

**Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies**  
2018-19 Year in Review



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

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**EVERY YEAR IS A BUSY YEAR AT THE KROC INSTITUTE.** Still, it seems that 2018-19 was busier than usual. In addition to our three academic programs, ongoing research, policy work, and peacebuilding practice, we also convened 45 public lectures, panel discussions, and special events! Most notably, in September 2018 we launched our new five-year strategic plan (more on page 2).

In last year's annual report, I anticipated reflecting on the progress we had made in executing our ambitious goals, and I'm pleased to report that we have indeed moved forward on a number of initiatives.

The strategic plan highlights **intersectionality** as a growth area for Kroc, with the aim of establishing a research and teaching cluster on intersectionality and peace. I am pleased to write that following a successful search, **Dr. Ashley Bohrer** joined us as assistant professor of gender and peace studies in July. We are also regularly hosting visiting research fellows with specializations in gender, peace studies, and other priority areas articulated in the strategic plan.

**Dr. Rachel Sweet** also joined our core faculty this July after a search for a policy scholar spearheaded by the Keough School of Global Affairs and financially supported by both the Kroc Institute and Keough School. Dr. Sweet studies the politics of armed conflict, conflict resolution, state building, and institutional change in fragile states, and her hire marks our commitment to increase our research and teaching on policy in order to better integrate our work with the Keough School's own ambitious goals.

Our capacity in policy studies was also enhanced by the establishment of a new **Mediation Program** headed by **Dr. Laurie Nathan**. Although only in its first year, the program is already making contributions in the field of international mediation (more on page 12). The policy work of the **Peace Accords Matrix Project**, the **Catholic Peacebuilding Network**, and the **Contending Modernities** research initiative have also advanced our goal of ensuring that our research has a significant impact on peace policy and practice.

This year we also began work on a November 2019 conference, "**Building Sustainable Peace: Ideas, Evidence, Strategies**," which, growing out of our strategic plan, is intended to highlight our leadership role in the field of peace studies. The conference will facilitate a space for cross-generational and multidisciplinary conversation between scholars and practitioners from around the world. So far, interest in participating has been tremendous. We are planning for an event featuring around 350 presenters.

Finally, as we stated in the strategic plan, our educational programs are the beating heart of the Institute. Our undergraduate, master's, and Ph.D. students make us who we are and realize the vision of our cofounders, **Mrs. Joan B. Kroc** and **Rev. Theodore Hesburgh**. The three programs continued to thrive this academic year, each facing new opportunities and challenges. You can read more about our academic programs beginning on page 6.

This was my second year as director of the Institute. I concluded my letter last year with the hope that my learning curve might plateau a bit this second year, while also recognizing that every day at Kroc brings surprises and new opportunities. In 2018-19, I learned that it is these surprises and opportunities that make Kroc such a dynamic and fascinating place.

Reflecting on the past year, I am both energized and humbled by our students, alumni, staff, faculty, and Advisory Board members who all contribute in their own ways to the success of the Kroc Institute. I look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Kaufman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Asher Kaufman  
*Professor of History and Peace Studies*  
*John M. Regan, Jr., Director of the Kroc Institute*

# Kroc Institute Launches New Five-Year Strategic Plan

On September 11, 2018, the Kroc Institute celebrated the launch of a new five-year strategic plan, meant to guide the Institute's work from 2018 to 2023.

This strategic plan was based on the conviction that in order to increase its excellence and impact, the Kroc Institute must respond to the pressing domestic and global challenges to peace by extending the scale and scope of the four fields of Kroc's work: research, education, practice, and outreach.

Growing out of this mandate, the strategic plan identified three major goals for the Institute:

1. Enhance cutting-edge research and continue to develop a global leadership role in interdisciplinary peace research
2. Ensure that Kroc Institute research has a significant impact on peace policy and practice
3. Develop Kroc's educational programs to consolidate the Institute's reputation as a global leader in peace education

During the September 11 launch, over 100 attendees listened to remarks from and engaged in conversation with speakers including:

**R. Scott Appleby**, Marilyn Keough Dean, Keough School of Global Affairs

**Asher Kaufman**, John M. Regan, Jr., Director, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

**Paolo G. Carozza**, Director, Kellogg Institute for International Studies

**Janna Hunter-Bowman**, Member, Kroc Institute Advisory Board; Assistant Professor of Peace Studies and Christian Social Ethics, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

**Jennifer Mason McAward**, Director, Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights

**Michael Pippenger**, Vice President and Associate Provost for Internationalization

## Highlights 2018–19

### AUGUST

The Kroc Institute welcomed **13 Kroc Scholars** from Costa Rica, Egypt, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Turkey, Uganda, and the United States into the second cohort of students in the **International Peace Studies concentration** of the **Keough School Master of Global Affairs program**. >

The Institute also welcomed **six new doctoral students** to campus (more on page 10).

### SEPTEMBER

In response to federal "zero tolerance" immigration policies and the detention of over 3,000 children at the southern U.S. border, the Kroc Institute convened the panel "**Immigration and Just Peace: A Discussion on United States Family and Child Detention Policies**." Panelists included Kroc Institute Executive Director **Erin Corcoran**, as well as faculty fellows **Rev. Daniel Groody, C.S.C.**, and **Darcia Narvaez** and legal and policy experts **Lisa Koop** and **Cory Smith**. >



In honor of the United Nations International Day of Peace, the Kroc Institute hosted two days of activities engaging the theme, "**The Right to Peace: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70**." Events included a lecture by peace studies scholar-practitioner **Thania Paffenholz**, a film screening, and a panel discussion featuring Kroc Institute and Keough School faculty members. ▼



## OCTOBER

The 20th annual **Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion, and Peace** featured **Sarah Thompson Nahar**, former executive director of Christian Peacemaker Teams and a licensed minister within Mennonite Church USA. Thompson presented the lecture, "Flushing Peace Down the Toilet: Strategies for the End of the World as We Know It," that explored the links between access to clean water, conflict, religion, and peacebuilding. For the first time, the Dialogues keynote was broadcast via livestream. ▼



Professor **Patrick Regan** worked with a team of researchers to launch the Urban Adaptation Assessment, a free, open-source analytic tool that explores U.S. cities' climate change risks and the readiness of each city to adapt.

