

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
YEAR IN REVIEW 2022-23



The University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, part of the Keough School of Global Affairs, is one of the world's leading centers for the study of the causes of violent conflict and strategies for sustainable peace.





WHAT IS PEACE STUDIES?

Peace studies is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry animated by a desire to build sustainable peace at all levels of society through policy-relevant research and practice on a broad range of pressing topics, including:

- >>> concepts and processes that demand justice, promote healing, and create more equitable societies;
- >>> the root causes of violence in all its forms, including physical, structural, cultural, and environmental;
- >>> strategies to prevent, end, and transform violent conflict through nonviolent means; and,
- >> approaches to promote structural and institutional change at local, national, and global levels.

The field of peace studies recognizes that conflict is inherent in human behavior and seeks to harness conflict through nonviolent means to reduce violence and transform societies.





"Paz," the Spanish word for "peace," frequently appears in graffiti art that colors much of Bogotá, Colombia and other parts of the country. The 2016 Colombian Peace Accord marked a major milestone to ending the country's protracted civil war.

FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR

write this letter while wrapping up my year as the Acting Director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve in this capacity while Director **Dr. Asher Kaufman** spent the year at Tantur, Notre Dame's Global Gateway campus in Jerusalem, on a research sabbatical.

I set broad goals for myself and the Institute this past academic year: namely, to fully back our burgeoning projects while also playing to the strength of the Kroc Institute brand, as we create new relationships and build on existing ones. Thanks to the dedication, focus and energy of our faculty and staff, we more than delivered on this vision in 2022-23.

Our commitment to intersectionality and justice was in full display shortly after the fall semester began, when we recognized the United Nations' International Day of Peace on Sept. 21. With the theme, "End Racism. Build Peace," **Dr. Gwendolyn Purifoye**, assistant professor of Racial Justice and Conflict Transformation, moderated a powerful panel featuring both academic and community leaders in the arena of racial justice.

Following this event, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Purifoye offered opening remarks for a panel on Jan. 17 hosted by the Kroc Institute and the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, "Walking in the Spirit of Truth: Charting the Pathways to Racial Justice." An esteemed slate of academics and practitioners spoke to racism in America, the impact of its role and positionality on pathways to racial justice, and resolutions to overcome systemic racism.

The Kroc Institute found new ways to showcase the potential of technology as a peace research instrument this year. One example was the fall semester course, "Digital Peacebuilding & Peace Technology, Computing & Digital Technologies," taught by Dr. Lisa Schirch, the Richard G. Starmann, Sr. Professor of the Practice of Peace Studies. Students learned how to use immersive, specialized 360-video technology to document homelessness and gentrification around the globe - without ever having to travel from South Bend. These types of experiences are powerful: Our students learn how to use advanced technology, understand its intersection with peacebuilding work to create thought-provoking content, and strategize its potential to influence policymakers.

The Afghanistan Program for Peace and Development (AfPAD), which is housed within the Mediation Program, is a fledgling effort that continues to grow and that strengthens the Kroc Institute brand. Over the past year, AfPAD has convened approximately 50 leaders from different segments of the Afghanistan society, including women and men from a variety of political and ethnic groups. Collectively, they've addressed the country's many crises and provided analysis and policy recommendations thanks in great part to the coordination of **Aref Dostyar** (**M.A. '16**), an advisor to the program and now the program's leader.

Another pivotal point in the 2022-23 academic year came in September, when the Honorable



Juan Manuel Santos, former President of Colombia, 2016 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and a Distinguished Policy Fellow with the Keough School of Global Affairs, headlined the annual Hesburgh Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy. The ability of the Kroc Institute and **Dr. Josefina Echavarría Alvarez**, director of the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM), to bring him to South Bend stems from our work in Colombia through PAM's Barometer Initiative, and the partnership we struck when he was Colombia's president and tapped the Kroc Institute to monitor the country's peace accord.

This influence, this recognition of the Kroc Institute's role as a premier, world-class peace studies institute with connections that span the globe, makes me proud – and increasingly aware of the potential we have to expand our network of advocates and collaborators.

