



Sunday November 16, 2003

ICUJP FALL CONFERENCE:

**CONFRONTING EXTREMISM IN
OUR RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS:
THE IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE**



*Religious communities must
stop blessing war and violence...*

AN EDUCATIONAL FORUM WITH

CHIP BERLET

Senior Analyst, Political Research Associates
& co-Author of *Right-Wing Populism in
America: Too Close for Comfort*

Religious Leaders Speak Out featuring

DR. MAHER HATHOUT

Islamic Center of Southern California &
Author of *Jihad Versus Terrorism*

RABBI HAIM DOV BELIAK

Executive Director, HaMifgash

REV. ZELDA KENNEDY

All Saints Church, Pasadena

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 12:30 PM **AT USC'S MARK TAPER HALL**
(directions & parking information on reverse)

PROGRAM 1:00 – 6:00 PM

Donations: \$10 at the door / \$20 includes dinner.
Free admission for students / with dinner, \$5.00

RSVP is strongly encouraged, as seating is limited.

Call 626 683-9004 or e-mail icujp@pacbell.net to sign up!

*ICUJP Fall Conference
Schedule Highlights*

12:30 – Registration

1:00 – Arts Performance

1:30 – Keynote Address by Chip Berlet with Q&A

2:45 – Workshops, including:

Christianity's Exclusive Claims

Rev. Dr. George F. Regas

Separation of Church and State

Stephen Rohde, Civil Liberties Attorney

Non-violent Resistance in Conflict Situations

Reverend James Lawson

Healing Workshop for Peace Activists

Eisha Mason, Center for the Advancement of Nonviolence

Apocalyptic Rhetoric

Rev. Dr. James Brenneman

Creative Arts Workshop

Bert and Gloria Newton

Holy Land: Common Ground

A Film by Ed Gaffney

How to Talk with Folks

About Sensitive Political Issues

Rev. James Lawson and Virginia Classick

4:00 – Arts Performance

4:15 – Religious Leaders will provide an interfaith perspective on the role of extremism in the Abrahamic traditions. Speakers include Rabbi Haim Dov Beliak, Dr. Maher Hathout and Reverend Zelda Kennedy. Q&A follows.

5:15 – A Word about Ramadan with Dr. Maher Hathout

5:30 – Breaking of Ramadan Fast at USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture

(The Center is located just across from the Mark Taper Hall, on 34th street)

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Our political leaders in the Bush administration and beyond rely heavily on religious language and imagery to explain the use of force abroad, and to justify the heavy price Americans are paying to support the quest for American Empire. The misuse of religious symbols in the mobilization of right-wing populism for anti-democratic purposes is antithetical to the reality of the ethical cry that lies at the heart of all of our faith traditions. ICUJP recognizes the value of religious pluralism, and the attendant need for interfaith dialogue and understanding. We also respect the critical importance of the separation between church and state. We ask our leaders to stop using religion to justify war. We invite you to learn more! Join us on November 16, 2003!

PARKING

Parking is available throughout the area surrounding the USC Campus encompassing the intersection of Figueroa and Jefferson near the Exposition offramp of the 110 Harbor Fwy.

USC'S MARK TAPER HALL
3501 TROUSDALE PARKWAY
LOS ANGELES

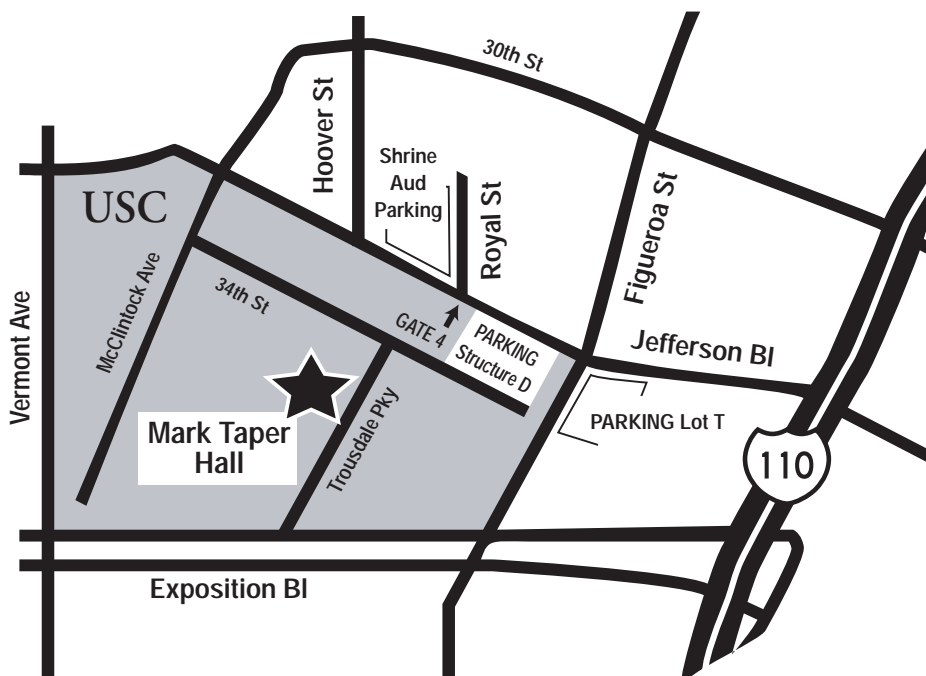
HERE ARE FOUR MAIN OPTIONS:

There is USC Parking Lot T (see map) at Figueroa and Jefferson – price: \$4.00

There is the Shrine Auditorium parking lot (see map), at the corner of Royal and Jefferson – price: \$5.00

There is parking in USC Parking Structure D (see map); enter through Gate 4 at the foot of Royal Street and Jefferson – price: \$6.00

Street parking in the area, which though metered, is FREE on Sunday.



A Gathering Of Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, and People Of Many Spiritual Paths

Agape International Spiritual Center
All Saints Episcopal Church - Pasadena
American Friends Service Committee
Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America
California Peace Action
Calvary CME Church
Center for the Advancement of Nonviolence
City of Angels URI-LA
Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice
Coalition for Justice in
Hawaiian Gardens and Jerusalem

Coalition For World Peace
Coalition LA
Environment Justice and Peace -
United Methodist/Interfaith
Fellowship of Reconciliation - Los Angeles
Hamilton United Methodist Church
Immaculate Heart Community
Peace and Justice Commission
Jovenes, Inc
Masjid Ibaadillah
Muslim Public Affairs Council

Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church –
Social Justice Advocacy Group
Office of the Americas
One Light International Inc
Pax Christi - Los Angeles
Peace Project 2001
Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles
Progressive Christians Uniting
Silent Sacred Walks
South Coast Ecumenical Council

Southern California Ecumenical Council
Southern Christian Leadership Conference – L.A..
St. Camillus Catholic Church for Pastoral Care
St. John's United Methodist Church
St. Phillips Episcopal Church
Temple Beth Shalom of Whittier
Temple Kol Tikvah
The Regas Institute
United University Church - Peace Centre, USC
Womens' Circles of Los Angeles
ZCLA Buddha Essence Temple