Education for our Times: Towards a Culture of Peace, Nonviolence and Social Justice  
Draft Conference Program  
McMaster Innovation Park, October 1, 2017  
9.00am-5.00pm

9.00 am - 9.15 am: Conference Registration

9.15 am - 10.00 am: Opening Remarks
Dr. Chandrima Chakraborty, Gandhi Peace Festival Conference Chair  
Dr. Patrick Deane, McMaster University President and Vice-Chancellor

10.00 am -11.00 am: Lecture
The Hon. Bob Rae (Former politician and Canadian lawyer)  
“Education, the Key Public Policy of our Times”

11.00 am - 12.15 pm:
Panel 1: Strategies of Non-Violence: Representations of Social Identities and Ecological Sustainability
Jill Carr-Harris (OISE), “Gandhi’s Influence on Two Contemporary Indian Women Leaders”  
Nandi Bhatia (University of Western Ontario), “Language and Social Change in Gandhi’s Hind Swaraj”  
Rommana Hukil (McMaster University), “India’s Contemporary Environmental Goals vis-à-vis Mahatma Gandhi’s Vision for Climate Stabilisation and Sustainable Development”

12.15 pm - 1.15 pm: Lunch

1.15 pm - 2.00 pm:
Panel 2A: Youth and Social Justice
Najiba Ali Sardar, Bangladeshi Youth for Social Justice  
Jennifer Hompoth, New Generation Youth Centre  
Krish Bilimoria, Manu Sharma, and Navneet Saini, McMaster Hindu Student’s Association

Panel 2B: Re-Thinking Dominant History and Institutional Learning
Chandra Mohan (Central University of Gujarat), “Essentializing’ the status of the Fourth World (Aboriginal) in the Education of Our Times: Challenges in Inclusiveness”  
Nagina Parmar (Ryerson University), “Strategies for Inclusive and Culturally Competent Classroom: A Pilot Study”

2.00 pm - 3.15 pm
Art, Resistance, Social Justice: Artists in Conversation
Cheran Rudhramoorthy (poet)  
Nirmala Thomas (novelist)  
Chukky Ibe, MSU President (Hamilton Youth Poets)
3.15pm-4pm

**Panel 3A: Mentorship for Our Times**
Workshop with Maroussia Ahmed, Noelle Sankara and Eiman Elwidaa
Sarah Olutola, Young-adult Novelist

**Panel 3B: Roundtable with Community Organizations**
Romero House: Walking with Refugees; Global Peace Centre Canada; Evergreen Community Storefront

4pm-4.15pm: Tea/coffee Break

4.15-5pm: Lecture
Dr. Henry Giroux, McMaster University Professor for Scholarship in the Public Interest and The Paulo Freire Distinguished Scholar in Critical Pedagogy
“What is the Role of Higher Education in a Time of Legitimized Violence?”