Already, we partner across the Institute, and with the Keough School and its other institutes. A recent example is the Washington, DC-based event from April, whereby the Kroc Institute and the Keough School co-sponsored the panel discussion, "Overcoming Violence in Wounded Societies: Perspectives from the Colombian and Kenyan Truth Commissions," at the Keough School's Washington office. The Kroc Institute's PAM and Catholic Peacebuilding Network assembled the high profile panel - including Rev. Francisco de Roux, former chair of Colombia's Truth Commission, and **Dr. Tecla Namachanja Wanjala**, former vice and acting chair of Kenya's Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission and a Kroc Institute visiting research fellow. The event was standing room-only and received support from Humanity United and Georgetown University's Georgetown Americas Institute.



This kind of collaborative momentum is the opportunity I see for the Kroc Institute moving forward that enlarges our sphere of influence. It's what **Anne Hayner** does each day as our associate director for alumni relations – she networks with our graduates. For the Kroc Institute, I see networking as a means of building partnerships and simultaneously marketing the Kroc Institute brand and its expertise worldwide, expertise that each of you offers.

Internally, the past year has seen several staff and faculty additions and changes. Kate Chester arrived at the Kroc Institute in late January as our new communications program director, to lead an expanding team. She moved from Portland, Ore., where she had served as the senior director of communications and community engagement at Portland Community College, Oregon's largest postsecondary institution. At about the same time, **Lisa Gallagher** moved from the events coordinator role to a newly created full-time writer/content specialist position. In April, Ari Woodward was hired to replace Lisa as the events coordinator, coming to the Kroc Institute from the Keough School where she had worked with its Master of Global Affairs program. Jena O'Brien, meanwhile, continues as the communications and digital media specialist, also supporting PAM's communications needs.

On the research and policy side of the house, Laurel Quinn was promoted to associate director of operations and policy, reflecting her increased responsibility to advocate for PAM with legislators in Washington, DC. In other PAM news, Allison Kielhold and Hilal (Omar) Al Jamal joined the Kroc Institute this past year. Allison is a research associate for PAM and its Barometer Initiative in Colombia, while Omar supports PAM overall as its program coordinator. Meanwhile, **Dr. Susan St. Ville**, the longtime director of the International Peace Studies concentration as part of Keough's MGA program, retired in June. Her position has been filled by Dr. Norbert Koppensteiner, formerly a visiting research fellow at the Kroc Institute. Finally, Dr. Catherine "Cat" Bolten, director of the Ph.D. program, won fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study that will take her to Sierra Leone in the coming year. **Dr. Caroline Hughes**, the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh CSC Chair in Peace Studies, is the incoming director of the doctoral studies program.

Externally, there have been advisory board shifts over the 2022-23 academic year. Young alumni serve on the board, and in May we bid farewell and gave thanks to **Dr. Janna Hunter-Bowman** (**Ph.D. '17**), associate professor of Peace Studies and Christian Social Ethics





at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, for her service on the board for the past five years. In her place, we welcomed **Dr. Garrett FitzGerald** (**Ph.D. '20**), assistant professor of Peace & Justice Studies at Pace University, as well as two additional new members: **Kelsey Davenport** (**M.A. '11**), director for Nonproliferation Policy with the Arms Control Association and **Elizabeth** (**Liz**) **Hume**, executive director at Alliance for Peacebuilding. New voices, alumni voices . . . each of you adds to the strength of our advisory board, making it even more vibrant and engaged. My thanks to the entire board for devoting your time and energy to serve as ambassadors of the Kroc Institute.

All of the momentum and change I've described taking place over this past year creates the perfect springboard for the coming academic year, one that includes the development of a new strategic plan for the Kroc Institute. Together, we'll forge a path that harnesses our special brand of creativity, vision and energy to further the Kroc Institute mission.

As I close, there are others I'd like to acknowledge, as well. First, my thanks to Director **Dr. Asher Kaufman**, for his trust in me to lead the Kroc Institute in his absence. Welcome back, Asher; we have missed you and look so forward to seeing you again in person.

