

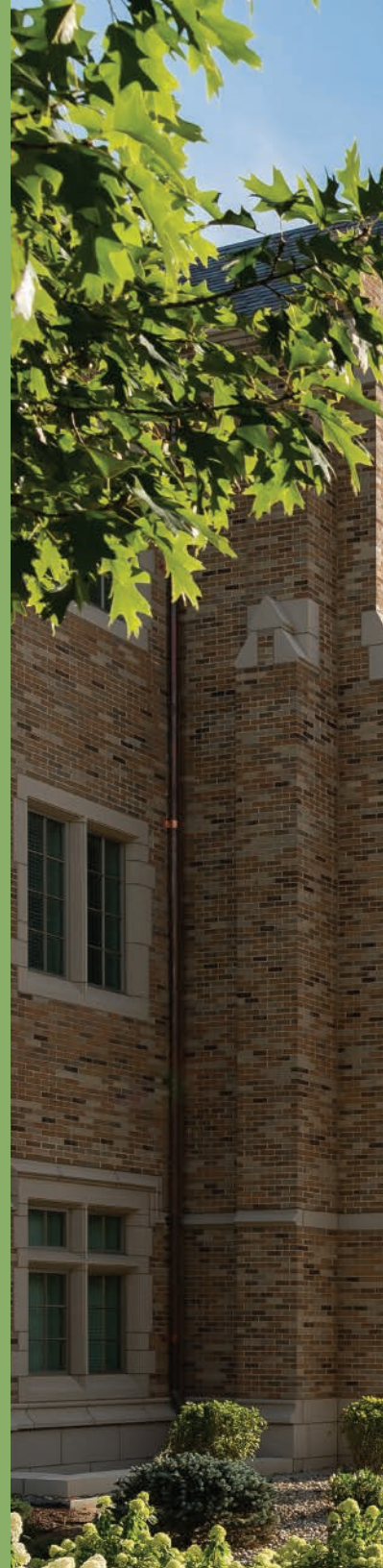


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KROC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES  
2021-22 YEAR IN REVIEW

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





## FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I write this letter, I am at the beginning of a yearlong research leave at Tantor, Notre Dame's Global Gateway campus in Jerusalem, after concluding five years of service as director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.



STEPPING INTO THIS POSITION FIVE YEARS AGO, I set two interrelated and broad goals for myself: to ensure the successful integration of the Kroc Institute into the Keough School of Global Affairs, while at the same time retaining and enhancing the standing and reputation of the Kroc Institute as a premier peace institute. Looking back at these five years, I can say with confidence that these goals have been successfully achieved. Moreover, the specific objectives laid out in the 2018–2023 Institute strategic plan, conceived collaboratively by our staff and faculty four years ago, have also largely been accomplished. In fact, as you will be able to read in this annual report, in 2021–2022 we completed our faculty hires and continued to advance our programmatic priorities as articulated in this plan.

I am glad to report that **Gwendolyn Purifoye** joined our faculty as assistant professor of racial justice and conflict transformation. Gwendolyn is an urban sociologist who studies the intersections between public space, race, and class in the Chicago metropolitan area. Her hire is part of our goal to make the study of race and justice in the United States a central component of our work and is tied to our broader initiative on intersectionality and justice. In the context of this initiative, in 2021–2022 we also held a lecture series, featuring scholars and practitioners who study race and justice around the globe. Intersectionality will remain an important area of research and teaching in the years to come, and we anticipate that once Gwendolyn settles into her new position, she will play a leading role in designing our activities around race, gender, class, and social justice.