## NOVEMBER

On October 31, the Institute's **Peace Accords Matrix > Barometer Initiative** released its first report analyzing advances and challenges in the implementation of stipulations with a gender perspective within the 2016 Colombian peace agreement. The report revealed that stipulations centered on gender equality and women's rights were being implemented, but more slowly than other provisions within the accord.



▲ The Kroc Institute celebrated the career and contributions of **Peter Wallensteen**, the Richard G. Starmann, Sr. Research Professor of Peace Studies, who retired after the fall semester. The celebration included two panels focused on international mediation and strategies for building quality peace, as well as a dinner at Tapastrie in downtown South Bend.

**Pam Blair** joined the Kroc Institute team as academic programs assistant for the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs.



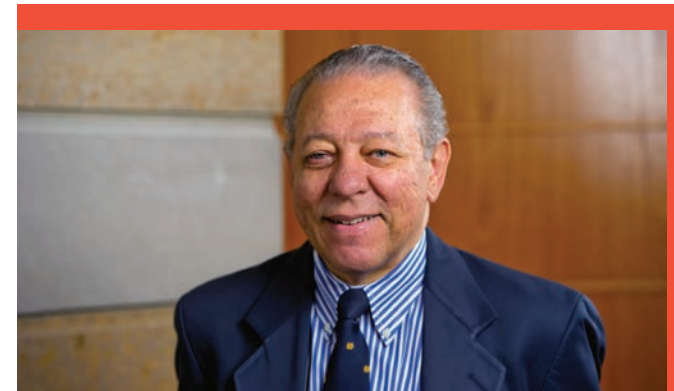
## DECEMBER

▲ Professor **Emmanuel Katongole** was honored by *The Tablet* as one of "Fifty Minds That Matter." The Catholic publication identified 50 living Catholic men and women around the world who are "doing the most to change the way we [Catholics] imagine ourselves and understand the world."

**Caitlyn Paulsen** was hired as the Peace Accords Matrix and Policy Studies Assistant.

## JANUARY

The Kroc Institute hosted the January 25 panel discussion "**Confronting Whiteness at Notre Dame: Power, Identity, and Exclusion**" as part of Notre Dame's Walk the Walk Week, an annual series of events surrounding Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. **Laurie Nathan**, director of the Institute's Mediation Program, convened the panel. ▼



Kroc Institute faculty and staff mourned the death of ▲ **Badi Foster**, a member of the Institute's Advisory Council (now Advisory Board) since 2005. Foster passed away peacefully at his home in Evanston, Illinois, on January 31, 2019. Throughout his time with the Kroc Institute, Foster brought to the Board deep wisdom and an enthusiasm and passion for the work of peacebuilding.

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## FEBRUARY

▲ Japan's Niwano Peace Foundation announced Professor Emeritus **John Paul Lederach** as the recipient of the **36th Niwano Peace Prize**. The annual award honors those devoted to interreligious cooperation in service of world peace. Lederach traveled to Tokyo in May 2019 to accept the award.



▲ Kroc Institute alumna **Maria Lucía Zapata (M.A. '07)** returned to campus to present a lecture on the challenges of ending war and building peace in Colombia.

**Juan Flores Ramirez** joined the Kroc Institute staff as the Business Manager.



## MARCH

▲ The **Madrasa Discourses project**, an effort to equip Islamic religious leaders with the tools necessary to confidently engage pluralism, modern science, and new philosophies, received a **\$912,000 two-year grant extension** from the John Templeton Foundation.

Launched in 2016 by primary investigator **Ebrahim Moosa**, professor of Islamic studies, the project is part of the **Contending Modernities** research initiative.



▲ **P. Carl (M.A. '90, B.A. '88)**, distinguished artist in residence at Boston's Emerson College and the cofounder of HowlRound Theatre Commons, returned to campus to accept the Kroc Institute's annual Distinguished Alumni Award. During his visit, the Institute presented a dramatic reading of Claudia Rankine's new play, **The White Card**, and Carl gave the lecture "Caring for Bodies Not Our Own: Storytelling as a Bridge to Radical Understanding."

The Kroc Institute and Notre Dame Law School cosponsored a re-enactment of the 1971 court case, **Cortright v. Resor**. In 1970, Kroc Institute director of policy studies **David Cortright**, then a young soldier, filed suit against the United States Army, alleging that it had denied members of the 26th Army Band at Fort Hamilton their First Amendment right to speak out against the Vietnam War. The **Hon. Denny Chin** of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit participated in the re-enactment. >



Over 200 students attended the annual **< Notre Dame Student Peace Conference**, planned and organized by undergraduate peace studies students. This year's conference focused on the theme **"Expanding Circles: Peace in a Polarized Age?"** and featured keynote speaker

**Delaney Tarr**, a founding member of the March For Our Lives movement created by students and alumni from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, after the tragic shooting that killed 17 people.



## APRIL

▲ **Cornel West**, professor of the practice of public philosophy at Harvard University and an influential public intellectual, delivered the 25th annual **Hesburgh Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy**.



**Atalia Omer**, associate professor of religion, conflict, and peace studies, convened a flash panel discussion that examined the root causes of the March 15 shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Panelists **Lailatul Fitriyah** (M.A. '15), **Korey Garibaldi**, **Perin Gürel**, and **Damon Lynch** (M.A. '06) explored the connections between anti-black racism, anti-Muslim hostilities, and anti-Semitism. ▼



Kroc Institute faculty members **Madhav Joshi** and **Jason Quinn**, and postdoctoral researcher **Matthew Hauenstein** released a report on the status of South Sudan's 2018 peace agreement implementation. The report showed that the peace agreement was facing critical challenges at the six-month mark and made recommendations for improving the implementation process.



