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and strategies for sustainable peace.*

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



This academic year will be remembered at the Kroc Institute as the year of the **Building Sustainable Peace Conference, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the renewed movement for racial justice.** We began the 2019–20 academic year energized by the “BSP Conference” that brought together hundreds of scholars and practitioners for a conversation on the state of the field of peace studies and on the synergies and tensions between the theory and the practice of peacebuilding. The conference was a major success, even more than we anticipated, demonstrating the Institute’s leadership in the field and its capacity to bring so many scholars and practitioners from around the world to Notre Dame for this unique event.

The positive energy the Conference animated was unfortunately curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, given its economic impact and the need to shift our work entirely online. I am ever so grateful to our faculty, staff, and students for their quick adjustment to this new and difficult reality, which will continue to affect our work throughout the 2020–21 academic year. Despite the enormous challenges of working remotely, we were still able to celebrate the graduation of our undergraduate, master’s, and Ph.D. students and transitioned to conducting highly visible public events online.

The movement for racial justice sparked by the killing of **George Floyd** and so many African-Americans has had and will continue to have a profound impact on our teaching, research, and public outreach. As I noted in my June 2020 statement in response to the re-energized protest movement, we stand in solidarity with people of color in the United States and around the world in their struggle for social and racial justice, and we see this as an integral part of our mission as a peace institute. In fact, our commitment to racial justice was spelled out in 2018 in our five-year strategic plan, where we committed to making intersectionality one of the central themes of our work. This commitment will affect our teaching, research, and public outreach in the years to come, beginning with the official launch of our intersectionality initiative in the coming academic year. We also recognize that our engagement is not only outward looking, but also focused internally within the Institute and more broadly across Notre Dame. Work on justice starts at home.

As significant as these events have been in 2019–2020, we have continued to gradually implement and make progress on the goals laid out in our strategic plan. We welcomed **Josefina Echavarría Alvarez** as the new director of the Peace Accords Matrix program (PAM). Josefina stepped into the large shoes left by **David Cortright** (who himself transitioned to a new position as director of the Global Policy Initiative at the Keough School). PAM is a central research and policy initiative of the Institute, and Josefina and the PAM team are already working on a new strategic plan that will take the program into its next stage of growth.

We also welcomed two new members to our Advisory Board: **Paddy Mullen** (B.A. ’80), CEO of the BRANY Group, and **Uzra Zeya**, President and CEO of Alliance for Peacebuilding. Both bring to the board diverse and vital experience that will be of great value for the Institute.

Additionally, we continued to pay close attention to the development and growth of our academic programs. In July, after more than ten years of service, **Ernesto Verdeja** stepped down from directing the undergraduate program and **Laura Miller-Graff** assumed this important position.

We live in momentous and uncertain times. The Kroc Institute, as part of the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, is fortunate to have a sound economic foundation, as well committed staff, faculty, students, and alumni. As the pandemic and the movement for racial justice continue to dominate domestic and global affairs, the Kroc Institute is well positioned to be part of the forces that address both, separately and together, by exposing systemic violence, and focusing on its reduction and the pursuit of justice. I do hope to be able to write in the next annual report about the positive outcomes of this work, about continued implementation of our strategic plan, and about the return to normal campus life.

Humbly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Kaufman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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

Year in Review Highlights 2019–20



AUGUST

The Kroc Institute welcomed **15 Kroc Scholars** ▲ from Afghanistan, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Uganda, and the United States into the third cohort of students in the **International Peace Studies concentration** of the Keough School Master of Global Affairs program.



The Institute also welcomed ▲ four new **doctoral students** to campus.



▲ Two new faculty members also joined the Kroc Institute: **Rachel Sweet**, assistant professor of politics and global affairs, and **Ashley Bohrer**, assistant professor of gender and peace studies.



SEPTEMBER

Associate Professor of Psychology and Peace Studies **Laura Miller-Graff** ▲ received a \$2.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to launch and evaluate an intervention program for pregnant women experiencing intimate partner violence.

◀ In honor of the **United Nations International Day of Peace**, the Kroc Institute hosted a panel discussion focused on the theme, “What’s Peace Got to Do With It? Peace Studies at the Intersection of Race, Class, and Gender.” Panelists included **Ashley Bohrer**, **Perin Gurel**, **David Anderson Hooker**, **Atalia Omer**, and **Susan St. Ville**.



▲ **The Kroc Cast: Peace Studies Conversations**, the Institute’s first podcast, launched and would go on to feature 23 episodes during the 2019–20 academic year. Each episode was hosted by a Kroc Institute faculty or staff member, and brought together academics, peacebuilding practitioners, religious leaders, Institute alumni, and students for lively discussions about a wide range of topics. Listen at kroc.nd.edu/podcast or on Apple, Google, Spotify, Stitcher, or Tuneln.

OCTOBER

Biographer and researcher **Rajmohan Gandhi** presented a lecture on race, nationality, and the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Doctoral student in peace studies and political science **Angela Chesler** ▶ coauthored new research with faculty fellow **Debra Javeline** and engineering and global affairs professor **Tracy Kijewski-Correa**, arguing that believing in climate change has no impact on how individuals are preparing for climate change-related weather hazards. They found that most coastal residents, regardless of their feelings about climate change, were minimally protected from its impacts.



Patrick McQuestion joined the Kroc Institute staff as a **Peace Accords Matrix** research associate.

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NOVEMBER

Kroc Institute faculty member ▲ **Madhav Joshi** presented on a panel discussing challenges and next steps facing peace agreement implementation in **South Sudan**. Drawing policymakers and academics, the event was organized by and held at the Keough School’s Washington Office.



From November 7–10, over 450 attendees representing 37 different countries gathered for the **Building Sustainable Peace Conference**. Read more about the conference on page 6.



Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis ▲ was the speaker for the **21st Annual Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion, and Peace**. Theoharis is the co-chair of the Poor People’s Campaign and director of the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice at Union Theological Seminary. Her lecture was titled “A New and Unsettling Force: Building the Movement to End Poverty.”

DECEMBER

Doctoral student in peace studies and anthropology **Richard “Drew” Marcantonio** ▼ received a prestigious three-year **Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship** to support his ongoing research on human-produced pollution and environmental violence.



The **Madrasa Discourses project** ▲ hosted a **winter intensive in Doha, Qatar**, from December 25–30. The intensive brought together Notre Dame students and *madrasa* (Islamic seminary) graduates from India and Pakistan for a week of teaching and dialogue around religion, society, and epistemology.

JANUARY

The Kroc Institute’s Mediation Program hosted the January 22 panel discussion ▼ **“Reparations and Reconciliation at Notre Dame: Opening and Framing the Discussion”** as part of Notre Dame’s Walk the Walk Week, an annual series of events commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday.



▲ **The Initiative on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament**, which includes the Kroc Institute’s **Catholic Peacebuilding Network**, cohosted two days of events at Georgetown University focused on nuclear deterrence and the Catholic Church. The keynote speaker for the weekend was **Archbishop Silvano Tomasi**, one of the Pope’s closest advisors on nuclear deterrence (read more on page 20).

FEBRUARY



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Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies student **Victoria Nyanjura ('20)** was one of two recipients of the **Ginetta Sagan Award** from Amnesty International USA. She was honored for her founding of Women in Action for Women, a Ugandan organization that improves the lives of women and children through vocational and business training and guidance in how to access community and government services.



