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Event: Guest Speaker: Arun Gandhi, Sponsored by IWU's Student Senate

Date: Thursday, April 12

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Main Lounge, Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St., Bloomington

Admission: Free, open to the public

Background: Arun Gandhi, a speaker of international acclaim, carries with himself the same guiding principles as his grandfather, the legendary peacefighter and spiritual leader, Mohandas K. Gandhi, also known as Mahatma Gandhi.

In 1991 Arun Gandhi founded the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn., where he is a scholar-in-residence. The organization's mission is to examine, promote, and apply the principles of nonviolent thought and action through research, workshops, seminars, and community service.

(Arun) Gandhi came to the United States in 1987 to compare race issues in the American South, color discrimination in South Africa, and the caste system in India. He is the author of several books, including *A Patch of White* (1949), about life in South Africa, two books on poverty and politics in India, and more recently, *The Forgotten Woman: The Untold Story of Kastur, the wife of Mahatma Gandhi*, which he wrote with his wife, Sunanda. (Arun) Gandhi also edited a book of essays titled *World Without Violence: Can Gandhi's vision Become Reality?*

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