Another hire this year was **Lisa Schirch**, who joined us as the Richard G. Starmann, Sr. Professor of the Practice of Peace Studies. Lisa brings three decades of experience and leadership in peace research and practice and has already integrated seamlessly into our academic programs and policy work. As the new Starmann Chair, Lisa will play a leading role in the intellectual life of the Institute. In fact, she has already begun doing so. Together with Kroc Institute faculty members **Laurie Nathan** and **Josefina Echavarría Alvarez**, as well as **Ray Offenheiser**, director of the Pulte Institute for Global Development, she initiated the **Afghan Peace and Development Research Program (APDRP)** as a collaborative platform to support and amplify the voices of Afghan peace and development scholars and practitioners. Two Kroc Institute alums from Afghanistan are actively involved in this program: **Aref Dostyar (M.A. '16)** as senior advisor and coordinator and **Malalai Habibi (MGA '19)** as advisor. You can read more about Lisa and the Afghan Program at [kroc.nd.edu/Afghanistan](http://kroc.nd.edu/Afghanistan).



A scene from Tantur

This year was also marked by important changes in our Advisory Board. **Pat Danahy**, who has chaired the Institute's Advisory Board since 2017, stepped down from this position in May and was replaced by **Paddy Mullen**. Pat is one of the founding members of the Institute's Advisory Council and has faithfully served the Kroc Institute since 2001. In 2017, when the council was reconfigured into a board, he stepped into the role of board chair and was instrumental in supporting the integration of the Kroc Institute into the Keough School. I have worked with Pat for the past five years and have appreciated tremendously his quiet and effective leadership skills. I could not have asked for a better board chair during my first term as director. During our next board meeting in October 2022, we will celebrate Pat's many years of exemplary service to the Kroc Institute.

Paddy, who joined the board in 2019, continues a long tradition of Mullen family involvement, contributions, and leadership in support of the mission of the Kroc Institute. Her father, **Jack Mullen**, was the chair of the Advisory Council from 2001 to 2016 and remains a generous member of our board. I am grateful to Paddy for accepting this important position and am looking forward to working with her in the years to come.

Additional changes to our board include the joining of **Rev. Elias Omondi Opongo, S.J.**, as a new board member. Elias is a 2004 graduate of our Master's program who continued on to pursue his Ph.D. in peace and conflict studies at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom. He is currently the director of the Hekima Institute of

Peace Studies and International Relations in Nairobi, Kenya. His joining of the board is part of our strategy to enhance the international reach of the Kroc Institute and establish working relationships with other peace institutes around the world. In May this year we also said farewell to **Brenna Gautam (B.A. '15)** and welcomed **Monica Montgomery (B.A. '19)** as a new young alumni board member representing the undergraduate program. I will miss Brenna greatly, as she was an outstanding member of the board. I am comforted by the fact that I know she will remain actively involved in our work and is not really “gone.” Monica, whom we will formally welcome during our October 2022 meeting, is currently advocacy coordinator at the Council for a Livable World and research analyst for the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation. Like Brenna, Monica was a student leader during her studies at the Kroc Institute, and I am excited to work with her in her new capacity as a young board member.

This year also marked much dynamism, expansion, and change among our staff. **Chris Henderson** joined us as the Hesburgh Center for International Studies facilities manager; **Jena O'Brien** joined our communications team as communications and digital media specialist; **Cristian Sáez Flórez (MGA '21)** and **Carolina Serrano Idrovo (M.A. '17)** joined the Peace Accords Matrix team as full-time research associates; **Veronica Vos (B.A. '12)** took the position of program associate with the Catholic Peacebuilding Network; and in July, **Kathryn Sawyer Vidrine** replaced **Kevin Vaughn** as our new assistant director for doctoral studies. Last but certainly not least, **Juan Flores Ramirez**, our indefatigable and highly effective business manager, was promoted to assistant director for finance and administration, in recognition of his leadership roles at the Institute. I have said it multiple times before and I will say it again: our committed staff are the driving engine of the Institute. Nothing will move forward or happen at the Institute without their dedicated work.

As I start my year of research leave, I am also thinking about the many lessons I have learned as director. Paraphrasing Elvis Costello, I could probably write a book for every day of experience from the past five years. Some of these experiences were inspiring while others were challenging, but this balance led me to accept the offer to take another final five-year term as director after I return from my leave.