Alumna **Bina D'Costa (M.A. '97)** was selected to receive the Kroc Institute's 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award. A professor of international relations and peace and conflict studies specialist at Australian National University, D'Costa is engaged in humanitarian peacebuilding efforts around the world. Her spring 2020 visit to campus and lecture was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The **Creative Representing: Native American Symposium**, planned by Visiting Research Fellow **Justin de Leon**, brought together 120 individuals, including several Native American scholars, practitioners, and students, to discuss responsible research methods alongside indigenous communities and to investigate the underexplored stories of Native Americans across the Notre Dame campus.



MARCH

Michael Yankoski, **doctoral student in theology and peace studies**, with **Tim Weninger** and faculty fellow **Walter Scheirer**, coauthored an article in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* previewing the development of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) early warning system to monitor the ways manipulated content online can lead to violent conflict, societal instability, and interfere with democratic elections.

On March 19, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Kroc Institute announced a move to **virtual operations**. You can read more about the Institute's COVID-19 response on page 8.



A new, fully accessible **Peace Accords Matrix website** (peaceaccords.nd.edu) launched on March 26 to help global researchers, policymakers, and peacebuilders take full advantage of the project's comparative data on peace agreements and their implementation.

APRIL

The Kroc Institute mourned the April 28 death of **Gilbert Loescher**, an international expert on refugee and humanitarian issues and a longtime Notre Dame political scientist and Kroc Institute fellow.



Doctoral student in peace studies and anthropology **Maryam Rokhideh** was selected as a 2020 **Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellow in Women's Studies**. Ten highly selective fellowships are awarded annually to humanities and social science Ph.D. candidates whose work addresses women's and gender issues in interdisciplinary ways. Read more about Rokhideh's research on page 16.

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Josefina Echavarría Alvarez joined the Kroc Institute faculty as the director of the Peace Accords Matrix program.



MAY

Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies student **Rana El-Beheiry ('20)** was awarded the **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. El-Beheiry will work as a program officer for ICAN, the International Civil Society Action Network.

The Kroc Institute celebrated the **graduation** of 33 undergraduate seniors who completed either a supplementary major or minor in peace studies, 13 Kroc Scholars who completed the Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies concentration at the Keough School of Global Affairs, and four graduates of the Kroc Institute's doctoral program.



For the first time, the Institute also honored three students who completed a **graduate minor in peace studies**. The graduate minor gives students access to classes taught by core faculty members at the Kroc Institute, as well as the chance to participate in the Institute's Peace Research Education Seminar (PRES), monthly sessions devoted to discussion of one pre-circulated article or book chapter by a current faculty member, graduate student, fellow, or visiting speaker.



JUNE

The **Peace Accord Matrix program's Barometer Initiative** released its **fourth comprehensive report** on the status of peace accord implementation in Colombia. Virtual launch events in both English and Spanish drew over 800 attendees in real time.



JULY

After 31 years of teaching and research at the University of Notre Dame and the Kroc Institute, **David Cortright** retired. He has assumed a new one-year role as director of the Keough School's Global Policy Initiative.

Building Sustainable Peace Conference

From November 7–10, 2019, attendees from around the world gathered on the University of Notre Dame campus for the Kroc Institute’s **Building Sustainable Peace Conference (BSP)**. The conference focused on the state of the field of peace research and practice, and the nexus between them.

The gathering brought together scholars, practitioners, and peacebuilders for animated conversations about the synergies and contestations between theory and practice, the field and the classroom, and the different local, national, regional, and global orientations towards peace.



The conference opened with a panel discussion on the state of the field of peace studies. ▲ Featured speakers included **Gearoid Millar**, **Elias Omondi Opongo (M.A. '04)**, and **Lisa Schirch**. **Mahan Mirza** of the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion moderated the conversation.



“We need to know systems of oppression well enough to be able to circumvent them.”

sujatha baliga, ▲ Director, Restorative Justice Project and Just Beginnings Collaborative Fellow at Impact Justice

“Our greatest challenges—climate, pandemics, human migration—have no regard for walls. I wonder if this ecosystem we have created over these three days [at BSP] offers us a well. We will need every iota of human genius to navigate the challenges in front of us.”

◀ John Paul Lederach, Professor Emeritus of International Peacebuilding



450
attendees

37
countries represented

290
presenters

65
panel discussions, workshops,
and paper presentation sessions

4
keynote speakers —
Séverine Autesserre, sujatha baliga,
Sergio Jaramillo Caro, and John Paul Lederach

55
Kroc Institute alumni in attendance

COVID-19 Response

On March 19, in response to the **global coronavirus pandemic** and in keeping with guidance from the University of Notre Dame, the Kroc Institute made a move to operating virtually. All in-person events were cancelled, classes moved to online formats, and the vast majority of faculty and staff members moved to working off campus.

But even though the format shifted, the work of studying, building, and researching peace continued.

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Faculty Research and Engagement

When the crisis began, several faculty members pivoted, producing new research and writing to address the current interlocking crises facing the U.S. and the world.



» **Ann Mische**, associate professor of sociology and peace studies, wrote a series of blog posts examining public debates over prediction, crisis diagnoses, and social transformation stemming from COVID-19.



» **The Catholic Peacebuilding Network**, led by **Gerard Powers**, is developing a detailed database of materials on various dimensions of the pandemic and peacebuilding, with a special focus on Catholic approaches.



» On behalf of the Kroc Institute, Regan Director **Asher Kaufman** signed the Auschwitz Institute's Open Letter to the Governments of the World to Support the Work of Atrocity Prevention during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



» Through the Contending Modernities initiative, **Atalia Omer**, professor of religion, conflict, and peace studies, coordinated a series of blog posts related to religion and the pandemic.



» **Catherine Bolten**, associate professor of anthropology and peace studies, began a new project on COVID-19 in a post-Ebola nation. She is working with research assistants on the ground in Sierra Leone who will help collect data on the second epidemic facing the country in just six years, this time under a new president and with very different rules for social engagement.

Student Engagement



Peace studies sophomore **Matthew Bisner** made University-wide news through his efforts to help coordinate food, transportation, and housing for his fellow students after the University went remote. Inspired by a spreadsheet created by students at Washington University in Saint Louis, Bisner created a similar one specialized for the needs of students from the tri-campus community (Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross). Within six hours of Father Jenkins's announcement that campus was not reopening after spring break, the spreadsheet was ready for distribution.

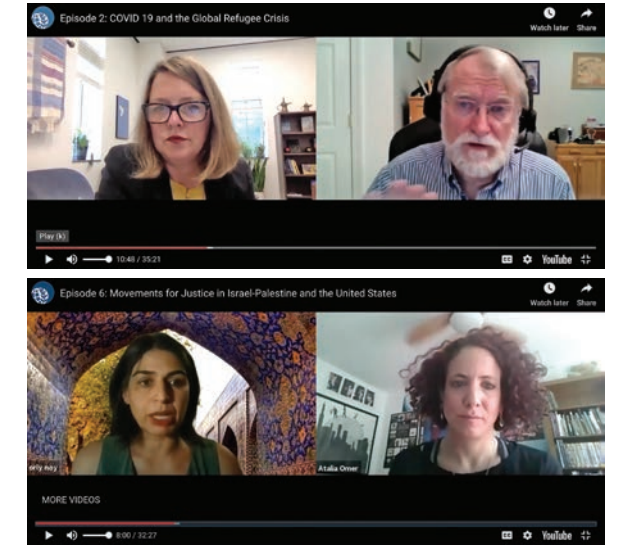
The spreadsheet allowed students in need of housing or food to contact providers directly, and its announcements page allowed anyone in the community to inform students about deals on transportation, storage, nutrition options, free internet, and more.

