"Four Fathers, Four Journeys"

Featured Mark Barden, Ian Hockley, Jeremy Richman and David Cole Wheeler. Each of these four fathers lost his child at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012.

The evening promised to be extraordinary, as the fathers discussed the arc of their own personal healing experience, the work they have chosen to support moving forward, and what faith, forgiveness and compassion mean to them, after sustaining such terrible personal loss.

The moderated discussion ran approximately 90 minutes, and included audience questions. It is hoped that some of these questions will be forthcoming from students, faculty and staff. It is also hoped that these questions might inquire about more nuanced themes and concerns, as a platform to more deeply reflect about what we have learned since 12/14.

This special program was a part of the Asian/Asian American Studies Institute's annual Ahimsa lecture, which is made possible by the generous support of the Greater Hartford Jain Center, and is intended to honor Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence.

This is a unique opportunity and a powerful evening for any student who wants to engage in a serious dialogue about the nature of loss, suffering, traumatic growth and healing, and moving forward to make the world a better place.

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