religious terrorism.

His book "Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence" (2003) was called one of the best nonfiction books of the year by the Los Angeles Times and

Washington Post.

"The New Cold War? Religious Nationalism Confronts the Secular State" was named one of the notable books of 1993 by the New York Times.

Juergensmeyer's most recent awards include the 2003 Grawemeyer Award for contributions to the study of religion. For more information, visit Juergensmeyer's web site at <http://www.global.ucsb.edu/faculty/juergensmeyer.html>.

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