The world is in a precarious state as a result of human actions: from climate change to the rise of populism, authoritarianism, and plain fascism, not only in the far corners of the globe but also here at home in the United States. The community at the Kroc Institute—students, faculty, staff, Advisory Board members, alumni, and friends—are all striving to make a difference in a world that begs for people working for the reduction of violence and for peace and justice. It gives me a sense of purpose to work with them on these efforts.

During my year of leave, **Erin Corcoran** will take full leadership responsibilities as acting director of the Institute. Erin has been an outstanding executive director, and stepping into this new role will be seamless for her. I look forward to returning to the Institute in August 2023 reenergized. And who knows? Maybe within a year some of the global challenges that have preoccupied us in the 2021–2022 academic year will be addressed and resolved. Something to hope for.



**Asher Kaufman**

John M. Regan, Jr. Director

Professor of History and Peace Studies



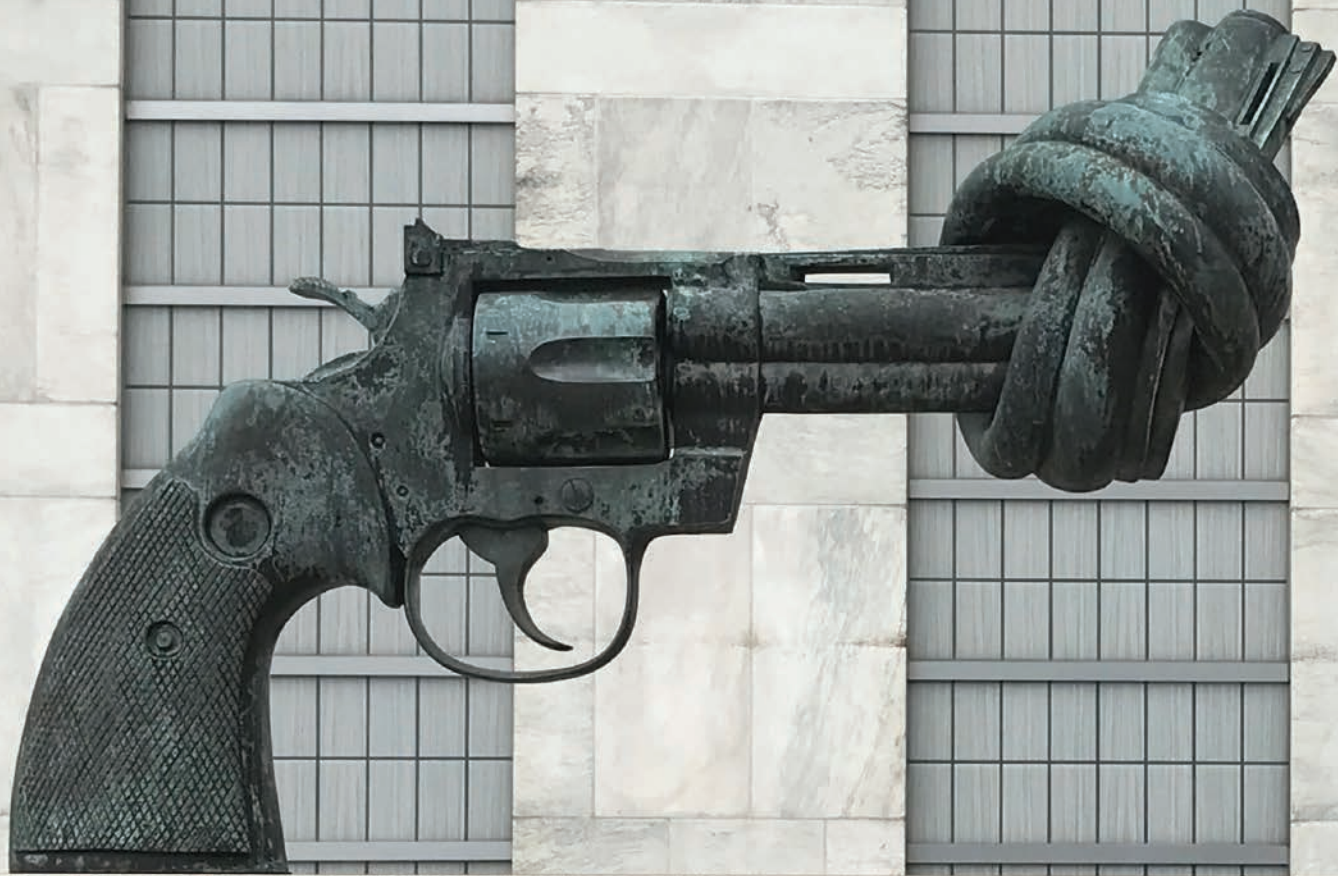
# WHAT IS PEACE STUDIES?