## MAY

▲ **Ernesto Verdeja**, associate professor of political science and peace studies, accepted the **2018 Sheedy Excellence in Teaching Award**, the highest teaching honor within Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters. Verdeja received the award and presented a lecture during a May 7 reception.



Master of Global Affairs (MGA), International Peace Studies student **Djiba Soumaoro** ▲ was awarded the inaugural **Hesburgh Global Fellowship**, which provides funding for a graduate of the MGA program to pursue work focused on peace, justice, development, or other related fields. Soumaoro will work for the Ouelesseboungou Alliance, first in Salt Lake City, Utah, then in Mali's Ouelesseboungou region,

where he was born and raised. Soumaoro is pictured here with fellow MGA graduate Sofia del Valle.

The Kroc Institute celebrated the **graduation** of 44 undergraduate seniors who completed either a supplementary major or minor in peace studies, 15 Kroc Scholars who completed the Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies concentration, and five graduates of the Kroc Institute's doctoral program.

Professor Emeritus **Peter Wallenstein** was honored with the 2019 **James A. Burns, C.S.C., Award**. Wallenstein was recognized for his defining role in the Institute's foundational doctoral seminar on international peace research, where he has taught every peace studies doctoral student since the program's inception in 2008.

**Jeanine Dziak** was hired as the Senior Administrative Assistant, **Juanita Esguerra Rezk** joined the Peace Accords Matrix Project as a Research Associate, and **Kevin Vaughn** was hired as Assistant Director for Doctoral Studies.

## JUNE

▼ The 11<sup>th</sup> annual **Summer Institute for Faculty** drew 55 faculty members from 24 institutions across 12 countries to the Notre Dame campus. The weeklong educational conference helped to equip faculty to develop or expand peace studies programs on their own campuses.

The Kroc Institute said farewell to **Debbie Blasko**, assistant director for doctoral studies, and **Betsy Karnes**, senior administrative assistant, who both retired after a combined 30+ years of experience at the University of Notre Dame.

## JULY

**Ashley Bohrer** was appointed as assistant professor of gender and peace studies, a new faculty position growing out of the Kroc Institute's 2018–23 strategic plan. **Rachel Sweet** was appointed assistant professor of global affairs in the Keough School and will join the Kroc Institute's core faculty.

The doctoral program at the Kroc Institute expanded to include a **new graduate minor**. Beginning fall 2019, graduate students pursuing a terminal master's or doctoral degree at Notre Dame will have the opportunity to complete a minor concentration in peace studies.



# Study Peace 2018-19

## Undergraduate Program in Peace Studies

*“Peace studies taught me that you can’t do anything if you don’t first try to understand each other.”*

— Allison Hidalgo, Class of 2019 >

The **Undergraduate Program in Peace Studies** continues to attract strong students from a wide variety of disciplines across the University of Notre Dame. During the 2018-19 academic year, the program included 117 students enrolled in either a supplementary major or minor in peace studies.

Undergraduate students not only excel in the classroom, but also translate their peace studies learnings into extracurricular engagement and leadership both on and off campus.

Peace Studies students routinely secure a wide range of summer internships, research grants, and placements with prestigious training organizations. This academic year, students interned with organizations that included the **Arms Control Association** and **USAID’s Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives** in Washington, D.C.; **Kigezi Healthcare Foundation (KIHEFO)** in Kabale, Uganda; the **Special Victims Unit of the St. Joseph County Prosecutor’s Office** in South Bend, Indiana; and **Ubuntu Football Trust** in Cape Town, South Africa.

In February 2019, Notre Dame undergraduates elected junior **Elizabeth Boyle ('20)** as their **student body president** for the 2019-20 academic year. Boyle, a political science major with a supplementary major in peace studies, is the sixth peace studies student to be elected student body president or vice president since 2012.



Undergraduate alumna **Alexis Doyle ('17)** was invited to study medicine at Stanford University as a **Knight-Hennessy Scholar**, the first ever from Notre Dame. Established in 2016, the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program offers full funding, including tuition and academic, living, and travel expenses, for students enrolled in one of Stanford’s more than 200 graduate and professional programs.

And in April, senior **Melinda Davis ('19)**, a psychology major with a supplementary major in peace studies, secured a postgraduate placement with the **Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations**. She was one of four 2019 summer interns selected through a highly competitive global search process.

Out of 44 graduating seniors, 11 students received **Latin Honors** and 10 were inducted into **national honor societies**. This year’s graduating class also included two seniors—**Meg Spesia** and **Juan Fernandez**—who were each the third sibling in their family to complete a supplementary major or minor in peace studies.

In fall 2018, the Keough School of Global Affairs launched a new supplementary major in global affairs that allows students to choose a **concentration in peace studies**.



2019 Kroc Institute Senior Seminar Essay Award winners Erin Pettegrew (2nd place) and Melinda Davis (1st place)



Monica Montgomery and Madeleine Thompson, co-chairs of this year’s Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, received the 2019 Yarrow Award in Peace Studies. Annually the Kroc Institute presents the Yarrow Award to one or two peace studies undergraduate students from the graduating cohort who demonstrate both academic excellence and a commitment to peace and justice.



# Student Peace Conference

The 2019 Notre Dame **Student Peace Conference** drew over 200 attendees from colleges and universities around the world from March 29 to 30.