"Coordinating the spreadsheet between students, faculty, staff, and students' parents kept me focused on helping fellow members of the tri-campus community," said Bisner.

Peace in the Pandemic: Video Shorts



During summer 2020, the Institute launched a new series of short video conversations focused on various current events and issues at the intersection of peace studies and the pandemic. Each Wednesday, the Institute released a new 15-minute conversation via Facebook and YouTube. Topics included the impact of the pandemic on Ramadan 2020; Colombian peace accord implementation; political instability during the pandemic and artificial intelligence systems to provide early warnings of possible mass violence; and strategies for caring for families and children in the midst of a pandemic. Watch all conversations at kroc.nd.edu/videoshorts.



Images top to bottom: Erin Corcoran, executive director of the Kroc Institute and associate teaching professor, speaks with Bill Frelick, director of the Refugee and Migrant Rights Division at Human Rights Watch, about the impact of the pandemic on refugees and immigrants; Orly Noy, public intellectual, journalist, and political and cultural activist, speaks to Atalia Omer, professor of religion, conflict and peace studies, about synergies between the Black Lives Matter Movement and the movement for Palestinian lives.

Virtual Events

From March through July, the Institute hosted several high-profile virtual events that drew hundreds of participants from around the world. Highlights included a webinar discussion on the **coronavirus crisis through gender, environmental, anthropological, and indigenous lenses** and a well-attended virtual roundtable, **"Race, Violence, and Protest: A Conversation about the Ongoing Struggle for Justice."**



Virtual Commencement Celebrations

Due to the pandemic, all in-person commencement events were cancelled, so the Institute looked for creative, virtual ways to celebrate this year's peace studies graduates. Each member of the peace studies Class of 2020 was highlighted via the Kroc Institute's Instagram account, and over 30 Institute alumni sent in greetings that were compiled into a video welcoming the Class of 2020 to the Institute's alumni network, now numbering over 1,800 individuals.

Undergraduate program staff and Kroc Institute leaders also recorded a commencement ceremony to share with graduating members of the Class of 2020.

The Undergraduate Program



“The Peace Studies Program is a part of my identity, and has allowed me to ask important questions about myself and my responsibility in the world. I know I’m coming out of Notre Dame as a more critical thinker and conscientious advocate for peace and justice.”

– **Elizabeth Boyle**, Class of 2020, Recipient of the 2020 Yarrow Award in Peace Studies



Senator Chris Coons of Delaware visited the Keough School in September and visited with undergraduate and graduate students.

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 2019–20 academic year, the program included 84 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 regularly 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 American Indian Catholic Schools Network, Catholic Charities Atlanta Refugee Resettlement Center, Deloitte Government and Public Services Advisory Group, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, the Milwaukee Justice Center, Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña, the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Out of 33 graduating seniors, 12 students received **Latin honors** and 7 were inducted into **national honor societies**. Five graduates also received awards from their major department or the University.

In April, peace studies junior ▼ **Patrick Hidalgo McCabe** was named a 2020 Truman Scholar, becoming the ninth Notre Dame student selected for the award since 2010. McCabe is a political science and Arabic major with a minor in peace studies from Vienna, Virginia. He is the fifth peace studies student to receive this prestigious scholarship, following **Rebecca Blais ('18)**, **Alex Coccia ('14)**, **Elizabeth (Simpson) Hlabse ('11)**, and **Caleb “C.J.” Pine ('17)**.



“The opportunity to explore questions of peace, violence, and justice while engaging with a community of students and distinguished professors who each bring their own experiences and passions has been a highlight of my Notre Dame experience. From the mass protest movement against structural violence that erupted during my study abroad in Chile to the dynamics of migration policy around the Mediterranean that I researched while in Morocco, I find myself applying the diverse lenses that the peace studies minor provides to understand experiences across my Notre Dame education.”

– **Patrick Hidalgo McCabe**



The peace studies alumni network can be instrumental in helping students to secure internships. **Caitlin Eckerman ▲ ('20)** participated in the Center for Career Development’s D.C. Career Trek during her junior year. During the Trek, Eckerman met peace studies alum **C.J. Pine ('17)**, who works at the U.S. Department of State. The two developed a friendship, and Pine offered insights on the path that led him to a career at the State Department.

During summer 2019, Eckerman secured a full-time internship with the Policy and Resource Planning Office within the State Department’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. In her position, working with the policy and planning team, Eckerman regularly analyzed funding proposals from big organizations. She also helped create a new congressional report based on the fiscal budget for the year, a document that guides department officials in their efforts to secure funding for future years. Eckerman said her involvement with the planning committee for the Student Peace Conference helped her feel prepared for these high-profile tasks.

Q&A with Director of Undergraduate Studies Ernesto Verdeja

In July 2020, **Ernesto Verdeja**, associate professor of political science and peace studies, transitioned out of his decade-long role as director of undergraduate studies (DUS).

Laura Miller-Graff, associate professor of psychology and peace studies, steps into this role at the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year.



What is one memory or highlight from your time as DUS that sticks with you?

It is difficult to identify one highlight from my time as DUS. The graduation ceremony at the end of the academic year is always a favorite for me, as it is an opportunity to spend time talking to proud families about our students’ intellectual and ethical growth in our program. I am always deeply moved by these stories, and by our graduates’ future plans to be changemakers for peace.

What makes the Undergraduate Program in Peace Studies distinctive?

Our program is notable for the interdisciplinarity of its approaches, as well as its commitment to practice. It is not enough to study injustice. We encourage students to develop the tools, skills, and training to go out and actually respond to injustice. We also boast a large and diverse faculty covering a wide range of scholarly expertise and practitioner experiences. Furthermore, our students are quite distinctive. Our peace studies community includes students from across the University who are brought together by a deeply shared commitment to advancing human rights and justice.

As you transition out of this role, what are your hopes for the program and peace studies students?

We are living through a number of crises that are reinforcing one another, which makes peacebuilding all the more urgent. Societies around the world are confronting deeply entrenched racism and misogyny, authoritarian leaders who use state violence to repress peaceful justice movements, a global economic catastrophe and public health crisis made worse by incompetent leadership, and ongoing crises like climate change that exacerbate conflict and violence. These challenges are acute and profound, and they hold for countries around the world, including the United States. My hope is to see our program continue to serve as a place where students can study the causes and drivers of conflict and injustice, learn about the kinds of transformative responses that can be put into place, and develop the practical methods and techniques necessary for advancing meaningful change.

The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

The 2020 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference was cancelled due to the coronavirus, but student leaders had worked hard to lay the groundwork for the event, originally scheduled to take place April 3-4, 2020, on the Notre Dame campus. The conference theme was “2020 Visions: Where Do We Go From Here?”



“What I like about peace studies is that it focuses a lot on the future. What’s happened in the past is a big part of what we study, but there’s a huge current events focus and also a huge focus on what issues could develop. The peacebuilding focus is not just on putting out fires now, but controlling them and also preventing them from starting. We thought it could be cool to do a conference that looks forward.”

– **Mitchell Larson**,
Student Peace Conference co-chair,
Notre Dame junior, economics and applied and computational math and statistics major with a minor in peace studies



The conference is an annual gathering organized by students and for students. Its mission is to provide space for graduate and undergraduate students from all colleges and universities to dialogue about peacebuilding, social justice, and conflict transformation. Each year, the event draws hundreds of students from across North America and around the world.

