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## ***The Color of Freedom***

**Book Forum: Saturday, August 28, 2010**

**4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Concord House, 1407 Chapala Street**

**Santa Barbara**

**Leader: Jenny Sheffield Bisheff**

This biography reveals the dedication, principles and persistent effort by two life-long practitioners of **satyagraha**, the principle of non-violent truth force made famous by Mahatma Gandhi. **Author Laura Coppo** traveled with and captured the direct accounts of **S. Jagannathan** and his wife **Krishnammal Jagannathan**, now ages 96 and 83 respectively, of their lives' work, primarily in Tamil Nadu, India, to help the poor and "untouchables" gain economic self sufficiency and social justice. Inspired by a Gandhian vision of village democracy, the Jagannathans, who met **Gandhi** and worked with **Vinoba Bhave**, explain the struggle to make the needs and empowerment of the very poor part of the politics of the new Indian nation. Descriptions of local protests against corporate-dominated globalization give the book a very contemporary relevance and raise a number of questions that will be discussed at the forum. The introduction to this oral history is given by noted activist, **Vandana Shiva**.

The modestly priced book can be purchased on the internet. [Orders to [info@commoncouragepress.com](mailto:info@commoncouragepress.com)] ISBN 1-56751-276-3

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