Congratulations, Peace Studies Class of 2019

The Kroc Institute recently celebrated the graduation of **44 undergraduate seniors** who completed either a supplementary major or minor in peace studies, **15 Kroc Scholars** who completed the Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies concentration at the Keough School of Global Affairs, and **five graduates** of the Kroc Institute’s doctoral program. [More »](#)

For two graduating students, studying peace is a family affair

Meg Spesia and Juan Fernandez both became the third member of their family to complete a supplementary major or minor in the undergraduate peace studies program at the University of Notre Dame. [More »](#)

Katongole participates in second Vatican conference on nonviolence

For Emmanuel Katongole, Professor of Theology and Peace Studies, nonviolence lies at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Katongole was energized by his participation in an April 4-5 meeting at the Vatican focused on laying a theological, ethical, and pastoral foundation for a possible encyclical revising the Catholic church’s position on Just War and nonviolence. [More »](#)

Soumaoro receives first annual Hesburgh Global Fellowship

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Djiba Soumaoro, from Mali, is the first recipient of the Hesburgh Global Fellowship. Named for the late Notre Dame President Emeritus Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., the fellowship provides funding for a graduate of the Master of Global Affairs program to pursue work focused on peace, justice, development, or other related fields. More »

Upcoming Events

**Washington DC Seminar: The Colombia Peace Process After Two Years**

June 10-11
Keough School of Global Affairs Washington Office, 1400 16th Street NW, Suite 120, Washington DC

Join us for a two-day seminar assessing the Colombian peace process after two years and the role of Notre Dame’s Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) program in monitoring and supporting implementation. The program will include presentations by Colombian and United States experts on the current status of accord implementation, based on the PAM team’s April 2019 report.

This event is an initiative of the Kroc Institute, Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, The Woodrow Wilson Center Latin American Program, and The Office of International Justice and Peace, US Conference of Catholic Bishops. RSVP now »

**Teaching Peace in the 21st Century: 11th Annual Summer Institute for Faculty**

June 10-14
Jenkins Nanovic Halls

The Summer Institute brings together teams of academics who want to launch peace studies programs at their colleges or universities; strengthen or develop a new dimension to peace studies programs; or move established peace studies programs to the next level of design and rigor. Since its inception, the Summer Institute has hosted 400+ attendees from 100 different institutions—including 23

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Faculty in the News

David Cortright, Director of Policy Studies and the Peace Accords Matrix, wrote The Conversation article "US is already fighting a conflict with Iran – an economic war that is hurting the wrong people."

The Kroc Institute was mentioned in the Reuters article "Colombia's push for land titles brings hope for farmers amid fragile peace."

The Kroc Institute and Gerard Powers were featured in the Catholic News Service article "Update: Students plan to raise nuclear weapon dangers in fall return to campuses."

George A. Lopez was quoted in the CNN story "The North Korean restaurant accused by a think tank of using software sales to bypass sanctions."

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