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These speakers will help share their experiences from Vietnam, said Cheyney Ryan, professor of philosophy and an organizer of the event.

"Part of what has been happening in Vietnam is a long history of war and a project of reconciliation that has to go on there," he said.

After the speakers, the event will turn into an informal dialogue.

"This is not a conference or a lecture, it's a dialogue," Ryan said. "It's an afternoon where people will talk among themselves and work with each other and help each other."

Ryan said the dialogue will be loosely structured to encourage people to express their feelings.

"The feeling of everyone involved is that if our goal is to have a dialogue, we don't want to impose too much structure," he said.

One topic of the dialogue will probably be how people who have experienced historical grief

can learn from each other in a way that can allow them to move on and build a community, Ryan said.

"We want to ... not get stuck in the past, not forget the past, but look at what we can do to move on," he said. "It's important to acknowledge the bad things, but it's important to create community and dialogue for the future."

Through such dialogue, Jon Cawthorne, coordinator for Outreach Services in the Knight Library and a speaker at the event, hopes people will learn to listen to each other.

"I hope that people will see the importance of ... beginning to create a community and make changes," he said. "[But] as long as everybody is in separate camps and don't talk to each other, that's never going to happen," he said.

The point of the event is to "turn despair into global hope and find a positive way out of tragedy," Berkovitz said.

"It's not going to be a group of

people sulking around; it's much more profound than that," he said. "Rather than looking in a mirror and focusing on the misery, we want to turn that into a positive situation, something that we, the community, have learned and can pass on."

Berkovitz said the most important part of this conference is to focus on the positive.

"As we look at our community falling apart, we can dwell on it, or turn it and lead to action," he said. "It's like turning the corner, and coming out from under the shadow, as a society."

But, while focusing on the positive, people must never forget what happened, Berkovitz said.

"We don't want to try to get past tragedies; there's no getting past tragedies," he said.

The event will take place today in the EMU Fir Room from noon to 5 p.m. There is no charge, but participating University students can pay a fee and earn one hour of credit through the International Studies Program.

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