

GERARD F. POWERS

CURRENT POSITION

**Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
University of Notre Dame
Director of Policy Studies (2004-Present)**

Coordinates the Institute's public policy initiatives and the Catholic Peacebuilding Network; research and teaching in areas of ethical/legal norms governing the use of force, religion and conflict, and Catholic social teaching.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Director, Office of International Justice & Peace (1998-2004)**

Coordinated the Catholic Bishops' work on international policy, with a special focus on the religious and ethical dimensions of U.S. foreign policy.

Foreign Policy Advisor, Office of International Justice and Peace (1987-1998)

Responsible for European affairs, religion and conflict, ethics of war and peace, arms control and defense, religious liberty, the United Nations.

**Adjunct Professor (ethics, international law and conflict)
The National Law Center, George Washington University (1996, 1997)**

**Adjunct Professor (Catholic social teaching)
Oblate Graduate School of Theology (1994)**

EDUCATION

**University of Notre Dame
M.A. Theology, 1988**

**University of Notre Dame
J.D., 1986**

**Franciscan School of Theology at Berkeley
Certificate of Theological Studies, 1983**

**Princeton University
A.B. History, 1980**

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Editor (with D. Christiansen and R. Hennemeyer), Peacemaking: Moral and Policy Challenges for a New World (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Catholic Conference, 1994) (Honorable Mention, Catholic Press Assn Book Awards, 1995).

Articles:

"The Ethics of Preventive Force," *Shalom Papers: A Journal of Theology and Public Policy*, forthcoming 2004.

"Would an Invasion of Iraq Be a 'Just War'?" in *United States Institute of Peace Special Report #98*, January 2003.

"The Duty to Intervene: Ethics and the Varieties of Humanitarian Intervention" (with D. Christiansen), in *Elliott Abrams, ed., Close Calls: Intervention, Terrorism, Missile Defense, and "Just War" Today* (Washington, D.C.: Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1998): 183-208.

"Send in the Peacekeepers" (with D. Christiansen), *Commonweal*, February 28, 1997, at 16-18.

"Religion, Conflict and Prospects for Reconciliation in Bosnia, Croatia and Yugoslavia," *Journal of International Affairs*, Summer 1996, at 221-252 (republished in *P. Mojzes, ed., Religion and the War in Bosnia* (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1998): 218-245).

"Economic Sanctions and the Just-War Doctrine," (with D. Christiansen) in *D. Cortright and G. Lopez, eds, Economic Sanctions: Panacea or Peace-Building in a Post-Cold War World* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1995): 97-117.

"The Power of Virtue, the Virtue of Belief in Foreign Policy," in *G. Powers, D. Christiansen, and R. Hennemeyer, eds, Peacemaking: Moral and Policy Challenges for a New World* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Catholic Conference, 1994): 299-309.

"Sanctions - A Moral Alternative to War?" (with D. Christiansen), *New York Newsday*, February 27, 1994, at 38-39.

"Peace and Justice Commissions," in *J. Dwyer, ed., The New Dictionary of Catholic Social Thought* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1994): 722-24.

"Sanctions: Unintended Consequences" (with D. Christiansen), *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, November 1993, at 41-46 (republished, in part, in *G. Lopez and N. Myers, Peace and Security* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1997)).

"Sarajevo and Self-Determination," Occasional Paper #7, *Center for Civil and Human Rights, Notre Dame Law School*, February 1993.

"The Catholic Bishops and the Gulf War: Accountability and the Just-War

Tradition," *Theology and Public Policy*, Fall 1992, at 27-41.

"Testing the Moral Limits of Self-Determination: Northern Ireland and Croatia," *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, Summer 1992, at 29-49.

"Catholic Bishops and Nuclear Policy," *Christianity and Crisis*, Feb. 20, 1989, at 38-40.

Note, "Roberto Unger, the Catholic Bishops and Distributive Justice," 2 *N. D. Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy* 201-242 (1985).

Numerous articles for national Catholic publications.

ACADEMIC ADDRESSES

Presenter, "Religion and the War on Terrorism," Annual Seminar on Religious Life, *Foreign Service Institute*, December 15, 2003.

Presenter, "Ethics and U.S. Foreign Policy After 9/11," Dona Nobis Pacem Forum, *Haverford College*, December 7, 2003.

Lecture, "Religion, Ethics and the Search for Peace: Iraq and the Legacy of 9/11," *Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, Middlebury College*, October 2, 2003.

Participant, Roundtable on the Impact of Media on Global Peace and Conflict, *The Aspen Institute*, June 1-2, 2003.

Paper, "The Ethics of Preventive Force," Colloquium on Ethical Issues Raised by Preemptive War, *The Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy*, May 1, 2003.

Presenter, "The New Challenges to Peace," Forum on the Anniversary of *The Challenge of Peace, Washington Theological Union*, April 28, 2003.

Lecture, "Religion, Morality and War: Iraq and the War on Terrorism," *Cleveland City Club*, March 28, 2003 (shown on PBS and cable TV throughout Ohio and heard on some 200 NPR stations around the country).

Presenter, Forum, "Revisiting the Just War Theory: Iraq and Terrorism," *American University*, January 30, 2003.

Paper, "The Ethics of War in Iraq," Symposium, "Would the Invasion of Iraq be a Just War?" *U.S. Institute of Peace*, December 17, 2002.