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

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

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





# 2021-22 BY THE NUMBERS

## THE PEACE STUDIES CLASS OF 2022

**23**

undergraduate  
seniors

**4**

Master of  
Global Affairs,  
International  
Peace Studies  
Concentration  
students\*

**6**

graduate  
minors in  
peace studies

**5**

Ph.D. students

The Kroc Institute hosted

**43** events

drawing **3,195**  
attendees

The Institute's alumni network  
now includes

**1,900+** peacebuilders in  
**100+** countries

**23**

staff  
members

**31**

core faculty  
members

**59**

faculty  
fellows

**10**

visiting  
research  
fellows

**2022  
STUDENT PEACE  
CONFERENCE**

**118**

individuals from

**21**

colleges and universities in

**26**

countries attended.

The Peace Accords Matrix  
team released

**3** reports on the status of  
**PEACE ACCORD  
IMPLEMENTATION  
IN COLOMBIA**

**20**  
episodes of  
**THE KROC CAST**  
podcast were published

**FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



**9,579**

on Facebook



**8,699**

on Twitter



**1,582**

on Instagram

\*Due to pandemic-related travel and visa restrictions, only 4 members of the graduating Class of 2022 were able to begin their program in fall 2020 and graduate in May. Seven additional students began in January 2021 and will graduate in December 2022.

# 2021-22 HIGHLIGHTS

## JULY



◀ A first-of-its-kind study by faculty fellow **Debra Javeline** and Ph.D. alum **Drew Marcantonio ('21)** explored the links between climate change and toxic pollution, finding that countries most at risk of negative impacts from climate change are most often also the countries facing the highest risks of toxic pollution.



▲ Five second-year **Master of Global Affairs** students with a concentration in international peace studies began six-month field experiences with partner peacebuilding organizations around the world.

**Maira Hayat** joined the core faculty of the Kroc Institute and Keough School as assistant professor of environment and peace studies. ▼



## AUGUST



◀ The Kroc Institute welcomed **15 Kroc Scholars** from **11 countries** into the fifth cohort of students in the International Peace Studies Concentration of the Keough School Master of Global Affairs program.



▲ The Ph.D. Program in Peace Studies added **7 new doctoral students** representing six different partner disciplines.



▲ The Institute was joined by **5 visiting research fellows**.

# SEPTEMBER

The Kroc Institute co-hosted a series of three panel discussions on the **lasting impact of the 9/11 attacks** on their 20th anniversary. ▼



▲ The Kroc Institute celebrated the **2021 International Day of Peace** with a panel discussion focused on the theme: **“Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World.”**



◀ The Kroc Institute celebrated its **35th anniversary** with a reception and interactive display celebrating its legacy of teaching, researching, and building peace. Read more about the Kroc Institute at 35 at [go.nd.edu/Krocat35](https://go.nd.edu/Krocat35).

# OCTOBER



▲ Professor **Ebrahim Moosa** provided expert testimony during a hearing of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, urging U.S. leaders to adopt a nuanced and locally informed strategy when working to engage with religious communities around the globe.