The conference focused on the theme “**Expanding Circles: Peace in a Polarized Age?**”

*“We understood that we had power that had an ability to change the landscape, to change the world even...We reminded ourselves we were fighting the core of injustice, not the people who have perpetrated it. We were fighting the NRA, we were fighting corruption and the systems that put it in place, not the people who become victims to it, not the people who have subscribed to a system that they don’t know an alternative to.” >*

— Delaney Tarr, Founding Member of March For Our Lives, the movement created by students and alumni from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; 2019 conference keynote speaker

Throughout the conference, participants had the opportunity to submit responses to the question,

**“What does inclusive peacebuilding mean to you?”**

Student organizers compiled the responses into a mural that was displayed in the Hesburgh Center for several weeks. >

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# Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration



*Pictured with Rhea Silvosa (right), Class of 2019*

*“Reflection is a practice of daily resistance that is demanded of everyone, regardless of professional inclination or geographical location. We must recognize that we are constantly learning and unlearning our ways of being in the worlds we traverse. My peace studies courses provided me with an internal compass to make sense of the many things I was seeing, feeling, and thinking as I developed within my vocation as a peacebuilder.”*

— Parusha Naidoo, Class of 2019

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Building on the strength of the longstanding Kroc Master’s in International Peace Studies program, the **Master of Global Affairs (MGA)** program at the Keough School welcomed its second cohort of students during the 2018-19 academic year and also celebrated its first graduating class.

The MGA class of 2020 includes students from 18 countries: Argentina, China, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Honduras, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Turkey, Uganda, the United States, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.

In fall 2018, 13 of the 34 entering students chose to pursue a **concentration in International Peace Studies (IPS)** and were named **Kroc Scholars**. The IPS concentration, administered by the Kroc Institute, drew scholar-practitioners with wide-ranging interests and work experience related to peace, justice, conflict transformation, and human rights.

Four incoming students were selected to receive Thomas D. McCloskey Peace Fellowships: **Helina Haile** (United States), **Novita Liangga Kumala** (Indonesia), **Victoria Nyanjura** (Uganda), and **Nate Van Duzer** (United States).

Beginning in July 2019, second-year IPS students began **six-month internships** with Kroc Institute partner organizations around the world. These field experiences allow students to work four days per week with a leading peace and justice organization and to spend one day each week focused on independent field research.



This year's students are working in 11 locations with 12 organizations, including:

**In Baltimore, Maryland:**

Catholic Relief Services

**In Beirut, Lebanon:**

American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)

Mercy Corps

**In Bogotá, Colombia:**

Peace Accords Matrix Barometer Initiative of the Kroc Institute

**In Chicago, Illinois:**

Chicago Torture Justice Center

**In Geneva, Switzerland:**

ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons)

**In the Philippines:**

Bangsamoro Transition Authority

**In Nairobi, Kenya:**

Life and Peace Institute

**In San Salvador, El Salvador:**

Creative Associates International

**In Washington, D.C.:**

Generations for Peace

**In Yangon, Myanmar:**

RAFT Myanmar (formerly known as Conflict Sensitivity and Peacebuilding Effectiveness in Myanmar)

The Kroc Institute also celebrated the graduation of 15 Kroc Scholars. **Djiba Soumaoro** was selected as the first recipient of the Hesburgh Global Fellowship (more on page 5).

Images on pages 8-9 (from left to right): IPS Student Rana El-Beheiry at her internship with Mercy Corps in Lebanon; IPS student Nzubechi Pantaleon Uwaleme meets with youth moderators for dialogue at the Life and Peace Institute in Nairobi; and the MGA class of 2019 during commencement weekend.

In October, MGA IPS student **Victoria Nyanjura ('20)**, was named a first-place recipient of the **Navarra International Solidarity Award**. Organized by the Government of Navarre, Spain, and Laboral Kutxa, a Spanish credit union, the award recognizes people, NGOs, and other institutions whose work advances the United Nations sustainable development goals.

The award recognized Nyanjura's work to advocate for women and children in Gulu, Uganda. Prior to enrolling at Notre Dame, she worked at International Justice Mission, in the Gender Justice Department of the Ugandan Justice and Reconciliation Project, and was a member of the Women's Advocacy Network. She was instrumental in organizing a petition for redress that resulted in the Ugandan parliament unanimously passing a resolution to address the plight of victims of Northern Ugandan conflicts.

Nyanjura knows well the costs of the conflicts in Uganda. As a 14-year-old in 1996, she was abducted from St. Mary's College in Aboke, Uganda, by the paramilitary group the Lord's Resistance Army. A prisoner for eight years, she was subjected to torture and inhumane treatment before she was able to escape.



Nyanjura shared the International Solidarity Award and a 25,000 euro prize with three other women: Hulo Guillabert, Theresa Kachindamoto, and Oumou Sall-Seck.



## Peace Studies Ph.D. Program

*“I was drawn to the Kroc Institute by the quality of the scholarship and depth of engagement demonstrated by its faculty, and by the unparalleled educational opportunities it offers to doctoral students. The joint degree program has added such a rich and complimentary dimension to my own studies in political theory, helping me to keep a discipline that can tend towards the abstract remain rooted in real-world problems and potential solutions.”*

— Garrett FitzGerald,  
Ph.D. student in political science and peace studies



The 2018-19 academic year marked the 10th anniversary of the Kroc Institute’s doctoral program. Since 2008, the Ph.D. program at the Kroc Institute has been educating graduates who are fully trained, professionalized, and marketable in both the multidisciplinary field of peace studies and one of six traditional disciplines in the humanities and social sciences.

This year, the doctoral program also received University approval to begin offering a **graduate minor concentration in peace studies** in fall 2019. The minor will be open to any current Notre Dame student pursuing a terminal master’s or doctoral degree.

*“The new graduate minor will allow students from around the University to enhance their work with rigorous training in peace studies, and we are looking forward to seeing the depth of that interest. We believe peace studies has limitless practical and scholarly applications, and we are excited about collaborating with students across campus.”*

— Catherine Bolten,  
Associate Professor of Anthropology and Peace Studies  
and Kroc Institute Director of Doctoral Studies

**With the conferral of five degrees in 2019, the Peace Studies Ph.D. program has now graduated 26 scholars.**

And the doctoral program continues to attract exceptional students. In August 2018, the Kroc Institute welcomed six new Ph.D. students: **Sarah Crane** (history and peace studies), **Anna Johnson** (sociology and peace studies), **Helal Mohammed Khan** (anthropology and peace studies), **Joséphine Lechartre** (political science and peace studies), **Sehrazat G. Mart** (sociology and peace studies), and **Khan Asfandyar Shairani** (history and peace studies).

