2020 Student Summer Seminar on Nuclear Disarmament: Creating a World Free of Nuclear Weapons
Developing the Next Generation of Specialists and Activists Within the Catholic community

May 25-29, 2020
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Purpose
This week-long seminar is part of a larger project to revitalize and strengthen the voice of the Catholic community in the United States and beyond in the debate on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament.

The project aims to empower a new generation of Catholics – Church leaders, scholars, and students – to contribute to wider efforts to further reduce, and ultimately eliminate, nuclear weapons. Applicants must be rising college sophomores through graduating seniors, and select graduate students, that commit to attend the entire institute, May 25-29, 2020. The seminar aims to increase the capacity of participants in their cross-disciplinary knowledge base and in the ethical foundation of arguments for nonproliferation and disarmament. It will also introduce them to key arms control institutions in Washington.

Method
This seminar is an intense academic and praxis week that aims to provide a comprehensive view of the history and current controversies surrounding global nuclear proliferation and United States policy. Particular attention is devoted to the challenges of this current moment of nuclear weapons modernization and expansion, and to the evolving Catholic position on nuclear weapons and disarmament. Lecturers and other resource persons will be experts from academia and practice in the field of arms and security. Hands-on exercises and interactive discussions will be an integral part of the program.
Facilitators and Specialists

The core faculty for the institute will include the following:

Professor George Lopez, University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Professor Gerard Powers, University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Professor Drew Christiansen, SJ, Georgetown University, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs

Professor Maryann Cusimano Love, The Catholic University of America

Professor David Cortright, University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Our faculty will be joined by policy specialists and experts on nonproliferation and nuclear disarmament from Washington, D.C. arms control organizations. Speakers to be announced later.

Application, Costs, and Requirements

The Institute will be limited to 25 students. Applicants must be rising college sophomores through graduating seniors, and select graduate students, that commit to attend the entire institute, May 25-29, 2020. In addition, accepted applicants must:

- Complete a pre-assessment form upon acceptance to the program
- Complete hotel registration and meet payment deadlines
- Participate in an online orientation conference call a month prior to the institute
- Complete the readings provided in the resource book (available February 1, 2019)
- Complete a post-program evaluation

Participants should expect to pay for their own travel expenses, lodging, and transportation costs to/from hotel and while in D.C. The host will provide welcome dinner on Monday evening and daily breakfast and lunch. Participants will be responsible for evening meals on their own.

Accommodations

Accommodations are double occupancy with two queen beds per room and two participants per room who will share the costs of accommodations. A block of rooms will be made available at the Holiday Inn Washington DC-Central/White House. Detailed
instructions for hotel reservations and booking deadlines will be sent to participants upon notification of acceptance.

Per person cost for double occupancy room is $104.50 plus tax, per night (estimated total cost for accommodations per person are $418.00 plus taxes of approximately $62.50*). Hotel deposit is due by February 15, 2020, and final payment is due on or before April 17, 2020.

Arrival is scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2020, and departure should be scheduled after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29th, 2020.

Please note that reservations cancelled beginning at 6:00 p.m. or after on May 25, 2020, will be charged a non-refundable, one night penalty payable by the participant.

Participants are welcome to find alternative housing on their own.

Limited assistance may be available for those who need help with airfare and hotel expenses. Students are also encouraged to seek funding from their home institution.

All day sessions will be held at the Washington Office of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs: 1400 16th Street NW, Ste. 120, Washington, D.C.

Deadline for applications is December 2, 2019. Acceptances will be notified by December 16, 2019.

Application is available online: Nuclear Disarmament Summer Seminar 2020 Application

*Taxes subject to change.

Preliminary Schedule

Assigned Readings:
- Reading and resource book available to participants on February 1, 2020*
- Pre-assessment filled out by participants February 1, 2020*

Monday, May 25

Noon-4:00 p.m. Arrival in Washington, D.C., and settling in at hotel
7:00-8:30 p.m. Dinner: Welcome and Orientation
8:30-9:45 p.m. Film Screening
**Tuesday, May 26**   The History of Nuclear Weapons Development, Arms Control, and Growth of Ethical Concerns

7:00-8:30 a.m.   Breakfast
9:00-10:30 a.m.   Session 1: History of Nuclear Development, 1930s – 1991
10:30-11:00 a.m.   Break
11:00-12:30 p.m.   Session 2: Weapons and Controls from the end of the Cold War to 2018
12:30-1:45 p.m.   Lunch
2:00-3:30 p.m.   Session 3: Ethical Perspectives on the Nuclear Age, From Hiroshima to Pope Francis’s Declaration
3:30 -4:00 p.m.   Break
4:00-5:30 p.m.   Session 4: Listening to the Rest of the World: From Arms Control to Disarmament and the Politics of Arms Control in the U.S. since the End of the Cold War
5:30 p.m.   Free Time, Dinner on your own

**Wednesday, May 27**   From the end of the Cold War to Present, “Rogue” Nuclear States/Actors, and Anti-Nuke Groups

7:00-8:30 a.m.   Breakfast
9:00-10:30 a.m.   Session 5: The 21st Century Development of ‘Rogue’ Nuclear States/Actors
10:30-11:00 a.m.   Break
11:00-12:30 p.m.   Session 6: The Future Present: Nuclear Modernization & Reactions of Civil Society
12:30-1:45 p.m.   Lunch
2:00-3:30 p.m.   Session 7: Can Churches Actually Make a Difference in this New Nuclear Moment?
3:30-4:00 p.m.   Break
4:00-6:30 p.m.   Session 8: Assessing What We Know Up to Now
7:00 p.m.   Free Time, Dinner on your own

**Thursday, May 28**   Nuclear & Security Challenges: Now and Future

7:00-8:30 a.m.   Breakfast
9:00-10:30 a.m.   Session 9: Hands-on Exercise
10:30-11:00 a.m.   Break
11:00-12:30 p.m.   Session 10: Panel Assessment: Lessons of the Week
12:30-1:45 p.m.   Lunch
2:00-3:30 p.m.   Session 11: Advocacy Visits in D.C.
3:30-6:30 p.m.   Session 12: Reception with Arms Control Organization
7:00 p.m.   Free Time, Dinner on your own
Friday, May 29  

Drawing Conclusions from the Exercise & the Week + Charting the Way Forward

7:00-8:30 a.m.  Breakfast
9:00-10:30 a.m.  Session 13: Toward Newly Competent Citizens & Careers in Arms Control & Disarmament
10:30-10:45 a.m.  Break
10:45 a.m.-Noon  Session 14: Call to Action
Noon-1:30 p.m.  Session 15: Meet Alumni Arms Control Activists, Career Opportunities and Guidance
1:30 p.m.  Departures

*Dates may be subject to change.*