Creating a World Free of Nuclear Weapons
Developing the next generation of specialists and activists of the Catholic community
May 25-29, 2020
Notre Dame Keough School of Global Affairs
1400 16th St., NW, Ste. 120
Washington, DC

The 2020 Student Summer Seminar: Creating a World without Nuclear Weapons is co-sponsored by:

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University, the International Federation of Catholic Universities, the Notre Dame International Security Center, Office of International Justice and Peace, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Catholic Peacebuilding Network.

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 US policy. Particular attention is given 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, discussions, and application will be an integral part of the program.

Facilitators/ Specialists
The Core faculty for the institute will include the following:

Prof. George Lopez, Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute.
https://kroc.nd.edu/faculty-and-staff/george-a-lopez/

Prof. Gerard Powers, Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute
https://kroc.nd.edu/faculty-and-staff/gerard-f-powers/
Our Faculty will be joined by policy specialists and experts on nonproliferation and nuclear disarmament from Washington DC arms control organizations. Speakers TBD.

**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 Feb 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 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 approx. $62.50. Taxes subject to change). Hotel deposit is due by 02/28/2020 and final payment is due on or before 04/17/20. Arrival is scheduled for Monday, May 25 and departure should be scheduled after 2pm on Friday, May 29, 2020. Please note that reservations cancelled beginning at 6pm 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 DC offices of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs: 1400 16th Street NW, Ste. 120, Washington, DC.

*Extended Deadline for submission is February 15, 2020. Applications will be accepted until the seminar is full.* Notification of acceptances will begin on December 16, 2019.

The application is available at [Nuclear Disarmament Summer Institute 2020 Application](#)

**Preliminary Schedule**

Assigned Readings: Reading/resource book available to participants on 02/28/20. Pre-assessment filled out by participants 02/28/20*

**Monday May 25**

- Noon – 4pm Arrival in DC and settling in at hotel
- 7:45 – 8:30 pm Dinner: welcome and orientation
- 8:30 – 9:45 pm Film (possible Hiroshima and Nagasaki)

**Tuesday May 26**

*The History of Nuclear Weapons Development, Arms Control, and ‘Rogue’ Nuclear States/Actors*

- 7:45 – 8:30 am Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:00am Session 1: History of Nuclear Development, 1930s – 1991
- 10:30 – 11:00am Break
- 11:00 – 12:00pm Session 2: Weapons and Controls from the end of the Cold War to 2018
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm Session 3: The 21st Century Development of ‘Rogue’ Nuclear States/Actors – How have Controls like Sanctions and other Actions worked?
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm Break
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm Session 4: The Future Present: Nuclear Modernization & Reactions of Civil Society
- 3:30 – 4:00pm Leave for NTI
- 4:00 – 5:30pm NTI Visit
- 6:00pm – Free Time – Dinner on your own

**Wed. May 27**

*Growth of Ethical Concerns*

- 7:45 – 8:30 am Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30 am Session 5: Ethical Perspectives on the Nuclear Age – From Hiroshima to Pope Francis’ Declaration
- 10:30 – 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 – 12:30 pm Session 6: Can Churches Actually Make a Difference in this New Nuclear Moment?
- 12:30 – 1:45 Lunch
2:00 – 3:30 pm  Session 7: Listening to the Rest of the World: Embassy Visit
4:00 – 5:30 pm  Visit to Arms Control Association Offices
6:00 pm –  Free time- Dinner on your own

Thursday May 28  Nuclear & Security Challenges – Now and Future

7:45 – 8:30 am  Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 am  Session 9: Hands-on Exercise
10:30 – 11:00 am  Break
11:00 – 12:30 pm  Session 10: Panel Assessment – Lessons of the Week
12:30 – 1:45pm  Lunch
1:45pm –  Depart for Advocacy Visits in D.C.
2:30 – 5:30 pm  Session 11: Friends Committee of National Legislation Visit and Meet with Congressional Staff
6:00 pm –  Free time – Dinner on your own

Friday May 29  Drawing Conclusions from the Exercise & the Week + Charting the Way Forward

7:45 – 8:30 am  Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00 am  Session 12: Toward Newly Competent Citizens & Careers in Arms Control & Disarmament
10:00 – 10:30 am  Break
10:30 – 11:30  Session 13: Call to Action
11:30 to 12:00pm  Break
12:00 – 1:00pm  Session 14: Meet Recent Grads that are Current Arms Control Activists – Career Opportunities and Guidance
1:30 pm –  Departures

*Dates may be subject to change.*