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Ashland Center for Nonviolence Conference to Discuss Violence in the Face of Injustice FOR RELEASE Feb. 25, 2015

ASHLAND, Ohio – The Ashland Center for Nonviolence conference titled “Considering the Challenges to Nonviolence: Practical and Theoretical” will feature a keynote address by Dr. Robert Brimlow, associate professor of philosophy at St. John Fisher College and the author of “What About Hitler?”

Tickets for the lecture, which will be held on Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m. in Myers Convocation Center, are \$10 per person. The lecture is free for AU students.

“We believe this topic will be of great interest to a lot of people in the community,” said Craig Hovey, executive director of the Ashland Center for Nonviolence. “He’s going to discuss violence in the face of injustice, such as Hitler and what to do about ISIS, especially in their ruthlessness toward Christians.”

Brimlow, who received a Ph.D. from University of Rochester and his B.A. from Fordham University, notes that in times of social injustice and unrest, advocates of Christian nonviolence, like Dr. Martin Luther King, often have confronted serious skepticism.

“In times when great evil is on the rampage in the world, nonviolence seems to be naïve or misguided and, in either case, irresponsible,” Brimlow said, referencing the 21 Coptic Christian men who were recently beheaded on camera by members of ISIS in Libya.

“In the past few years and continuing today, many other Christians have been tortured and killed in Iraq, though with much less fanfare. These and other related events have resulted in a rare bipartisan consensus that the evil ISIS is perpetrating in the Middle East must be stopped by increased military intervention – the only debate concerns whether President Obama’s proposal will employ enough force for a long enough duration,” he said. “Very plausibly, they argue that a refusal to stop such an evil by any means necessary is to aid in its flourishing.”

Hovey said this action results in advocates of nonviolence being called upon to respond.

“We are asked by those who disagree with us how nonviolence answers the problem of evil in the world; further, we are challenged within ourselves, by our own commitments, in the face of atrocity and

horror,” he said. “In this presentation, Dr. Brimlow will examine this issue in an honest and open reflection on the struggles of nonviolence.”

Those wanting to register for either Brimlow’s keynote lecture or the entire nonviolence conference being held on March 28 should go to: www.ashland.edu/acnconference.

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