Although it was disappointing to see the conference cancelled, student planners still acknowledged that the planning process itself was a huge learning experience. Conference Co-chair **Maria Rossi**, a senior psychology major with a supplementary major in peace studies, emphasized the special opportunity to engage a conference planned by students for students.



Anna Van Overberghe, ▶ assistant director for academic administration and undergraduate studies, mailed conference swag to members of the conference planning committee who were unable to return to campus after it closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

“It makes things like academic conferences really accessible. I think there’s a tendency to be intimidated by gatherings like this if you haven’t been a part of one. There’s something special about being behind the scenes that demystifies the conference planning process and makes it accessible. It’s also a really great way to meet other students and to work together to produce something. It puts us in charge of what we’re doing and gives us agency to shape this gathering.”

– **Maria Rossi**,
Student Peace Conference co-chair,
Notre Dame senior, psychology major with a supplementary major in peace studies

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The Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration



“My interactions with many young people in Myanmar have opened my eyes to the paradox of a peacebuilder’s position. Although the positionality of peacebuilders provides power and legitimacy and increases access to resources, our work will be more effective when we channel our resources toward sustaining the optimism growing among local actors, regardless of the difficulties that they face.”

– **Ephraim Bassey Emah**, Class of 2020,
reflecting on his field experience at RAFT in Myanmar



Bisharo Ali Mohamed ('21) in her home office for her virtual internship



Miriam Psychas ('21) attends a session at the BSP Conference

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 third cohort of students during the 2019–20 academic year.

In fall 2019, 15 MGA students chose to pursue a concentration in **International Peace Studies (IPS)** and were named Kroc Scholars. The IPS concentration, administered by the Kroc Institute, draws scholar-practitioners with wide-ranging interests and work experience related to peace, justice, conflict transformation, and human rights. Students in this cohort represented 13 countries: Afghanistan, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Uganda, and the United States.

Four incoming students were selected to receive **Thomas D. McCloskey Peace Fellowships**: (from top to bottom) **Enkhjargal Dugeree** (Mongolia), **Mulugeta Woldeeyesus Haiybano** (Ethiopia), **Micaiah Palmer** (United States), and **Gulzeyin Sharipova-Khalibaeva** (Kyrgyzstan/Russia).

Beginning in July 2020, second-year IPS students began six-month internships with Kroc Institute partner organizations around the world. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many students began their internships remotely, and most were assigned to work with organizations based in the United States due to travel restrictions. 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.

Students are working in eight locations with 15 different organizations, including:

- In Baltimore, Maryland, United States:
 - > Catholic Relief Services
- In Bogotá, Colombia:
 - > The Barometer Initiative, Peace Accords Matrix program
- In Harrisonburg, Virginia, United States:
 - > STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) Program, Eastern Mennonite University
- In London, United Kingdom:
 - > Centre for Science and Security Studies, King’s College London
 - > Peace Direct
- In Portland, Oregon, United States:
 - > War Prevention Initiative of the Jubitz Family Foundation
- In South Bend, Indiana, United States:
 - > Women’s Entrepreneurship Initiative, Saint Mary’s College
- In Tucson, Arizona, United States:
 - > Colibri Center for Human Rights
 - > Owl & Panther
- In Washington, D.C., United States:
 - > Africa Faith and Justice Network
 - > Alliance for Peacebuilding
 - > Refugees International
 - > Search for Common Ground
 - > Stimson Center
 - > World Bank



In May, the Kroc Institute celebrated the graduation of 13 Kroc Scholars. ▲



Rana El-Beheiry ('20) was selected as the ▲ second recipient of the Hesburgh Global Fellowship. El-Beheiry, who is from Egypt, will work as a program officer for ICAN, the International Civil Society Action Network. ICAN supports civil society activism by promoting women's rights, peace, and human security in countries affected by conflict, transition, and closed political spaces. The organization connects activists and the policy community and supports women activists by helping them develop skills and by fostering the exchange of knowledge and resources. El-Beheiry's responsibilities will include supporting the engagement of women in peacebuilding processes in Syria, Libya, and Iraq. She also will support partner organizations in writing grant proposals.

Gizem Korun ('20) ▲ and **Jacqueline Shrader ▲ ('20)** were awarded International Development Fellowships from Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The two graduating students are among 18 individuals selected from 1,600 applicants. The fellowship provides professional development opportunities for individuals pursuing careers in international relief and development work. It is designed to immerse new practitioners in every aspect of programming, from project design to monitoring and evaluation to managing partnerships and operations.

Korun, who is from Turkey, will work in Dhaka, Bangladesh, developing expertise in disaster risk reduction and recovery as well as refugee response issues. She also will travel to India and Nepal for temporary assignments. Shrader, from the United States, will work in Tamale, Ghana, focusing on women's health, water, and agricultural projects.



In November 2019, **Erin Connolly ('21) ▲** was honored by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists with the Leonard M. Rieser Award, which recognizes young professionals addressing the world's most pressing challenges through science and public policy. Connolly received the award with **Kate Hewitt**, a federal contractor at the National Nuclear Security Administration, for their essay, "American students aren't taught nuclear weapons policy in school. Here's how to fix that problem," in which the authors describe their experience conducting 22 classroom presentations involving more than 1,000 students. Connolly and Hewitt taught the history of nuclear weapons, how they work, and the costs and risks they pose.

Helina Haile ('20) spent six months interning at the Chicago Torture Justice Center, a first-of-its-kind organization dedicated to supporting survivors of police violence. She is pictured here with survivors **Leonardo Wiley** and **Anthony Holmes**.

"Almost every day I see connections here to the wisdom of people of color we read in class, like **Kimberlé Crenshaw's** theory of intersectionality and **Paolo Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed**. Being here allowed me to break the scholar-practitioner divide and not reinforce it, and I'm looking at ways that I can go back to Notre Dame and emphasize the fact that grassroots movements and organizations are creating theories that are as important as theories talked about in academic institutions."

◀ - **Helina Haile**

Photo Credit: Ez Powers

The Peace Studies Ph.D. Program



"Interdisciplinary research is the future. You see the biggest contributions and advancements in science coming from research that crosses boundaries and integrates different disciplines."

- **Mary Tarsha**, *Doctoral Student in Peace Studies and Psychology*

Graduate Minor in Peace Studies

This academic year was the first for the new **graduate minor in peace studies**. The minor is open to any current Notre Dame student pursuing a terminal master's or doctoral degree. In May, the Institute celebrated the first three graduates to complete the minor.



"[The minor gave me] exposure to various lines of thinking through the vast practical and academic knowledge present in the Kroc Institute's program. It's necessary for development practitioners to see how development might foster conflict, and how the language of peace studies can help us in avoiding the pitfalls."

- **Pawas Manandhar**, *MGA, Sustainable Development Concentration, '20*



The Kroc Institute's doctoral program attracts excellent students with a wide range of research and peacebuilding experience to its dynamic program with six partner departments. In fall 2019, the Kroc Institute welcomed four new Ph.D. students: **Joel Devonshire** (peace studies and psychology), **Diana Isabel Güiza-Gómez** (peace studies and political science), **Amaryst Parks** (peace studies and sociology), and **Alyssa Paylor** (peace studies and anthropology).