Many thanks, also, to **Dr. R. Scott Appleby**, Marilyn Keough Dean of the Keough School, for his ongoing support, encouragement and guidance, as well as **Paddy Mullen**, chair of the Kroc Institute Advisory Board, who has sharpened my abilities to thread the needle between higher education and the business and industry sectors represented by our diverse board directors. And finally, I want to share my gratitude for **Jeanine Dziak**, who supports Asher and who has been an incredible partner to me this past year. Jeanine, you are invaluable and such an asset to the Kroc Institute – thank you!

Serving as the Acting Director and Executive Director this past year has kept me engaged with all that the Kroc Institute touches – and grateful for the learning that came with this opportunity. As I now give full attention to my executive director role, I look forward to finding opportunities that advance the work of the Kroc Institute... and I can't wait to be back in the classroom!

Erin B. Corcoran, Acting Director
 Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

2022-23 BY THE NUMBERS

KROC TEAM

22 Staff Members

25 Core Faculty Members

72 Faculty Fellows

8 Visiting Research Fellows

The Kroc Cast

10 episodes produced

Peace Accords Matrix reports,

on the status of the peace accord implementation in Colombia

3 reports and

10 policy briefs produced

Website news stories

44 published

Publicity in academic publications, consumer news outlets, books, and Notre Dame communications channels, among others

395

Events hosted or led

48

Social media followers

- Facebook 10,036
- **Twitter** 9,177
- Instagram1,880

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

Attracted more than 120 participants from 27 colleges and universities representing more than 15 countries around the globe: Armenia, Canada, China, Colombia, England, Egypt, Germany, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, Uganda, the United States, and Venezuela.

Alumni network

Includes more than 1,900 peacebuilders around the world, made up of approximately 1,200 undergraduate alumni, with another 700+ alumni from the master's and Ph.D. programs, and graduate-level students with minors in peace studies. Collectively, the network spans more than 100 countries around the globe.

PEACE STUDIES STUDENTS OF 2022-2023

Undergraduate Program

74 STUDENTS made up the peace studies program, enrolled as either supplementary majors or interdisciplinary minors.

An additional **25 STUDENTS** participated in the international peace studies concentration through the Keough School's global affairs supplementary major.

27 SENIORS graduated in May 2023.

MGA, IPS concentration

7 STUDENTS graduated in December 2022, whose studies had been disrupted by the pandemic.

An additional 17 STUDENTS graduated from the program in May 2023.

In the 2022–23 academic year, 15 INCOMING STUDENTS representing 13 COUNTRIES chose to pursue a concentration in International Peace Studies (IPS) as part of the Keough School's Master of Global Affairs program.

Graduate minors in peace studies

13 STUDENTS completed a graduate minor in peace studies in 2023.

Ph.D.

5 NEW PH.D. STUDENTS were admitted in fall 2022.

2 PH.D. DEGREES were conferred in spring 2023.

2022-23 HIGHLIGHTS

JULY

► Thirteen second-year Master of Global Affairs (MGA) students with a concentration in International Peace Studies (IPS) departed for six-month field experiences with partner organizations around the world.

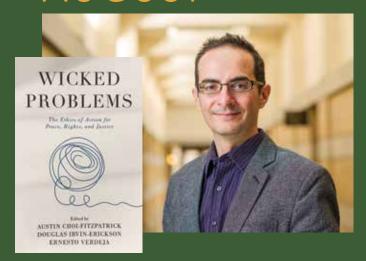






Kroc Institute ▲ Director **Dr. Asher Kaufman** began a year-long research sabbatical in Jerusalem, with Executive Director **Erin B. Corcoran** ▲ serving as Acting Director in his absence.

AUGUST



▲ **Dr. Ernesto Verdeja** co-edited *Wicked Problems: The Ethics of Action for Peace, Rights, and Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2022), which explores the ethical questions, dilemmas and obligations that activists and academics must confront in their peacebuilding work.