Recent program graduates continued to secure strong job placements with prestigious academic and peacebuilding institutions. This year’s placements included **Emily Maiden (‘19, political science and peace studies)** accepting a tenure-track position as assistant professor of political science and public administration at the University of North Florida and **Laura Weis (‘18, history and peace studies)** becoming the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project coordinator for Jesuits USA.



In addition to securing strong placements, peace studies doctoral students have received prestigious fellowships and awards from external organizations that support their cutting-edge research and scholarship. Awards received to support research in 2019–20 (and beyond) include:

- **Kristina Hook** (anthropology and peace studies) received a research grant from the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta, to continue her dissertation research on genocide, trauma, and conflict in Ukraine.
- **Drew (Richard) Marcantonio** (anthropology and peace studies) received a three-year Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship to support his ongoing research on human-produced toxic and nontoxic pollution from its source to its outlets in everyday life. Topics range from extreme weather events driven by climate change to the effects of gold mining on a river and surrounding communities.

Incoming doctoral students (from left to right) Anna Johnson, Sehzazat G. Mart, Sarah Crane, Joséphine Lechartre, Khan Asfandyar Shairani, and Helal Mohammed Khan.

During the 2018–19 academic year, six Ph.D. students received fellowships generously funded by the Kroc Institute’s Advisory Board:

**DARBY FELLOW: Joséphine Lechartre** (political science and peace studies)

**MULLEN FAMILY FELLOWS: Sehzazat G. Mart** (sociology and peace studies) and **Mahmoud Youness** (political science and peace studies)

**STEVEN D. PEPE PH.D. FELLOWS IN PEACE STUDIES: Garrett FitzGerald** (political science and peace studies), **Michelle Sawwan** (sociology and peace studies), and **Michael Yankoski** (theology and peace studies)

**JOHN AND JUDY SCULLY FELLOW IN PEACE STUDIES: Garrett FitzGerald**



While studying at the Kroc Institute, doctoral students are conducting research that is already having a direct impact on some of the most pressing issues around the world. In October 2018, current students **Kristina Hook** and **Drew (Richard) Marcantonio** published original research on the threat of war-related environmental disaster in Ukraine in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. The war in eastern Ukraine has left two million people displaced and 11,000 individuals confirmed dead, and it has led to widespread environmental destruction affecting air, soil, and water quality. Perhaps most urgent, according to Hook and Marcantonio’s research, is the flooding of interconnected landmines across the contact line separating the Ukrainian and Russian-backed forces. “Other than the threat of nuclear weapons, climate change and other forms of environmental degradation—exactly the type of global impacts we highlight in the article—are the primary drivers moving the clock toward doom. By publishing our work in the *Bulletin*, we are directly informing the Doomsday clock which, for a large readership, serves as a key indicator of concern and direction,” said Marcantonio.

# Build Peace 2018-19

## Mediation Program Established

*“In many cases of armed conflict, mediation is the difference between war and peace. It has become the primary peacemaking strategy in civil wars in particular. What we are offering students is not only theory and knowledge of the main scholarly debates, but also insights into the actual experience of mediation.”*

— Laurie Nathan, Director of the Mediation Program and Professor of the Practice of Mediation

The start of the fall 2018 semester also marked the launch of the Kroc Institute’s newest peace initiative, the Mediation Program. Directed by mediation expert and Professor of the Practice **Laurie Nathan**, the program brings the expertise and resources of the Kroc Institute to bear on the fields of international mediation, preventive diplomacy, negotiation, and national dialogue.



To advance mediation research, teaching, training, policy, and practice, the Mediation Program partners with organizations around the world, including:

- African Union
- Government of Switzerland
- Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
- South Sudan Council of Churches
- swisspeace
- UN Department of Political Affairs
- United Nations University
- UN Mediation Support Unit
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP)



During the 2018-19 academic year, the Mediation Program convened three public events:

- a November 15 seminar discussion with **João Honwana**, former director of the Africa Division at the United Nations Department of Political Affairs;
- the January 25 panel discussion **“Confronting Whiteness at Notre Dame: Power, Identity, and Exclusion,”** as part of Notre Dame’s Walk the Walk Week, an annual series of events surrounding Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday; and
- a March 19 **symposium on preventive diplomacy** at the Keough School’s Washington, D.C., office, bringing together experts from the United Nations, the United States Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, USIP, Georgetown University, and Notre Dame for robust conversation.

During spring 2019, the Program also hosted Scholar in Residence **David Lanz**, the co-head of the Mediation Program at swisspeace. While in residence at Notre Dame, Lanz worked on a book project based on his dissertation, examining the role of the Responsibility to Protect norm in relation to the Darfur conflict.

In addition, Nathan took part in several international mediation initiatives:

- developing a **new mediation protocol** for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, and
- producing a new swisspeace **policy report** on mediation and power sharing that won a USIP grant.

# The Project on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament

In June 2019, the **Project on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament** hosted a weeklong seminar at the Keough School Washington, D.C., office as part of the project's efforts to empower a new generation of Catholics—Church leaders, scholars, and students—to contribute to wider efforts to stop nuclear proliferation and further reduce and ultimately eliminate nuclear weapons. Begun in 2014, the project is sponsored by the Kroc Institute and the Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN), in collaboration with the Office of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University, and with the generous support of the Nuclear Threat Initiative.

The **2019 D.C. seminar**—intended for rising college sophomores through graduating seniors—drew 15 students from Notre Dame, Butler University, the Catholic University of America, Ewha Womans University (South Korea), Georgetown University, Loyola University Chicago, Randolph College, and Westminster College.

The seminar—led by **George A. Lopez**, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., professor emeritus of peace studies, and **Gerard F. Powers**, Catholic Peacebuilding Studies director and coordinator of the CPN—examined the historical, strategic, policy, and ethical dimensions of current controversies surrounding nuclear weapons, and also introduced students to arms control experts and organizations in the D.C. area.