In addition, with the conferral of four degrees in 2020, the Peace Studies Ph.D. program has now graduated 30 interdisciplinary peace studies scholars. This year's program graduates were **Colleen Cross** (peace studies and theology), **Garrett FitzGerald** (peace studies and political science), **Kristina Hook** (peace studies and anthropology), and **Leslie MacColman** (peace studies and sociology).

In addition to securing strong placements, peace studies doctoral students have received prestigious fellowships and awards from external organizations to support their cutting-edge research and scholarship. **Maryam Rokhideh** (peace studies and anthropology) was named a 2020 Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellow in Women's Studies, one of only 10 recipients to receive the award.



Rokhideh spent 20 months living and conducting research on the Goma-Gisenyi border between the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Rwanda. She has conducted multi-sited ethnographic research, interviews, surveys, geo-spatial analysis, and social network analysis to study cross-border movements and exchange between DRC and Rwanda. Each day, thousands of people, the majority of them female traders, cross this border, the most active in Africa, by foot or in vehicles to sell goods, study, and access resources and services not readily available at home.

Her dissertation, "Everything is on My Back": Women, Work, and Welfare on the Congo-Rwanda Border," examines the ways in which women who live in border communities leverage their networks to achieve socioeconomic mobility and improve their quality of life in an insecure context where access to public services is limited.

Rokhideh's research has led her to focus particularly on finding concrete and evidence-based strategies to mitigate fragility risks like high unemployment and regional conflict. "As a vehicle for job creation and regional integration, transnational trade networks can play a critical role in facilitating economic growth, providing food security, and even promoting social cohesion in fragile and conflict-affected areas," Rokhideh says.

During the 2019-20 academic year, seven Ph.D. students received fellowships generously funded by the Kroc Institute's **Advisory Board**:



Darby Fellow: Diana Isabel Güiza-Gómez (peace studies and political science)



John and Judy Scully Fellow in Peace Studies: Garrett FitzGerald (peace studies and political science)



Steven D. Pepe Ph.D. Fellows in Peace Studies: Anna Fett (peace studies and history), **Maryam Rokhideh** (peace studies and anthropology, pictured to the left), and **Carli Steelman** (peace studies and sociology)



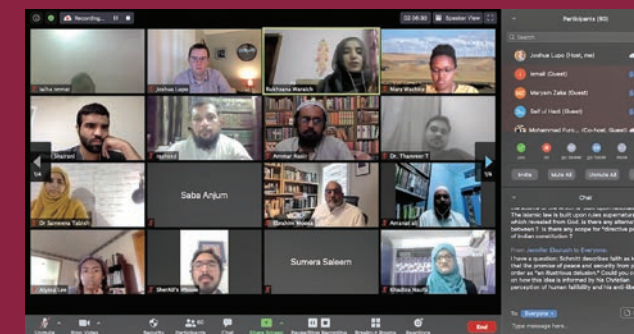
Mullen Family Fellows: Sarah Crane (peace studies and history) and **Anna Johnson** (peace studies and sociology)



Build Peace 2019-20

Contending Modernities

The Contending Modernities initiative is a major interdisciplinary effort to generate new knowledge and greater understanding of the ways in which religious and secular forces interact in the modern world. Throughout the 2019-20 academic year, CM published new research and contributed to conversations on religion, peacebuilding, and modernity through a variety of efforts.



Contending Modernities' new blog series on **Decoloniality and the Study of Religion** marks the opening of an important and ongoing conversation around the role of the study of religion in colonial pasts and presents, as well as its possible contributions to decolonial futures. Decolonial theory challenges the Eurocentrism of the academic study of religion, foregrounding the role the field has played in legitimizing the historic and enduring violences of colonization. But the tools of religious studies may nonetheless have roles to play in revealing these legacies, and in pointing to constructive possibilities beyond them. The series features initial essays from Kwok Pui Lan, Nelson Maldonado-Torres, Abdulkader Tayob, and An Yountae.

The **Madrasa Discourses project** hosted two intensives (one in December 2019 in Doha, Qatar, and one in July 2020 via Zoom video conferencing) bringing together *madrasa* (Islamic seminary) graduates with Notre Dame professors and students for conversations about religion, society, and epistemology (the study of knowledge or ways of knowing) in a pluralistic and rapidly-changing world. The Project is also in the process of launching a website which will make the Madrasa Discourses curriculum freely available around the world.

The **Science and the Human Person working group** advances a global, interreligious and intercultural conversation about science, ethics, and the human future. Its activities foster collaboration among secular scientific communities and the world's two largest faith traditions, Islam and Catholicism, along with other secular and religious voices.

This year, the group published a new essay series entitled "**Community, Personhood, and Bioethics in Modernity: Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Thinkers in Dialogue.**" The series seeks to improve public awareness of the ways in which these modern capabilities enhance and challenge ethical systems, inviting pluralistic conversations on the governance of science and technology. The working group also re-released two podcast episodes focused on bioethics, religion, and modernity. The episodes brought together scholars and religious leaders from across the United States to discuss organ donation in Islam and the ethics of gene editing. The episodes and essay series are available as free downloads on the Contending Modernities website (contendingmodernities.nd.edu).

Mediation Program



In its second year of operation, the Institute's **Mediation Program**, led by Professor of the Practice of Mediation **Laurie Nathan**, continued to develop its influence across campus and around the world.

Among this year's activities, Nathan was commissioned by the German Foreign Ministry to conduct research on the impact of United Nations Security Council resolutions on mediation. He will present his report at an informal, "Arria-formula" meeting of the Security Council in October 2020. Nathan also participated in a roundtable on "Strategic Monitoring and Evaluation in Fragile States" hosted by the Keough School in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations.

Nathan and former Mediation Program Scholar-in-Residence **David Lanz** coauthored a new report on the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) mediation in South Sudan from 2013 to 2015. The report, commissioned by IGAD and supported by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, identifies several lessons from the unsuccessful mediation process in order to help strengthen IGAD mediation efforts in the future.

Laurie Nathan, mediation program director, speaks during the Reparations and Reconciliation event in January.

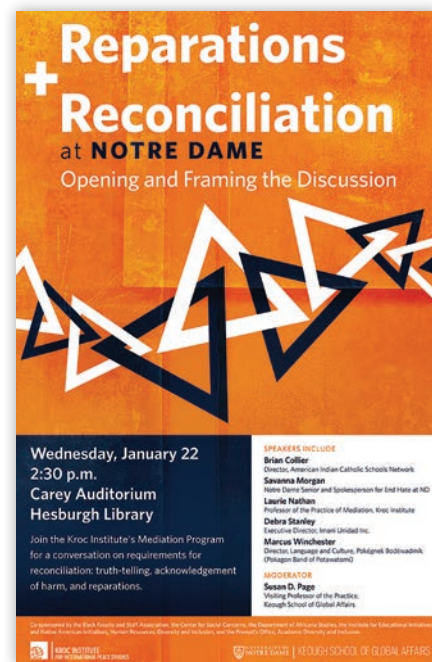
Susan D. Page, visiting professor of the practice at the Keough School, moderated the Reparations and Reconciliation panel event.



With **Alexandre Raffoul** of swisspeace, Nathan and Lanz also coauthored a special report for the U.S. Institute of Peace titled, "Negotiations, Continued: Ensuring the Positive Performance of Power-Sharing Arrangements."

In addition, the Mediation Program entered into a partnership with the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), the University of Oslo, and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology to design and present a Ph.D. course in international mediation. The first course is scheduled to take place in Oslo in Summer 2021, and will be open to Ph.D. students from around the world.