A symposium was held for Professor Emeritus **Dr. Robert C. Johansen** and the launch of his latest book, *Where the Evidence Leads:*A Realistic Strategy for Peace and Human Security (Oxford University Press, 2021). The full-day event featured conversations among scholars, practitioners, and policymakers.



SEPTEMBER



▲ Five new doctoral students representing peace studies and four partner disciplines at the university were welcomed at the Kroc Institute.



▲ The MGA program welcomed its sixth cohort of students for the fall semester. Of this cohort, 15 students chose to pursue the IPS concentration.

The Kroc Institute hosted the **29th annual Hesburgh Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy**headlined by the **Honorable Juan Manuel Santos**,
former President of Colombia; 2016 Nobel Peace
Prize Laureate; and a Distinguished Policy Fellow
with the Keough School of Global Affairs.



Five new **Visiting Research Fellows** joined the Kroc Institute. From left to right: **Jenna Knapp** (**M.A.** '16) (fall 2022) was the 2022 Alumni Visiting Research Fellow; **Dr. Erica Dávila** (academic year 2022-23) is a professor of educational leadership at Lewis University; **Dr. Roddy Brett** (academic year 2022-23) is an associate professor of peace and conflict studies at the University of Bristol; **Dr. Nilofar Sakhi** (fall 2022) is a senior fellow at the Atlantic Council and has been teaching courses as a professional lecturer of international affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University; and **Dr. Isis Nusair** (**M.A.** '95) (fall 2022) is an associate professor of women's and gender studies and international studies at Denison University.



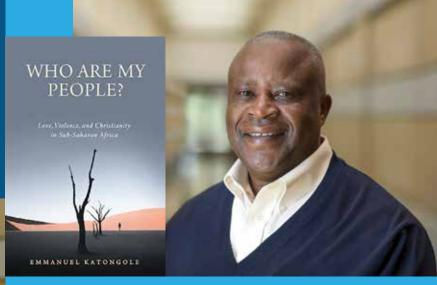
Dr. Gwendolyn Purifoye moderated the panel "End Racism.
 Build Peace." in honor of the United Nations' International
 Day of Peace, observed annually around the world on Sept. 21.



OCTOBER

The Kroc Institute hosted a book launch for **Dr. Emmanuel Katongole's** latest book, *Who Are My People?: Love, Violence, and Christianity in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Notre Dame Press, 2022), which explores the ethnic, religious, and ecological violence of African modernity. **Dr. Ebrahim Moosa** provided the introduction.





NOVEMBER

▶ Dr. Valerie Hickey, a 2000 graduate of the International Peace Studies M.A. program at the Kroc Institute, was selected as the recipient of the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award. Hickey is the Global Director for Environment, Natural Resources and the Blue Economy at the World Bank.



Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN)

collaborated on a panel with the Extractives@
Clark program at Clark University in
Massachusetts. The panel examined the role
of faith-based organizations, particularly the
Catholic Church, in efforts to promote peace,
justice, and development in mining communities.



DECEMBER

Seven MGA IPS scholars, whose studies had been disrupted by the pandemic, graduated.



Anna Romandash



Rayangnewende Jean Marc Tiendrebeogo



Juan Mosquera Sepúlveda



Sarah Nanjala



Sophia (Soda) Dianne C. Garcia



Susan Nchubiri



Tinaishe Maramba

JANUARY

The Kroc Institute co-sponsored the 37th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and Day of Celebration hosted by the South Bend Heritage Foundation. The event included a panel moderated by **Dr. Gwendolyn Purifoye**, "Walking in the Spirit of Truth: Charting the Pathways to Racial Justice" as part of the university's "Walk the Walk Week."



▶ Two new Visiting Research Fellows arrived at the Kroc Institute. Dr. Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs (spring 2023) is the senior specialist on armed groups and peace processes at the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden, a governmental agency working in the field of peace, security and development. Dr. Tecla Namachanja Wanjala (spring - fall 2023) is a team lead for the Shalom Centre for Counselling and Development, a local NGO in Kenya supporting social healing among communities affected by violent conflicts. She is also one of the eminent members of Kenya's National Peace and Mediation Team.