▲ **Brittney Nystrom (B.A. '98)**, executive director of the ACLU of Utah, received the **Kroc Institute's 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award** and presented the lecture, **"Overcoming Intersections of Oppression: Immigrant and Racial Justice in the U.S.,"** on October 8.

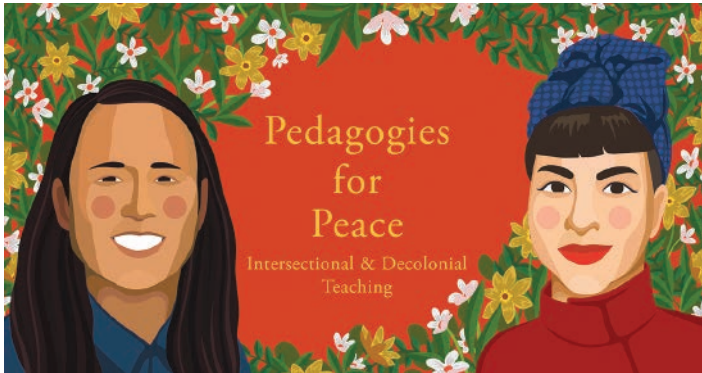


▲ Ph.D. alum **Maryam Rokhideh ('21)** received the **2021 Kellogg Institute for International Studies Award for Distinguished Dissertation on Democracy and Human Development**. Rokhideh's dissertation, "The Political Economy of Insecurity: Livelihoods, Mobilities, and Support Networks of Women Traders on the Congo-Rwanda Border," examines the structural drivers of insecurity and the ingenious strategies and safety nets women cultivate in their effort to support their families.

# NOVEMBER



▲ The **Peace Accords Matrix (PAM)** received a **new grant** from the United States Department of **State's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO)** to continue support for work to provide real-time monitoring of the Colombian peace process. The grant set up a framework for continued partnership over the next five years.



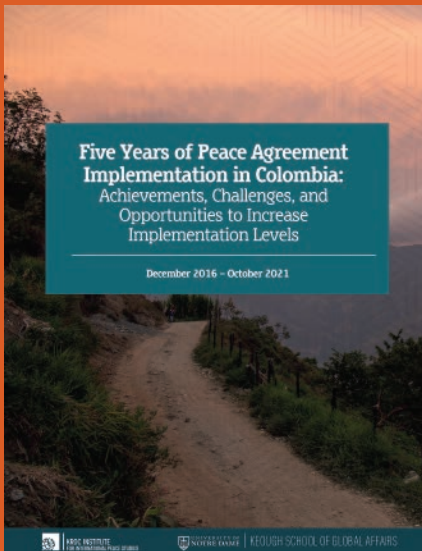
▲ **The Pedagogies for Peace** podcast returned on November 1 for a second season featuring five conversations with scholar-practitioners from various disciplines discussing strategies, tactics, and methods for intersectional teaching, self-care, and navigating higher education during an ongoing global pandemic. Listen at [kroc.nd.edu/podcast](http://kroc.nd.edu/podcast).



▲ On November 9, **Tecla Namachanja Wanjala**, Kenyan peace advocate and renowned consultant on transitional justice and conflict transformation, presented the **23rd Annual Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion, and Peace**.

## DECEMBER

▼ The **Peace Accords Matrix Barometer Initiative** team presented a special report assessing the status of Colombian Peace Agreement implementation five years after its signing.



# JANUARY



▲ The Kroc Institute welcomed **four new visiting research fellows** for the spring semester.



◀ **Lisa Schirch**, a prominent peace studies scholar and practitioner, was announced as the incoming **Richard G. Starmann, Sr. Professor of the Practice in Peace Studies**, a role effective July 1, 2022.



