



**Philosophy 190: The Philosophy of Violence
Fall 2018**

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Mondays, 6:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.

Sweeney Hall 241

What is violence? Is violence an essential aspect of human being? Is violence merely instrumental? What does it mean to speak of “degrees of violence”? What does it mean to “think beyond violence”? What does it mean to talk about “non-violence”? In this course, we will consider these and many other questions related to the idea of violence, including a consideration of violence in specific cultural situations in which the lived experience of violence appears to overly saturate the concept itself. We will read the following books:

Hannah Arendt, *On Violence*

Walter Benjamin, *Critique of Violence*

Franz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*

Judith Butler, *Precarious Life*

We will also read excerpts from Professor Sanchez’s manuscript: *A Sense of Brutality: Philosophy at the Limits of Narco-Culture*