In January, Nathan and Kroc Institute Visiting Research Fellow **Catriona Standfield** were awarded a grant by the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) to present a paper at the FBA-PRIO Research Workshop and Research-Policy Dialogue on Women, Peace and Security, held in New York. The paper forms part of an ongoing research project on mediation efforts to promote the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

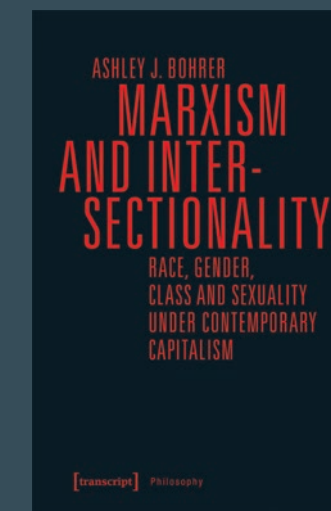


The Mediation Program continued its emphasis on convening conversations focused on racial justice on the Notre Dame campus and throughout the South Bend community. On January 22, the program hosted the panel discussion "Reparations and Reconciliation at Notre Dame: Opening and Framing the Discussion" as part of Notre Dame's Walk the Walk Week, an annual series of events commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The event drew over 150 attendees and was co-sponsored by other campus departments, including the Black Faculty and Staff Association; Center for Social Concerns; Department of Africana Studies; Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion; Institute for Educational Initiatives; Native American Initiatives; and the Office of the Provost, Academic Diversity and Inclusion.

In July, the program added its first student associate, **Fiana (Syeda) Arbab (MGA '21)**. Her work will focus on efforts to promote social justice at Notre Dame and in the South Bend community.

Kroc Institute Faculty Books

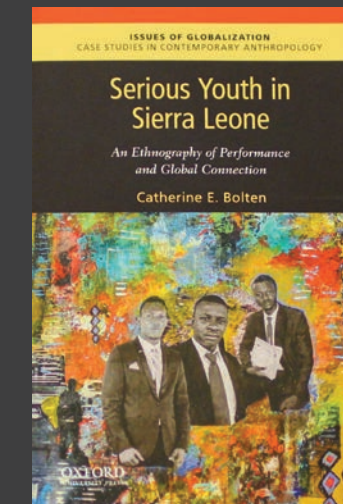
Ashley Bohrer, assistant professor of gender and peace studies, published *Marxism and Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Class and Sexuality under Contemporary Capitalism* (Columbia University Press, 2020). Bohrer explores the connections between oppression and exploitation by drawing on the socioeconomic tradition of Marxism and intersectionality, the theory that the overlap of various social identities, such as race, gender, sexuality, and class, contributes to the ways systemic oppression and discrimination are experienced by an individual. She suggests strategies for more effective activism and coalition building.



"Both as scholars and activists, we live in a time of deep acrimonious debate between Marxism and intersectionality, often based in miscommunication and caricature. Even getting to a space where these two perspectives can have a real, deep conversation, including disagreement, feels like an imperative."

- Ashley Bohrer

Catherine Bolten, associate professor of anthropology and peace studies, published *Serious Youth in Sierra Leone: An Ethnography of Performance and Global Connection* (Oxford University Press, 2019). In the book, Bolten presents findings on generational preconceptions and their impact on young men in Makeni, Sierra Leone. Her research has implications for everything from development to post-conflict reconstruction to how millennials are perceived and engaged around the world.



"The book is a call to reverse stereotypical adult perceptions. These judgments happen because we are in the information age and so bombarded by information that the primary impulse is to simplify, but in doing so, we lose the ability to grasp and appreciate complexity. If we are going to save ourselves, we have to be able to do that."

- Catherine Bolten

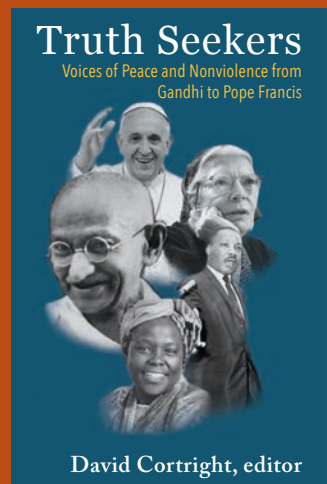
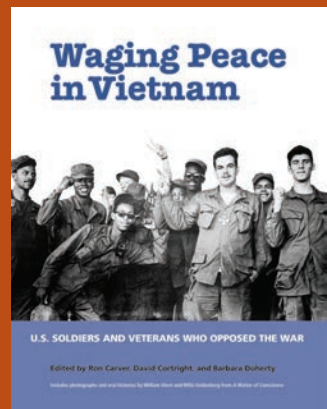
David Cortright, then director of policy studies and the Peace Accords Matrix, edited two books published during the 2019-20 academic year:

Waging Peace in Vietnam (New Village Press, 2019), a volume coedited with Barbara Doherty and Ron Carver as a companion to a traveling exhibit by the same name, appeared in the fall. The book illustrates how the GI movement for peace unfolded during the Vietnam War.

Truth Seekers: Voices of Peace and Nonviolence from Gandhi to Pope Francis (Orbis Books, 2020), an edited volume that brings voices for peace and nonviolence from around the world into conversation.

"Some may think it naïve to produce a work on nonviolence and pacifism at a time of xenophobic nationalism and right wing politics, in a world threatened by civil war, terrorism and nuclear proliferation. Yet it is precisely in such times of increased insecurity and danger that the quest for peace and nonviolence becomes all the more urgent."

- David Cortright



Catholic Peacebuilding Network

To open the 2019–20 academic year, the Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) hosted a panel discussion on mining and integral peacebuilding.

Panelists from Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Philippines discussed the ways mining was intersecting with and complicating efforts to address violence and build peace.

Speakers included **Karl Gaspar, C.Ss.R.**, professor of anthropology, Ateneo de Davao University; **Fr. Rigobert Minani, S.J.**, director of Jesuit Social Ministries for Democratic Republic of Congo and Angola and head of research, Socio-Political Department, Center for Study and Social Action, Democratic Republic of Congo; **Sandra Polanía-Reyes**, visiting assistant professor of economics; and **Tebaldo Vinciguerra**, staff advisor, Holy See Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. This panel was connected to a colloquium for authors working with CPN on a book on this subject.

During the fall 2019 semester, CPN hosted **Abba Hagos Hayish Fessuh, C.M.**, an Ethiopian Catholic priest with the Congregation of Mission (Vincentian), as the 2019–20 Kroc Institute-Catholic Relief Services Fellow. During his time on campus, Abba Hagos presented the lecture “The Role of Religious Leaders in Building and Sustaining Peace in Ethiopia.”



Fr. Rigobert Minani, S.J., speaks during the September 2019 panel on mining and peacebuilding



Fr. William Headley, C.S.Sp. talks with Catholic Relief Services Fellow Abba Hagos Hayish Fessuh, C.M., at the Building Sustainable Peace Conference



Joan Rohlfing and Kelsey Davenport (M.A. '11) during the February event on nuclear disarmament

In October, CPN co-sponsored a workshop on the role of the Church in peace processes for the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar. The workshop included thirty justice and peace coordinators and eight bishops representing sixteen national episcopal conferences. **Fr. William Headley, C.S.Sp.**, adjunct faculty with the Kroc Institute and part of the CPN Secretariat, was heavily involved in the planning for the event and traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa, to serve as an event facilitator.