▲ **Seven second-year Master of Global Affairs students with a concentration in international peace studies (IPS)** began **six-month field experiences** with partner peacebuilding organizations around the world. Due to travel restrictions and visa difficulties related to the ongoing global pandemic, eight members of the MGA-IPS Class of 2022 started their studies in January 2021 instead of the fall of 2020. The Kroc Institute supported these students as they found their placements during the fall of 2021.

▲ The **Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN)** announced the publication of the new book, ***Catholic Peacebuilding and Mining: Integral Peace, Development, and Ecology*** (Routledge), co-edited by **Caesar Montevecchio**, CPN assistant director, and **Gerard Powers**, director of Catholic peacebuilding studies and CPN coordinator.



# FEBRUARY



◀ On February 23, the Kroc Institute hosted a **panel discussion** featuring alumni from both Russia and Ukraine discussing **Russia's increasing aggression toward Ukraine and the unfolding crisis in the region**. On February 24, Russia invaded Ukraine.

# MARCH



◀ **Bernardine Evaristo**, Booker Prize–winning novelist, essayist, dramatist, and literary critic, presented the **28th Annual Hesburgh Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy**.

◀ **Laurie Nathan**, Mediation Program director, ran a **three-day mediation skills workshop** for community peacemakers in South Bend from March 7–9. The workshop was held in partnership with the South Bend Office of Community Initiatives.

▶ The Kroc Institute announced the formation of the **Afghan Peace and Development Research Program (APDRP)**, a joint effort between faculty members at the Kroc Institute and the Pulte Institute for Global Development. During the spring semester, the group hosted a public webinar with the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) focused on the expected revision of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), convened an off-the-record Track II dialogue that brought together a diverse group of Afghan leaders and representatives from the international community, and hosted a series of podcast conversations. Learn more at [kroc.nd.edu/Afghanistan](https://kroc.nd.edu/Afghanistan).





◀ During March, the Kroc Institute convened two events focused on the war in Ukraine. The first, held on March 16, focused on global perspectives on the war and was co-sponsored with the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. On March 22, **Lisa Schirch** convened a virtual panel discussion on “**Civil Resistance in Ukraine and the Region.**”

▼ The **Keough School of Global Affairs** hosted the **Dignity & Development Forum**, a two-day gathering of experts with diverse perspectives exploring complex crises challenging the global community. Kroc Institute faculty participated in several of the panel discussions.



## APRIL

▼ The **2022 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference** ran April 8–9 and focused on the theme “**(Re)Imagining Justice.**”



◀ **Twenty-eight multidisciplinary scholar-practitioners** gathered for a virtual session as part of the first phase of an initiative that will generate an interactive website focused on publishing research, policy-relevant pieces, and art related to understanding the global impact of **environmental violence**, its causes, and strategies for building a more just world.



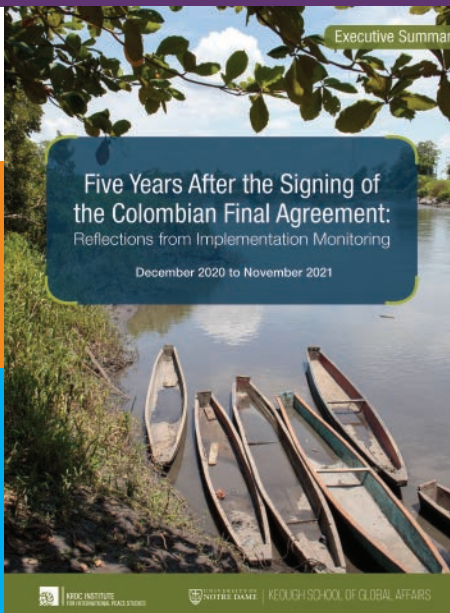
# MAY

The Kroc Institute celebrated the **graduation** of 23 undergraduate seniors, 4 Kroc Scholars who completed the Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration at the Keough School of Global Affairs, 6 students who completed a graduate minor in peace studies, and 5 graduates of the Institute's Ph.D. Program in Peace Studies.