Expert presenters included **Kelsey Davenport (M.A. '11)**, director for nonproliferation policy at the Arms Control Association, and **James Goodby**, a former ambassador and U.S. Foreign Service career minister. Students also had the chance to tour the Nuclear Threat Initiative offices and to participate in a full-day interactive exercise that invited each individual to visualize and plan for a world without nuclear weapons.

In addition to cosponsoring the D.C. seminar, CPN joined the International Federation of Catholic Universities, Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO), Pax Christi France, and NATO in cosponsoring the three-day seminar **"Human Rights and Armaments: New Ethical Challenges."** Held at UCO's campus in Angers, France, the event was attended by 100 students, scholars, church leaders, senior military officers, and policy experts.

During summer 2019, CPN also partnered with the Nanovic Institute for European Studies to fund an eight-week internship with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) in Geneva, Switzerland. The competitive placement was awarded to rising senior **Gweneth McCain ('20)**, a philosophy major with a supplementary major in peace studies. During her internship, McCain conducted research for her senior thesis, which will draw on applied ethics, civic virtues, and scholarship on the history of nuclear weapons to make a case for nuclear nonproliferation efforts.



Images from top to bottom: Participants at a three-day seminar on human rights and armaments in Angers, France; Ambassador James Goodby presents while Professor Gerard Powers looks on; and Professor George A. Lopez offers input.

# Peace Accords Matrix Project

Research clearly illustrates that successful implementation of peace accords matters and leads to many short and long-term benefits, including:

- » less likelihood of a return to armed conflict,
- » greater economic development, including a 19 percent increase in foreign direct investment in highly implemented peace agreements,
- » greater access to education, and
- » improved public health.

*“In Colombia, through the Barometer Initiative of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, innovative data collection approaches employing ‘everyday peace indicators’ support ongoing monitoring and verification of compliance by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the Government of Colombia. ...Monitoring of the provisions of peace agreements, coupled with proper funding for such activities, has ensured and can continue to ensure that all provisions are implemented. Without implementation, the most well-formulated provisions have no power. I encourage Member States to support and fund these efforts...”*

— United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in his October 2018 report on women, peace, and security





Members of the Barometer Initiative team based in Colombia



Kroc Institute's Latin American Representative Francisco Diez presents alongside panelists at a June 2019 seminar in Washington D.C. assessing Colombian peace accord implementation progress



In September 2018, the PAM team was honored with the University of Notre Dame's Presidential Team Irish Award. The award honors staff teams that exemplify the University's core values on behalf of their department or their university. Members of the South Bend, Indiana, PAM team (pictured here) accepted the award during a Notre Dame football game.



The **Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) Project** at the Kroc Institute contributes to implementation verification, monitoring, and research by providing a unique source of comparable data on peace agreements, and, through its website, allows scholars and practitioners to compare 51 different themes in all the comprehensive peace agreements signed since 1989. During the 2018-19 academic year, the PAM website drew over 37,000 visitors, many of them scholars utilizing the database as a foundation for their research on peace accords and their implementation.

In addition, the **PAM Barometer Initiative** continued real-time monitoring of the implementation of the Colombian peace accord. The historic Colombia peace agreement signed in November 2016 gives the Kroc Institute primary responsibility for technical verification and monitoring of implementation of the accord through the PAM project. The Kroc Institute's implementing partner for these efforts is the National Secretariat of the Social Pastorate-Caritas Colombia, the social justice arm of the Colombian Catholic bishops, who have a long record of supporting justice and peacebuilding efforts in local communities.

During this academic year, the Barometer Initiative team released two reports on the status of implementation in Colombia: a November 2018 report measuring the progress of provisions related to gender and an April 2019 report measuring implementation progress more generally at the two-year mark. Both reports were presented to and widely cited by the Colombian government, ex-combatants, international NGOs, and international media outlets.

The Barometer Initiative comprises eight staff in Kroc's South Bend, Indiana, office, more than 30 staff in Colombia (employed by Colombia's Social Pastorate), and one representative in Argentina. The project is supported by grants from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations and Humanity United, a U.S.-based foundation. The project also receives support from European Union and United Nations grants given to Colombia's Social Pastorate to support peace accord implementation.

**Bishnu Sapkota** also began a new role as the PAM representative for Asia.

# The 2019 Summer Institute

The 11th annual **Summer Institute for Faculty** (SI) drew 55 attendees from 12 countries to the Notre Dame campus from June 10 to 14, 2019. The SI is a weeklong training for academics and practitioners who wish to launch or strengthen peace studies programs at their own institutions.

This year, participants on campus were also joined via video conference by eight participants from Hekima Institute for Peace Studies and International Relations at Hekima College in Nairobi, Kenya.

Since its inaugural event in 2009, the SI has hosted over 450 attendees from 115 different institutions across six continents.

Institutions represented at this year's Summer Institute included:

- Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California
- Concordia University Chicago, Illinois
- DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois
- German Development Services
- Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts
- Hekima Institute for Peace Studies and International Relations, Nairobi, Kenya
- Jönköping International Business School, Jönköping, Sweden
- Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois
- Lincoln High School, Portland, Oregon
- Mindanao State University, Marawi, Philippines
- Multnomah University, Portland, Oregon
- National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos, Nigeria
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Participants at the 2019 Summer Institute work on their individual projects during free time

Associate Professor of the Practice David Anderson Hooker presents on the move from conflict resolution to conflict transformation



*“This year’s Summer Institute was truly groundbreaking and full of insightful exchanges among participants. We had a number of U.S. colleges working on expanding their minors to majors, and other colleagues from Ecuador, Indonesia, Philippines, and South Korea developing plans for substantial programs. Our first participation of secondary school faculty teams added to the rich discussions about creating peace and justice programs.”*

— George A. Lopez

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies, and the founder of the Summer Institute



# Research Peace 2018-19

## Visiting Researchers

*Each year, the Kroc Institute's Visiting Research Fellows Program brings outstanding scholars focused on peace research to the University of Notre Dame for a semester or full academic year. The Institute particularly seeks scholars who will actively integrate their research with ongoing Kroc research priorities as outlined in the Institute's strategic plan. More information at [kroc.nd.edu/research](http://kroc.nd.edu/research).*



**Valerie Vat Kamatsiko** was the 2019 Kroc Institute-Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Fellow. Kamatsiko is the CRS Africa Peacebuilding Technical Advisor and is based in Kampala, Uganda. During her time at Notre Dame, her research focused on improving vertical social cohesion within CRS's successful 3Bs (binding, bonding, bridging) social-cohesion-strengthening methodology.



