



# Waging Peace in Vietnam

## What Are The Lessons For Today?

*“No one did more to bring an end to America's cruel and unjust war in Vietnam than the patriotic GIs and veterans who turned against it. This extraordinary history of their struggle should inspire all of us who seek to end the ongoing and interrelated threats of war, nuclear doomsday, and environmental catastrophe.”*

—Daniel Ellsberg

Throughout April 2022, the USF Institute for Nonviolence and Social Justice and the Peace and Justice Studies Program, in partnership with a number of USF academic departments and centers, will present a month-long exhibit and an exciting series of special events highlighting the massive interfaith movement to end the War in Vietnam, with a focus on nonviolent resistance against the war from active-duty soldiers and veterans.

### Waging Peace in Vietnam Exhibit

Everyone in our community will be able to visit an *extraordinary exhibit* that will be set up in the main atrium of Kalmanovitz Hall throughout the month. The exhibit is based on the book *Waging Peace in Vietnam: U.S. Soldiers Who Opposed the War*, edited by Ron Carver, David Cortright and Barbara Doherty.

### Events honoring the nonviolent opposition and resistance to the Vietnam War

#### Monday April 4

5pm to 6pm, online/Zoom webinar

Reflections on the 65th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s “Beyond Vietnam” speech with Santa Clara University Professors Aldo Billingslea and Margaret Russell, and Dr. Clarence B. Jones, Dr. King’s lawyer, strategic advisor, and draft speechwriter, who helped Dr. King write his dramatic April 4, 1967 Riverside Church speech opposing the War in Vietnam.

#### Tuesday April 5

noon to 1pm, Getty seminar room

Exhibit opening session and tour, with peace and social justice activist Ron Carver.

#### Friday April 8

7:30pm, SFJAZZ Center, 201 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California

Kronos Quartet, My Lai Suite world premiere, with Rinde Eckert, vocals and Van-Anh Vo, *t’rung, an bau, an tranh*. We have reserved 20 free tickets for USF students (and discount tickets for faculty and staff) for this extraordinary performance by the most creative and morally engaged string quartet in the world.

#### Monday April 11

6pm to 8pm, Berman Room, Fromm Hall, USF campus

The Boys Who Said No film showing and panel discussion with USF Professor Vijaya Nagarajan, the film’s acclaimed director Judith Ehrlich, renowned Pentagon Papers whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, and leading anti-war activists Mandy Carter, David Harris, and Lee Swenson.

#### Tuesday April 12

2:40pm to 4:20pm (livestream, Professor Turpin’s *Violence in Society* course)

Combat veteran Michael Blecker, Executive Director, Swords to Plowshares; Paul Cox, President of the SF chapter of Veterans for Peace; and William Short, Army combat veteran and war resister; will engage in dialogue with students in Professor Jennifer Turpin’s *Violence in Society* about the reality of war, trauma, PTSD and moral injury.

#### Thursday April 14

David Hartsough, lifelong nonviolence activist, from the Vietnam era to today’s struggles for peace and justice. (Zoom, Professor Turpin’s *Violence in Society* course)

#### Tuesday April 19

2:40pm to 4:20pm (livestream, Professor Turpin’s *Violence in Society* course)

Keith Mather, drafted Army 1967, went AWOL; a leader of Presidio 27 Stockade sit-down strike by prisoners; escaped and found sanctuary in Canada, court-martialed and imprisoned in 1984; Mike Wong is Vice President of the SF Chapter of Veterans for Peace; war resister; co-founder of Pivot to Peace; and Jeff Patterson, court-martialed for resistance to the 1990 Gulf War, creator of the podcast *Courage to Resist*.

#### Tuesday, April 26

closing event, 1pm to 2:30pm, with Craig McNamara, author *Because Our Fathers Lied: A Memoir of Truth and Family, from Vietnam to Today* (Little, Brown 2022).