- ▶ Graduating seniors **Duncan Donahue** and **Madeline Ward** were recipients of the **2022 Yarrow Award in Peace Studies**.

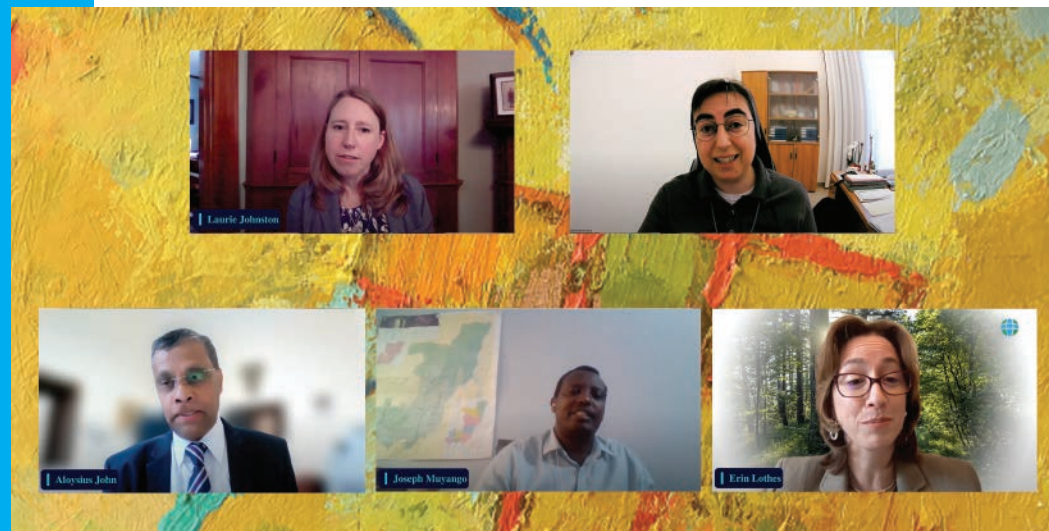


# JUNE



- ◀ The **Peace Accords Matrix Barometer Initiative** team released its **sixth comprehensive report** on the status of Colombian Peace Accord implementation, covering the period from December 2020 through November 2021.

- ▶ The **Catholic Peacebuilding Network** convened the international virtual conference "**Catholic Peacebuilding in Times of Crisis: Hope for a Wounded World.**" The conference saw over 1,000 people registered to attend 19 sessions featuring 80 peacebuilders from close to three dozen countries.





# Kroc Institute

Teaching, Researching, and Building Peace



## CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF THE KROC INSTITUTE

On September 21, 2021, the Kroc Institute celebrated 35 years of teaching, researching, and building peace. To mark this occasion, the Kroc Institute hosted an International Day of Peace panel discussion, followed by a reception for current and former faculty, staff, students, and friends of the Institute.

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

In 1985, Mrs. Kroc made a \$6 million founding gift to establish the Kroc Institute, which Fr. Hesburgh described as "a center for multidisciplinary research and teaching on the critically important questions of peace, justice, and violence in contemporary society." The Institute officially launched in August 1986 and offered an Interdisciplinary Minor in Peace Studies for undergraduates.

Mrs. Kroc would follow her initial gift with generous contributions totaling over \$70 million. These gifts have enabled the Kroc Institute to advance the field of peace studies and the search for sustainable peace through cutting-edge educational programs, research, policy, and practice.