CPN also continued its work with the **Project on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament**. Begun in 2014, the project is a collaborative effort of the **Kroc Institute** and CPN with the **Office of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** and the **Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University** and is made possible through the generous support of the **Nuclear Threat Initiative**.

In January, the Berkley Center hosted two days of events on the Catholic Church’s role in movements for nuclear disarmament. **Archbishop Silvano Tomasi**, a key advisor to Pope Francis on nuclear issues, gave the keynote lecture to frame and open the event. **Joan Rohlfing**, president and chief operating officer of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI), and **James Timbie**, an Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution, gave responses to the lecture. Rohlfing and Timbie then joined the archbishop for a conversation moderated by **Kelsey Davenport (MA '11)**, director for nonproliferation policy at the Arms Control Association.

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Images clockwise from top left: David Cortright; recent Kroc Institute alumni and students working on nuclear disarmament issues include Shannon Bugos (B.A. '15), Kelsey Davenport (M.A. '11), Monica Montgomery (B.A. '19), and Erin Connolly (MGA '21); Gerard Powers; Erin Connolly; Tebaldo Vinciguerra.

The event was followed by a daylong January 31 workshop, “**The Pope and the Bomb: Beyond Deterrence.**” The workshop is tied to a forthcoming book that considers the policy and pastoral implications of the Church’s evolving position on nuclear deterrence and disarmament.

Workshop speakers included Kroc Institute faculty members **Gerard F. Powers**, director of Catholic peacebuilding studies and coordinator of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, speaking as part of a panel focused on ethics and pastoral guidance, and **David Cortright**, then director of policy studies and the Peace Accords Matrix program, speaking about the history of nuclear proliferation and the Catholic Church’s engagement with nuclear policy.

Erin Connolly (MGA '21) joined **Margaret Pfeil**, associate teaching professor of moral theology and Christian ethics and a Kroc Institute faculty fellow, for a conversation about public education around nuclear deterrence and arms control. Prior to entering the MGA program, Connolly worked to educate members of Congress on issues related to nuclear weapons at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation.

Beginning in March, as the coronavirus pandemic began to spread, CPN developed a detailed database of materials on various dimensions of the **pandemic and peacebuilding**, with a special focus on Catholic approaches. CPN shared its findings with the Holy See and other audiences; published a series of reflections from Catholic peacebuilders around the world focused on the pandemic’s impact on local peacebuilding efforts; and co-sponsored two episodes of *The Kroc Cast* podcast focused on navigating the pandemic, highlighting ongoing peace processes in South Sudan and lessons from Sub-Saharan Africa. During summer 2020, CPN also co-sponsored a webinar on the pandemic and Catholic peacebuilding in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Peace Accords Matrix Program

The **Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) program** 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.



In May, the PAM team underwent a change in leadership, saying goodbye to **David Cortright**, now professor emeritus of policy studies and director of the Keough School's Global Policy Initiative, and welcoming **Josefina Echavarría Alvarez** into the role of PAM director. A scholar-in-residence at the Kroc Institute during the fall 2019 semester, Echavarría previously served as director of the Research Center for Peace and Conflict and senior lecturer at the Unit for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Innsbruck (Austria).

The PAM team also launched a **new, fully accessible and interactive website** this year to help global researchers, policymakers, and peacebuilders take full advantage of this unique resource. The website is home to the largest existing collection of implementation data on intrastate peace agreements, and PAM team members regularly provide research support to ongoing peace processes on issues of peace agreement design and implementation.

In addition to hosting a searchable database of all 34 comprehensive peace agreements signed since the end of the Cold War, including their provisions and implementation history, the website serves as a **one-stop hub for the latest research and reports from the PAM team**. Through new integrations with Tableau, an interactive data visualization software, researchers can create and download custom visualizations comparing implementation data across all 34 agreements and their accompanying provisions. Visitors to the site can also download the Peace Accords Matrix dataset for use in their own work.



In November 2019, **Madhav Joshi**, research associate professor and associate director of the Peace Accords Matrix, participated in a panel discussion hosted by the Keough School's Washington Office and focused on South Sudan's peace accord implementation process. Also in November, Joshi, along with **Matthew Hauenstein**, postdoctoral research associate, and



Jason Michael Quinn, research associate professor of political science, published a comprehensive report on the status of peace accord implementation in South Sudan, making recommendations for interventions needed in order to secure successful implementation. Joshi and Hauenstein also published several articles on South Sudan's peace process in *The Washington Post* and *The Conversation*.



The **PAM Barometer Initiative** also welcomed new leadership. ◀ **Ángela Ramírez**, a Colombian lawyer with experience in victim's rights and transitional justice, assumed the role of Barometer Initiative manager, and ▶ **Gerard Martin**, a political sociologist and former co-director of the Colombia Program at Georgetown University, was hired as the new PAM representative in Colombia.

The 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 support and monitoring of implementation of the accord through the PAM project.

During this academic year, **the Barometer Initiative team released two reports on the status of implementation in Colombia**. The first was a December 2019 report measuring the progress of provisions related to gender. The Kroc Institute and its partner organizations, including the UN Mission and Swedish Embassy in Colombia, received an award from the **Special Forum of Women for the Implementation of the Gender-Based Approach** to recognize the impact of the report, the Institute's continued work at the local level to monitor implementation, and its support of the Forum's work.



A gathering of Barometer Institute team members with local peacemakers in Valle del Cauca, Colombia.



The Barometer team also released a June 2020 report **measuring implementation progress more generally at the three-year mark**. The report, "**Three Years After the Signing of the Final Agreement in Colombia: Moving Toward Territorial Transformation**," was the Institute's fourth comprehensive report on implementation progress.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, all launch events for the fourth report took place virtually using Zoom and live-streaming technology. ▶ With over 800 live attendees and 5,000 online views, the English and Spanish launch events reached large international audiences. Both reports were presented to and widely cited by the Colombian government, ex-combatants, national and international NGOs, members of the U.S. Congress, and international media outlets. Team members also presented report findings during virtual events hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Colombia, FLACSO Ecuador, Rodeemos el Diálogo (ReD), the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), and a number of other regional partners throughout Colombia.



Attendees at a December 2019 event hosted by the Special Forum of Women for the Implementation of the Gender-Based Approach.

Research Peace 2019–20

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 Institute research initiatives.

More information at kroc.nd.edu/research.

The 2019–20 Visiting Research Fellows included:



Justin de Leon earned a Ph.D. in international relations with a focus on gender and women's studies and Native American studies at the University of Delaware, and is also an award-winning documentary filmmaker. While at the Kroc Institute, de Leon worked on the book manuscript "**Resurgent Visual Sovereignty: Indigenous Representation and Praxis**," which explores Indigenous traditional and creative approaches to sovereignty.



Nicole Gerring earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in political science from Wayne State University. At the Kroc Institute, she conducted research for a book, "**Women's Civil Society in Peacebuilding**," analyzing the work and impact of women's civil society organizations in implementing peace agreements.



Scott Moeschberger is professor of psychology at Taylor University, where he recently launched an interdisciplinary program focused on working with orphans and vulnerable children. During his time at the Kroc Institute, Moeschberger **focused his research on preventing violence against children**.



Catriona Standfield earned her Ph.D. in political science from Syracuse University in August 2019. Her research centers on the interdisciplinary study of gender in diplomacy and mediation. While at the Kroc Institute, Standfield worked on a book project **examining the implementation of gender equality reforms in United Nations-brokered peace processes**.