Presenter, "The Ethics of War, Terrorism and Iraq," Consistent Ethic of Life Forum, *University of Dayton*, October 8, 2002.

Presenter, Workshop on Catholic Peacebuilding, *Notre Dame Institute for*

International Peace Studies, April 6, 2002.

Presenter, "The Church and Human Rights," Workshop on Faith and Foreign Policy, *Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs and University of Notre Dame*, March 7-8, 2002.

Presenter, "The Ethics of Military Force after 9/11," *Catholic Higher Education Annual Meeting on Social Ministry*, February 24, 2002.

Presenter, "The Bishops and 9/11," Seminar, "Just War Principles and Counterterrorism," *Faith and Reason Institute*, September 24, 2001.

Lecture, "Just War: The Catholic Perspective," *Theological College Seminary*, October 18, 2001.

Presenter, "The Concept of a Just War in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam," *The Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences*, October 12, 2001.

Presenter, Colloquium on Religion and Conflict, *U.S. State Department*, April 26, 2001.

Presenter, "Challenges to International Security and Human Rights," Symposium on Challenges and Priorities for the UN in the 21st Century, *UN Information and Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, April 12, 2000.

Centre

Paper, "Nuclear Deterrence, Moral Conditions, and U.S. Policy," *Notre Dame Institute for International Peace Studies*, March 31, 2000.

Presenter, Briefing for *British Parliament's Select Committee on Northern Ireland*, May 10, 1999.

Presenter, "Religion and the Sources of Conflict," College and University Faculty Seminar on Conflict and Peacemaking in an Evolving World, *U.S. Institute of Peace*, July 14, 1998.

Lecture, "Morality and the Campaign to Ban Landmines," *University of Virginia*, October 29, 1998.

Lecture, "Morality, Ethics and Religion in Statecraft," National Character and Leadership Symposium, *U.S. Air Force Academy*, March 4-6, 1998.

Presenter, "Religion and Foreign Policy Conflicts," Washington Seminar, *College of William and Mary*, November 18, 1997.

Presenter, The Political Role of Forgiveness in Northern Ireland, Colloquium on Forgiveness in Conflict Resolution, *Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University*, December 9, 1996.

Presenter, Briefing on Religious Liberty, *Commission on Security and*

Cooperation in Europe, November 28, 1995.

Lecture, "The New Religious-Moral Agenda for U.S. Foreign Policy," Faculty Convocation, *Cluster of Independent Theological Schools*, November 7, 1994.

Presenter, The Nature of Conflict, Summer Institute on International Peace, Security, and Conflict Management, *U.S. Institute of Peace*, August 9, 1994.

Lecture, "The Church in Eastern Europe," *Foreign Service Institute*, Aug. 19, 1993.

Paper, "The Challenge of Peace Ten Years Later," Colloquium on the Ethics of Nuclear Deterrence," Annual meeting of academics from UC Berkeley, senior officials from Livermore National Laboratories, and Church leaders sponsored by the *Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation* and the *Bishop of Oakland*, April 20, 1993.

Paper (with D. Christiansen), "A Moral Perspective on Economic Sanctions," Conference on Economic Sanctions and International Relations, *Fourth Freedom Forum and Notre Dame Institute for International Peace Studies*, April 2-4, 1993.

Lecture, "Sarajevo and Self-Determination," *Center for Civil and Human Rights, Notre Dame Law School*, Feb.1, 1993

Paper, "The Catholic Bishops and the Gulf War," Conference on the Ethics of the Changing Use of Force in International Affairs, *Notre Dame Institute for International Peace Studies*, May 30, 1991.

Paper, "A Moral Critique of the Reagan Doctrine," Conference on the Ethics of the Changing Use of Force in International Affairs, *Notre Dame Institute for International Peace Studies*, April 5, 1990.

Regular speaker at parish, diocesan, and national Catholic or other denominational events and conferences.

MEDIA

Expert adviser for CBS (1990), ABC (1991), PBS (1992) television documentaries on religion in Eastern Europe, and for PBS (1990) documentary on N. Ireland; regular media interviews; BBC, Washington Post on-line, Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, Pacifica Radio, and a number of prime time am and FM radio talk shows around the country.

COMMITTEES

Public Member, U.S. government delegations to meetings of *Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe* on human rights (Warsaw, 1995) and religious freedom (Warsaw, 1996)

Working Group on Religion and Peace, *U.S. Institute of Peace* (1990-95)

Working Group on Bosnia, *U.S. Institute of Peace* (1996-97)

Inter-Church Committee on Northern Ireland (1990-2003) (represents the Catholic and Presbyterian churches in the United States and Northern Ireland)

Steering Committee, Project on the Political Role of Forgiveness, *Woodstock Theological Center* (1996-2002)

Strategic and Policy Issues Subcommittee, *Catholic Relief Services Board* (1998-2001)

Europe Committee, *National Council of Churches* (1987-1998)

National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors (1987-1995).

Task Force on Eastern Europe, *Raskob Foundation* (1990)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

California Bar Association (1987-Present)

American Society of International Law (1987-Present)

Council for Christians Associated for Defense and Disarmament (1998-Present)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Catholic Community Services of San Diego (1980-82)

Director, Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

Community organizer, San Diego Organizing Project

Jesuit Volunteer Corps (San Diego) (1980-81)

PERSONAL

Married to Therese Sullivan; our five children are Timothy, Brian, Micaela, Andrew, William