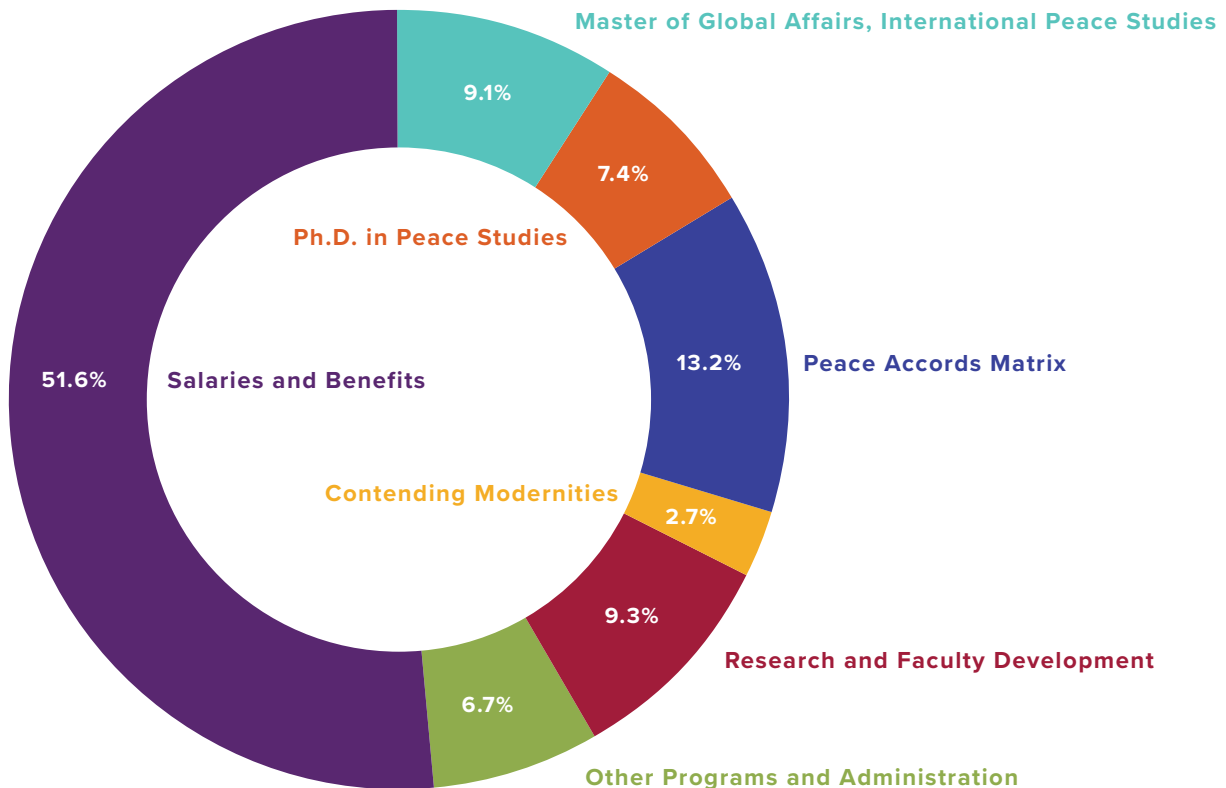
Visit [go.nd.edu/Krocat35](https://go.nd.edu/Krocat35) to view a visual timeline and a video library of interviews with Kroc Institute faculty, students, and alumni.



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

# Investing in Peace: Annual Expenditures

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| SALARIES AND BENEFITS .....                                 | \$ 4,419,256        |
| MASTER OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES ..... | 776,551             |
| PH.D. IN PEACE STUDIES .....                                | 633,959             |
| PEACE ACCORDS MATRIX .....                                  | 1,134,289           |
| CONTENDING MODERNITIES .....                                | 233,774             |
| RESEARCH AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT .....                      | 795,447             |
| OTHER PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATION .....                     | 572,918             |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS .....</b>                              | <b>\$ 8,566,193</b> |



# Investing in Peace: Funding Priorities

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|--|---------------|
| ENDOWING THE PEACE ACCORDS MATRIX .....      | \$ 25 MILLION |
| PAM DIRECTORSHIP .....                       | 5 MILLION     |
| POST-GRADUATION STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS .....    | 1 MILLION     |
| UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FIELD EXPERIENCE ..... | 500,000       |





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To read more about the 2021–22 academic year at the Kroc Institute, visit [krocannualreport.nd.edu](https://krocannualreport.nd.edu).



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