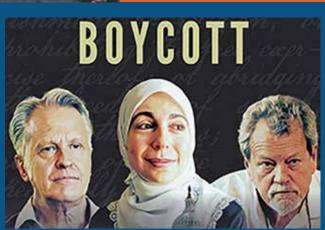




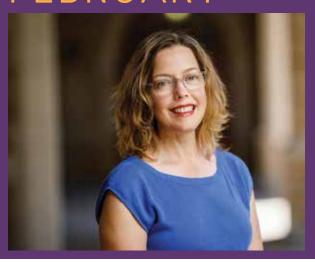


Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) to Manila, Philippines as part of a workshop for the Joint Normalization Committee to support monitoring of the implementation of the Bangsamoro/ Mindanao peace agreement.

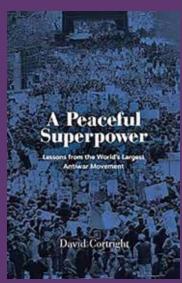
Dr. Atalia Omer facilitated a panel discussion following the full house-screening of "Boycott," a documentary that traces the impact of state legislation designed to penalize individuals and companies that choose to boycott Israel due to its human rights record.



FEBRUARY



- ► The Kroc Institute celebrated Professor Emeritus **Dr. David Cortright** and his latest book, *A Peaceful Superpower:* Lessons from the World's Largest Antiwar Movement, which focuses on the global protest to the Iraq war.
- Dr. Mary Ellen O'Connell spoke at the first international summit on Responsible Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain, REAIM 2023, at The Hague.



▼ Dr. Lisa Schirch was the lead organizer of "Designing Tech for Social Cohesion," a conference held in San Francisco that attracted hundreds of attendees from both technology and peacebuilding organizations. Nine Keough School students attended.





MARCH



▲ **Dr. Josefina Echavarría Alvarez**, director of the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM), was recognized as one of seven outstanding women leaders at the university, as part of its celebration of the 2023 International Women's Day.



▲ Dr. Caesar Montevecchio, Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) assistant director, penned an article on the Catholic social teaching principle of subsidiarity and its intersection with mining for *The Journal of Social Encounters*.



Myla Leguro, a 2010 M.A. graduate of the Kroc Institute and longtime leader with Catholic Relief Services in the Philippines, received the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award in March. In March, **Sarah Nanjala** and **Anna Romandash**, MGA IPS '22 students, were announced as the winners of two prestigious awards: the annual Hesburgh Global Fellowship (Nanjala) and the inaugural Howard S. Brembeck Fellowship (Romandash).





CPN's Jerry Powers moderated a discussion with Cardinal Robert W. McElroy (center), bishop of San Diego, and a panel made up of several Notre Dame and Kroc Institute faculty – Dr. Mary Ellen O'Connell, Major General (ret.) Robert Latiff, adjunct professor and chairman of the Advisory Board for Notre Dame's John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values, and Dr. A. Rashied Omar – as part of the Notre Dame Forum "War & Peace" series.





 Dr. Atalia Omer moderated a panel discussion, "Aftermaths II: The Invasion of Iraq in the Present," as part of the Notre Dame Forum "War & Peace" series.

▶ Dr. Laurie Nathan led a three-day mediation competency training for community leaders in partnership with the City of South Bend's Division of Community Initiatives.

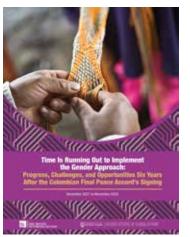


APRIL

▶ Dr. Robert Orsi, professor of religious studies at Northwestern
 University, was the marquee name of the 25th annual
 Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion, and Peace event.



► The PAM team released the latest special report on the status of the gender approach, as part of the 2016 Colombian Peace Accord implementation.





■ The 2023 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference returned to a mostly in-person format this year and attracted more than 120 participants representing 15 countries around the world. Its theme, "Voices: Naming War, Speaking Peace," built on the university's "War & Peace" forum series.





