

Buddhism and Violence in Southeast Asia

**Presented by BDK Hawaii – Rev. Fujitani Interfaith Program
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Guest Speaker Jarrod Brown

Recently, there have been highly reported outbreaks of violence between members of the largely Muslim Rohingya community and Buddhist communities in Rakhine State (Arakan), Myanmar. The violence involving these communities has, for many, exploded the popular myth that to be Buddhist is to avoid violence and practice ahimsa (nonviolence) at all costs. Jarrod Brown will explain the historical backgrounds, the rhetoric used to motivate individuals to violence and will raise ethical issues and questions about the role of both violence and identity in Buddhism. He will highlight some promising developments of inter-faith solidarity in the face of violence.

Jarrod Brown is a Jack Kent Cooke Scholar and Ph.D. candidate in philosophy at the University of Hawai'i. Originally from the hills of eastern Kentucky, Brown has lived and worked in South and Southeast Asia for many years and is currently completing a manuscript on violence and Buddhism in Southeast Asia. Brown also researches and writes about analogical reasoning and metaphysics in the Western, Islamic and Indian philosophical traditions.

Time: 7 -8:30 p.m.

Date: April 23, 2015

**Place: Mystical Rose
Oratory Chapel,
Chaminade University
Campus**

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structure next to chapel**

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