Tobias Winright is the Hubert Mäder Endowed Chair of Health Care Ethics and associate professor in the Department of Theological Studies and the Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University. While at the Kroc Institute, Winright worked on a book project that **integrates recent Catholic thought and teaching on integral development, integral ecology, and integral nuclear disarmament through the lens of integral peacebuilding**.

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.

2019–20 Scholars in Residence included:

- > **Nassim AbiGhanem**, Ph.D. student in international relations at Central European University in Budapest and Vienna
- > **Josefina Echavarría Alvarez**, co-director of the Research Centre for Peace and Conflict and senior lecturer at the University of Innsbruck, Austria
- > **Janna L. Hunter-Bowman (Ph.D. '17)**, assistant professor of peace studies and Christian social ethics and director of peace studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Indiana, United States
- > **Sawsan Malla Hussein**, assistant professor of English at Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Tetouan, Morocco

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New Faculty Fellows

Kroc Institute faculty fellows are professors whose primary appointments are in different units on campus, and whose expertise and interests intersect with issues of peace and justice. They often teach courses that are part of the peace studies curriculum, collaborate with Institute faculty, and contribute to Institute research initiatives.



During the 2019–20 academic year, these faculty members joined the Institute as fellows:



Mark Golitko
Assistant Professor of Anthropology



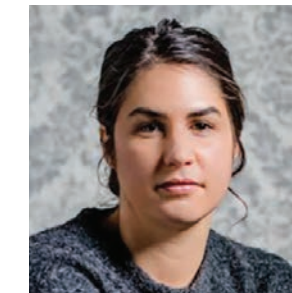
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ACE Collegiate Professor of Psychology



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John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology



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ANNUAL EXPENDITURES 2019-20

SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$4,482,658
Faculty Salaries	2,269,980
Staff Salaries	1,215,234
Benefits	997,444
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	\$1,400,000
Ph.D. Program	670,529
International Peace Studies Concentration, Master of Global Affairs	712,755
Undergraduate Program	16,716
RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$1,858,361
Visiting Fellowships	352,021
Notre Dame Faculty Fellow Research Support	16,005
Kroc Research Programs	331,059
Contending Modernities	466,673
Peace Accords Matrix	626,244
Policy Studies	56,271
Conference Support	10,088
OUTREACH	\$374,430
Communications	36,046
Catholic Peacebuilding Network	41,143
Lectures and Public Events	288,826
Alumni Program	8,415
ADMINISTRATION & OTHER	\$156,163
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,271,612

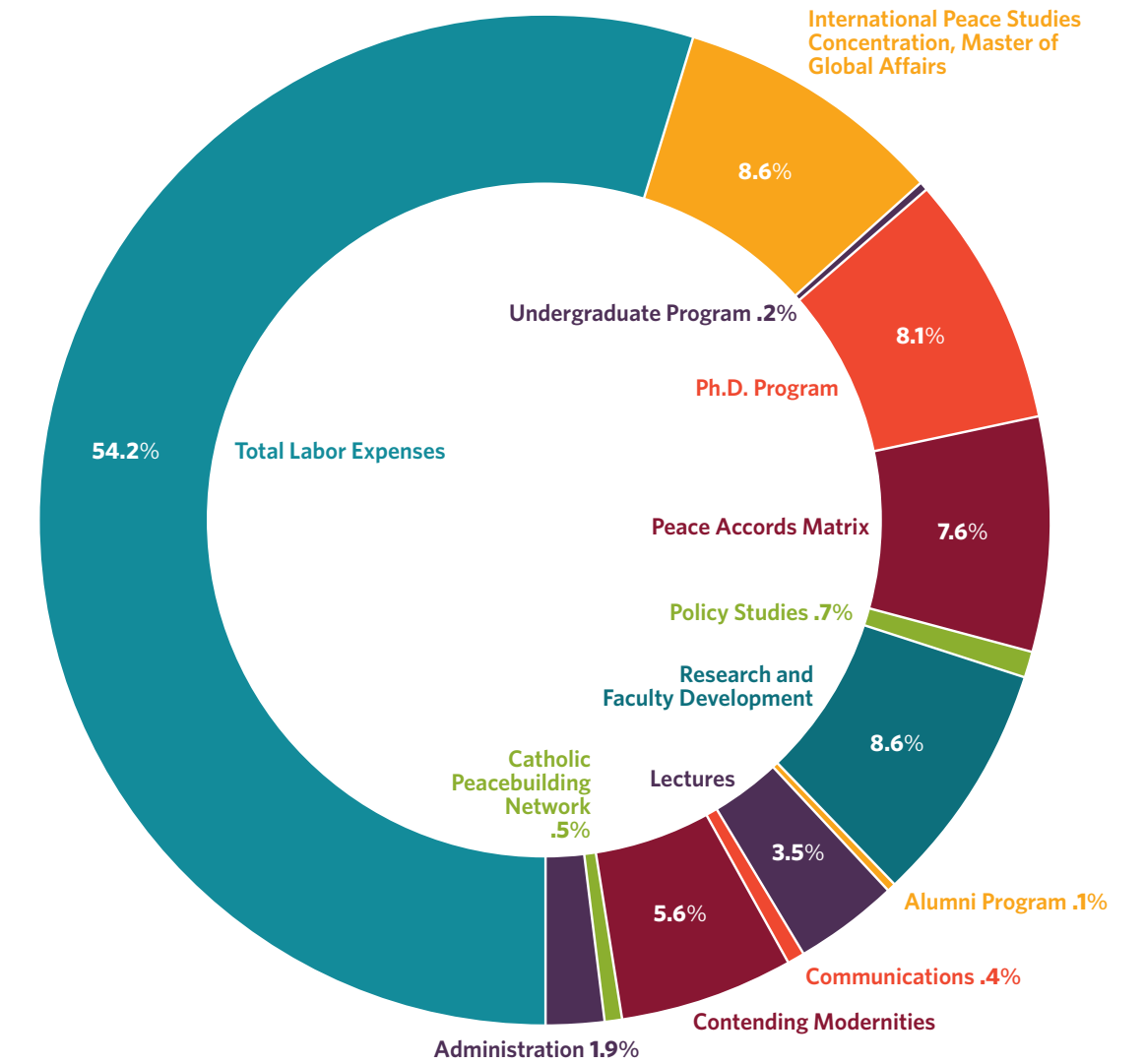
ANNUAL REVENUE 2019-20

Income from Kroc Institute Endowments	\$6,736,617
United States Department of State	360,840
John Templeton Foundation	385,171
Humanity United	119,541
Carnegie Corporation of New York	9,705
Issachar Fund	1,775
Liebmann Fund	74,619
Nuclear Threat Initiative, Inc.	21,625
PTX-University of Texas-Dallas	6,760
Samuel Rubin Foundation	2,000
*Advisory Board Gifts	42,104
Individual Gifts	56,335
Other	73,957
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,891,049
TRANSFERS	
Hesburgh Center Renovation	(215,416)
Other	78,490
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$(136,926)
TOTAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS	\$7,754,123
CHANGE TO EXISTING CASH RESERVES	(517,489)
KROC ENDOWMENT FUNDS FAIR MARKET VALUE AT JUNE 30, 2020	\$178,691,343

* Advisory Board members also made endowment contributions of \$100,000 to the Steven D. Pepe Endowment for Excellence and \$20,000 to the John R. and Diane Mullen Family Endowment.

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