■ The Keough School, Kroc Institute, PAM and CPN hosted a panel discussion and exhibit at the Keough School in Washington, DC: "Overcoming Violence in Wounded Societies: Perspectives from the Colombian and Kenyan Truth Commissions."



In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement between the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom, **Dr. Josefina Echavarría Alvarez** participated in a round-table discussion with professors from Oxford University about the peace process and treaties in a comparative framework.

▶ Dr. Kathryn Vidrine, assistant director for Doctoral Studies at the Kroc Institute (front row, second from right), represented the Kroc Institute at the "Agreement 25" conference at Queen's University Belfast, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement that ended three decades of sectarian violence in Northern Ireland. The three-day conference reflected on the process of creating peace in the region, and how Northern Ireland can be a model for other peace agreements worldwide.



MAY

▼ For the first time ever, two graduate students received the prestigious annual Hesburgh Global Fellowship simultaneously: Haleemah Ahmad (top), an MGA ICP graduate, and Oneile Baitlotli (bottom), an MGA graduate who minored in peace studies as a Notre Dame undergraduate.

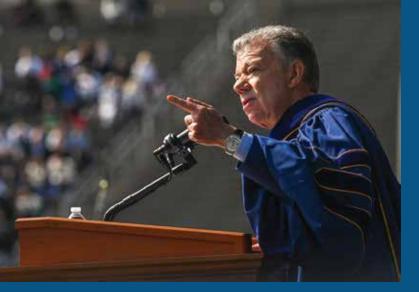




▼ This spring saw **27 seniors graduate** from the Peace Studies program.







JUNE

► The PAM team released the seventh comprehensive report on the Colombian Peace Accord implementation, offering a progress update as of November 2022. ■ The Honorable Juan Manuel Santos, president of Colombia from 2010 to 2018, was the principal speaker at the university's commencement ceremony. President Santos' relationship with Notre Dame began in 2012, when he turned to the Kroc Institute and PAM for insight as he began exploratory work to end Colombia's civil war. Since 2016, PAM has had responsibility for technical verification and monitoring of the peace accord.