**Bahar Baser**, associate professor at the Centre for Trust, Peace, and Social Relations at Coventry University in the United Kingdom and associate research fellow at the Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, worked on a book about the participation of diasporas in peacebuilding and development, using the Kurdish diaspora as a key case study.



**Shivaji Mukherjee**, assistant professor in political science at the University of Toronto, worked on a book manuscript on the colonial legacies of British indirect rule in India and how it set up structural conditions for Maoist insurgency.



**Marcos S. Scauso**, a postdoctoral scholar now serving as assistant professor of political science at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Connecticut, directed two research documentaries about indigenous activists in Argentina and Bolivia. These documentaries inspired his book project at the Kroc Institute, "Re-imagining IR: Indianismo, Decoloniality, and the Problem of Difference." The book builds on extensive fieldwork in Bolivia to bring to light marginalized voices that provide an impetus for re-imagining international relations.



**Kate Paarlberg-Kvam**, currently visiting faculty at Bennington (Vermont) College, holds a doctorate in Latin American Studies from the University at Albany (SUNY) and has taught courses in Latin American history, gender studies, and international affairs at Skidmore College. While at the Kroc Institute, she worked on a book project based on her 2016 dissertation about the contributions of feminist activism to the construction of peace in Colombia.



**Elena B. Stavrevska** is a research officer at the London School of Economics and Political Science's Centre for Women, Peace, and Security. While at the Kroc Institute, she worked on a book manuscript that examines intersectional justice in the aftermath of peace agreements and the political economy of gender in post-conflict societies.

This year, the Kroc Institute also welcomed several **Scholars in Residence** who spent time (ranging from two weeks to several months) conducting research and writing at the Kroc Institute.

2018-19 Scholars in Residence included:

- **David Lanz**, co-head of the Mediation Program at swisspeace
- **Arin Savran**, recent Ph.D. in Peace Studies at the University of Bradford, United Kingdom
- **Christoph Trinn**, lecturer at Heidelberg University, Germany
- **Ahmet Erdi Öztürk**, fellow at the Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity, and Society at Linköping University, Sweden

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## Kroc Research Grants to Faculty and Faculty Fellows

The Kroc Institute offers grants of up to \$5,000 to Kroc Institute core faculty members and faculty fellows to enhance current research or initiate new research projects broadly related to peace studies. More information at [kroc.nd.edu/research](http://kroc.nd.edu/research).

### In 2018-19, Kroc Institute grants were awarded to:

**Kraig Beyerlein**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director, Center for the Study of Religion and Society

PROJECT: How the U.S. Public Views Religious Protestors: A Survey Experiment

**Catherine Bolten**, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Peace Studies

PROJECT: The Nexus of Strain: Resources, Conflict, and Rural Life in Sierra Leone

**Perin Gurel**, Assistant Professor of American Studies and Concurrent Assistant Professor of Gender Studies

PROJECT: America's Wife, America's Concubine: Turkey, Iran, and the Bounds of Middle Eastern Solidarity

**Madhav Joshi** and **Jason Quinn**, Research Associate Professors

PROJECT: International Accompaniment and the Negotiation and Implementation of Comprehensive Peace Agreements

**Ann Mische**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Peace Studies

PROJECT: Futures in Contention: Public Scenarios and Transformative Politics in the Global Arena

**Emilia Justyna Powell**, Associate Professor of Political Science

PROJECT: The Islamic Legal Tradition and the International Order

**Julia Adeney Thomas**, Associate Professor of History

PROJECT: Governing the Anthropocene: A New Politics for a New Planet

## Kroc Faculty Books



**Mary Ellen O'Connell**, Robert and Marion Short professor of Law and research professor of international dispute resolution, published two books in 2019.



In ***The Art of Law in the International Community*** (Cambridge University Press), O'Connell counters the dominant ideology of realism with a call to renew commitments to international law. She suggests that the secret to this renewal lies in

revitalizing the moral foundation of natural law through drawing on aesthetic philosophy and the arts.

***Self-Defence against Non-State Actors*** (Cambridge University Press) features a "trialogue" among diverse scholars debating when (if ever) international law justifies the use of self-defense or military force against non-state actors. The book is coauthored with Christian J. Tams and Dire Tladi.



**Atalia Omer**, associate professor of religion, conflict, and peace studies, published ***Days of Awe: Reimagining Jewishness in Solidarity with Palestinians*** (University of Chicago Press). In this book, Omer draws on interviews, data analysis, and fieldwork to explore the evolution of American Jewish solidarity with Palestinians and the ways this solidarity is shaped and formed by other social justice and liberation movements.