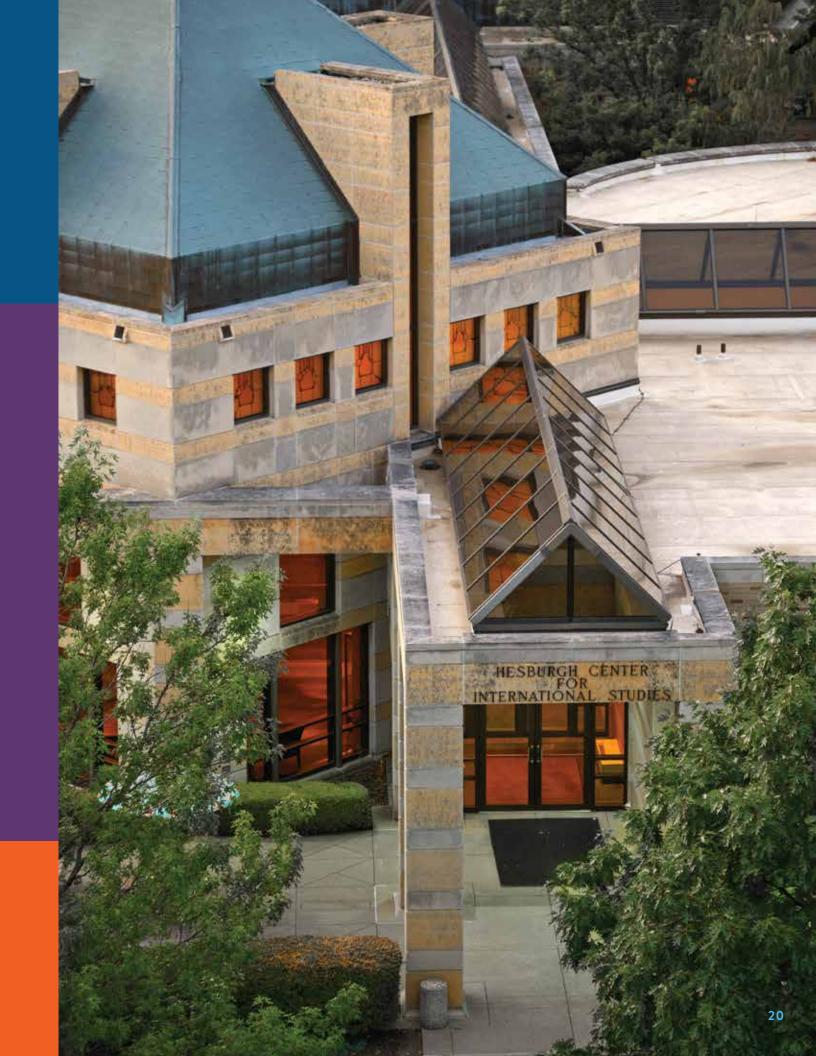




▲ **Dr. Laurie Nathan** was the lead designer and trainer for the prestigious United Nations High Level Mediation Course for senior officials, which takes place annually in Montreux, Switzerland.

Anna Van Overberghe, assistant director for Academic Administration and Undergraduate Studies at the Kroc Institute, was selected to be a Moreau instructor for the upcoming academic year. The Moreau First-Year Experience course exposes students to diverse modes of thought for approaching, analyzing, and understanding different aspects of their lives and world.

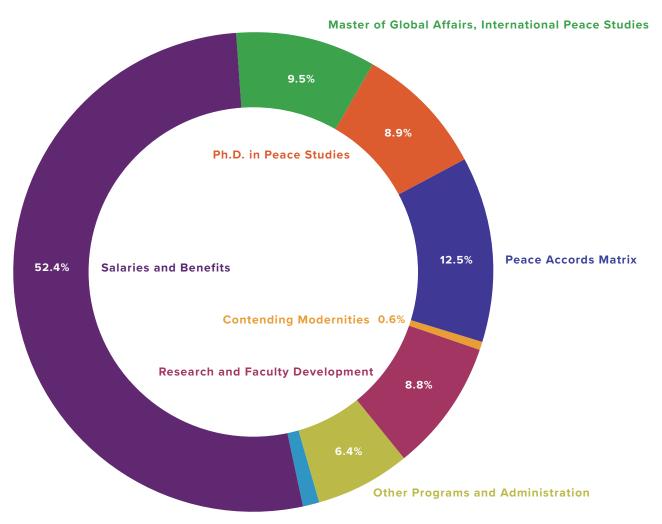




FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Investing in Peace: Annual Expenditures

SALARIES AND BENEFITS \$4,965,594
MASTER OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES 902,473
PH.D. IN PEACE STUDIES
PEACE ACCORDS MATRIX
CONTENDING MODERNITIES
RESEARCH AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT833,599
OTHER PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION 609,590
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN PEACE STUDIES
TOTAL INVESTMENTS



Investing in Peace: How You Can Help

The **Ph.D. program in Peace Studies** shapes the field by producing scholars and educators trained in peace research and in the fields of anthropology, history, political science, psychology, sociology, and theology.

- » \$37,000 per student, per year (includes stipend, healthcare, and research funds)
- » \$7-8 million to endow a student over six years of study (includes stipend, healthcare, and research funds)

The **Master of Global Affairs**, International Peace Studies program attracts students from around the world who are committed to lifelong careers in public policy, political change, management of organizations in peace and justice, and conflict transformation.

- » \$50,000 per student, per year (includes stipend, healthcare and a six-month experiential internship in the field)
- » \$3 million to endow a student over two years of study (includes stipend, healthcare and a six-month experiential internship in the field)

The **Peace Accords Matrix** (**PAM**) is a unique source of comparable data on peace agreements that enables scholars and practitioners to compare 51 different themes in comprehensive peace agreements signed since 1989. The 2016 Colombia Peace Accord gives the Kroc Institute primary responsibility for technical verification and monitoring of implementation of the accord through PAM's Barometer Initiative.