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# Financial Overview

## ANNUAL EXPENDITURES

2019

<b>SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b> .....	<b>\$4,023,467</b>
Faculty Salaries .....	2,291,970
Staff Salaries .....	861,914
Benefits .....	869,583
<b>ACADEMIC PROGRAMS</b> .....	<b>\$1,336,612</b>
Ph.D. Program .....	632,222
International Peace Studies Concentration, .....	678,975
Master of Global Affairs	
Undergraduate Program .....	25,415
<b>RESEARCH SUPPORT</b> .....	<b>\$2,074,959</b>
Visiting Fellowships .....	339,164
Notre Dame Faculty Fellow Research Support .....	16,983
Kroc Research Programs .....	319,920
Contending Modernities .....	544,057
Peace Accords Matrix .....	797,103
Policy Studies .....	54,232
Conference Support .....	3,500
<b>OUTREACH</b> .....	<b>\$170,824</b>
Communications .....	43,397
Catholic Peacebuilding Network .....	36,903
Lectures and Public Events .....	73,445
Alumni Program .....	17,079
<b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; OTHER</b> .....	<b>\$175,750</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> .....	<b>\$7,781,612</b>

## ANNUAL REVENUE

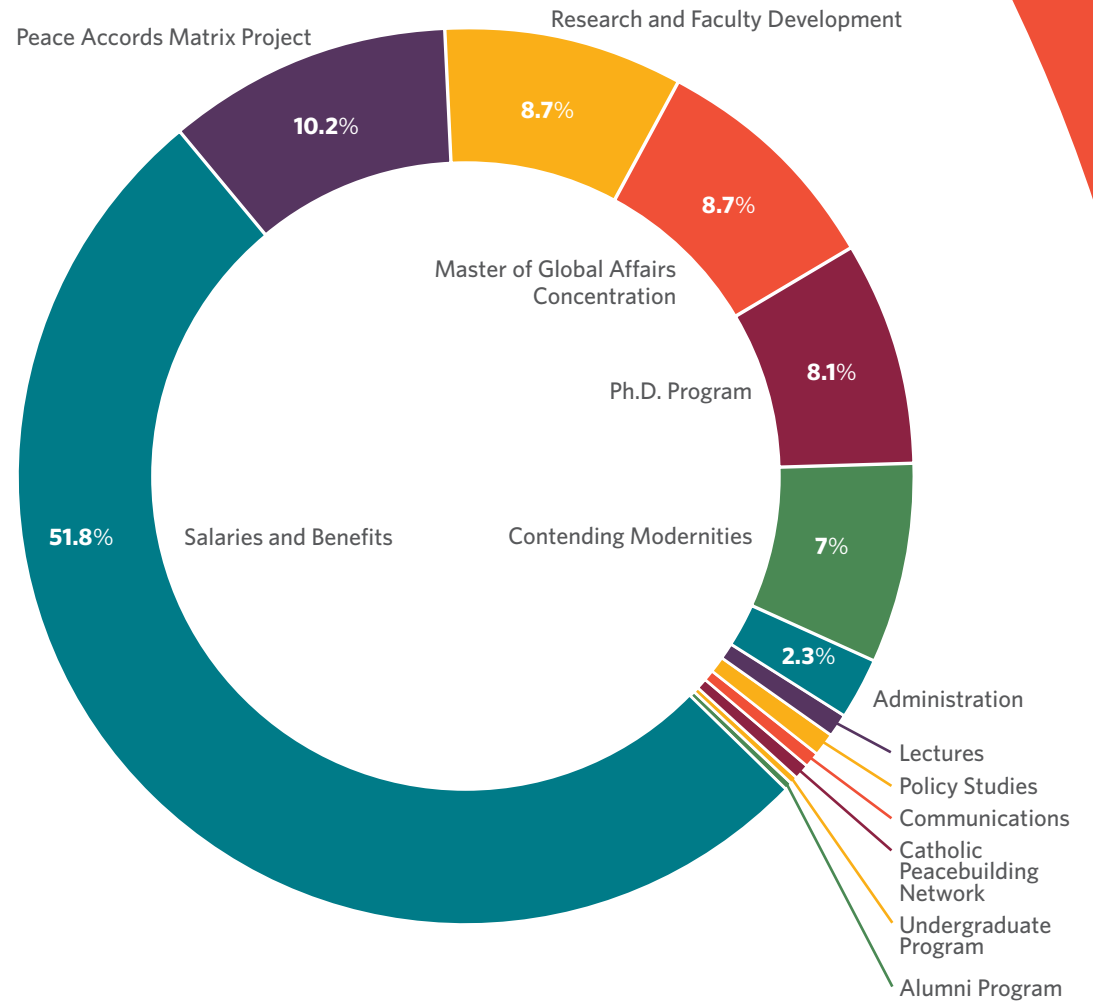
2019

Income from Kroc Endowment .....	\$6,726,901
United States Department of State .....	518,129
John Templeton Foundation .....	385,062
Humanity United .....	138,828
Carnegie Corporation of New York .....	105,316
Colombe Foundation .....	5,000
Jubitz Family Foundation .....	7,500
Issachar Fund .....	9,129
Nuclear Threat Initiative, Inc. ....	1,134
PTX-University of Texas-Dallas .....	383
The Luce Foundation for Contending Modernities .....	7,001
Advisory Board Gifts .....	15,500
Other Individual Gifts .....	7,414
Other .....	20,865
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b> .....	<b>\$7,948,162</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	
Starmann Fund Reinvestment .....	\$100,000
Hesburgh Center Renovation .....	110,000
Other .....	12,990
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b> .....	<b>\$222,990</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES MINUS TRANSFERS</b> .....	<b>\$7,725,172</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> .....	<b>\$7,781,612</b>
<b>CHANGE TO EXISTING CASH RESERVES</b> .....	<b>(\$56,440)</b>
<b>KROC ENDOWMENT FUNDS FAIR MARKET VALUE AT JUNE 30</b>	
<b>\$177,007,345</b>	

FISCAL YEAR 2019

Salaries and Benefits .....	\$4,023,467	51.8%
Master of Global Affairs Concentration .....	\$678,975	8.7%
Undergraduate Program .....	25,415	0.3%
Ph.D. Program .....	632,222	8.1%
Peace Accords Matrix Project .....	797,103	10.2%
Policy Studies .....	54,232	0.7%
Research and Faculty Development .....	679,567	8.7%
Alumni Program .....	17,079	0.2%
Lectures .....	73,445	0.9%
Communications .....	43,397	0.6%
Contending Modernities .....	544,057	7.0%
Catholic Peacebuilding Network .....	36,903	0.5%
Administration .....	175,750	2.3%

**TOTAL EXPENSES .....** **\$7,781,612**



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