- » PAM Endowment: \$25 million
- » PAM Directorship Endowment: \$5 million
- » PAM Research Assistant Endowment: \$3 million

The **Catholic Peacebuilding Network** (**CPN**) is a voluntary network of practitioners and academics, clergy and laity that links 24 bishops' conferences, academic institutions, development and aid agencies, and Catholic associations. Its priorities are to enhance the study and practice of Catholic peacebuilding in areas struggling with intractable conflict and violence, and build on its longstanding commitment to nuclear disarmament.

- » \$150,000 per year, to support the program
- » \$5 million to endow the program (including staff positions, program and research costs)



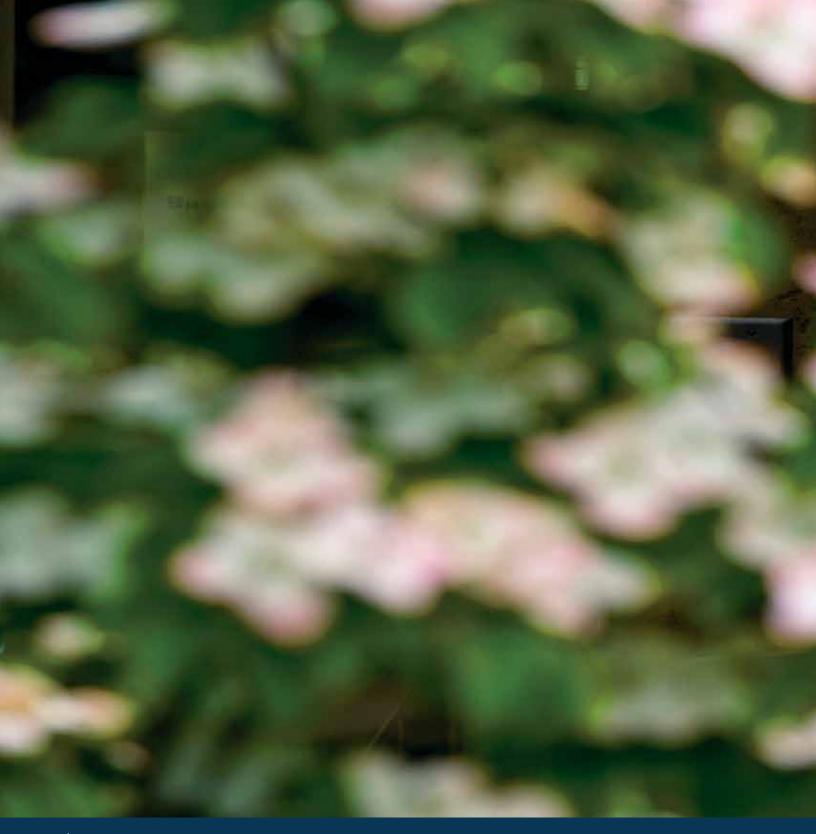
The seeds of the Kroc Institute's formation were sown when Kroc's founder, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, delivered a lecture in San Diego, California. Joan B. Kroc, widow of McDonald's Corp. founder Ray Kroc, was in the audience and was impressed with Fr. Hesburgh's visionary approach.

In 1985, Mrs. Kroc made a \$6 million founding gift to establish the Kroc Institute, which Fr. Hesburgh described as "a center for multidisciplinary research and teaching on the critically important questions of peace, justice, and violence in contemporary society." This gift would be followed by additional contributions from Mrs. Kroc totaling over \$70 million.

Mrs. Kroc's generous gifts have enabled the Kroc Institute to advance the field of peace studies and the search for sustainable peace through cutting-edge educational programs, research, policy, and practice.









Please note, to minimize printing and the environmental impact of our report, we have shifted our full annual report to a digital format.



To read more about the 2022–23 academic year, visit **krocannualreport.nd.edu**.



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