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
- 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 A. Lopez, Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame
- Prof. Gerard Powers, Kroc Institute, University of Notre Dame
- Prof. Drew Christiansen, SJ, Berkley Center, University of Georgetown
- Prof. Maryann Cusimano Love, The Catholic University of America
Our Faculty will be joined by policy specialists and experts on nonproliferation and nuclear disarmament from Washington DC arms control organizations. Speakers TBD.

**Costs, and Requirements** The Institute will be limited to 25 students. Accepted applicants will be expected to:

- Complete a [pre-assessment form](#) due by April 15, 2020
- Complete [hotel registration](#) - upon arrival at the hotel on May 25, 2020. Deposit has been waived at this time. Payment in full due upon check-in, May 25, 2020. Please make sure that you have communicated with Annie Ortega-Shyne to let her know that you intend to stay at the hotel.
- Participate in an online orientation conference call prior to the institute (Date TBA)
- Complete the readings to be provided (will sent to participants in March 2020)
- Complete a post-program evaluation (at the conclusion of the seminar)

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 Thursday evening, as well as daily breakfast and lunch. Participants will be responsible for evening meals not provided by the host.

**Accommodations**

Accommodations are double occupancy with two queen beds per room and two participants per room who will share the costs of accommodations. Please see detailed instructions for hotel reservations and booking deadlines - attached. 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). Arrival is scheduled for Monday, May 25th - payment in full is due upon check-in. Departure should be scheduled after 2pm on Friday, May 29, 2020. Please note that reservations cancelled at 6pm or AFTER on May 25, 2020 will be charged a non-refundable, one night penalty payable by the participant. For participants with alternative housing arrangements, please ensure that we have your contact information.

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. Applications will be accepted until the seminar is full. The application is available at: [Nuclear Disarmament Summer Institute 2020 Application](#)
**Preliminary Schedule**

**Monday May 25**
Noon – 4pm  
Arrival in DC and settling in at hotel  
6:00 pm  
Welcome Dinner and Orientation: *Faculty Team and all Student Participants*  
8:30 pm  
Adjourn

**Tuesday May 26**  
The Nuclear Predicament: History and Current Challenges
8:15 am  
Breakfast  
9:00 am  
Session 1: The Nuclear Predicament: Overview, *Prof. George A. Lopez*  
10:15 am  
Break  
10:30 am  
Session 2: Nuclear Policies Since the End of the Cold War  
*Prof. Michael Desch*

Noon  
Lunch  
1:00 pm  
Session 3: Non-proliferation: Treaties, Diplomacy, Sanctions and Other Responses to Threats from “Rogue” States and Terrorists  
*Prof. George A. Lopez*

2:15 pm  
Session 4: The Future Present: Nuclear Modernization, Current Threats and Prospects for Arms Control, *Prof. Maryann Cusimano Love*

3:45 pm  
Visit to Nuclear Threat Initiative

5:30 pm  
Free Time – Dinner on your own

**Wednesday May 27**  
Religion, Ethics and Cooperative Security
8:15 am  
Breakfast  
9:00 am  
Session 5: Ethical Perspectives: From Hiroshima to Pope Francis  
*Prof. Drew Christiansen, SJ* and *Prof. Gerard Powers*

10:15 am  
Break  
10:30 am  
Session 6: Can Churches Make a Difference?  
*Lucas Koach* and *Virginia Farris, U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops*, Office of International Justice and Peace

Noon  
Lunch  
1:00 pm  
Session 7: Listening to the Rest of the World I: A European Perspective, *Prof. Pierre Gueydier*

2:00 pm  
Session 8: Embassy Visit - Embassy of Kazakhstan.  
Please read about Kazakhstan’s nuclear disarmament *history* and *effects* of extensive nuclear testing at Semipalatinsk test site.
Wednesday
3:45 pm (Continued)
Session 9: Visit to Arms Control Association, hosted by Kelsey Davenport, Director

5:00 pm Dinner on your own

Thursday, May 28
8:15 am Taking Action on Nuclear Disarmament
Breakfast

9:00 am Session 10: Civil Society Movements
Prof. Maryann Cusimano Love

10:15 am Break

10:30 am Session 11: Effective Advocacy
Panelists TBD

Noon Lunch

1:45 pm Depart for Advocacy Visits in D.C.

2:30 pm Session 12: Visit Friends Committee of National Legislation; Meet Congressional Staff - hosted by Monica Montgomery, FCNL Fellow.

5:30 pm Group dinner discussion with guest moderator (TBA)
“Can we create a World without Nuclear Weapons?”

Friday, May 29
8:15 am Drawing Conclusions and Charting the Way Forward
Breakfast

9:00 am Session 13: Toward Newly Competent Citizens & Careers in Arms Control & Disarmament, Panel of Young Professionals:
Shannon Bugos, Arms Control Association
Erin Connolly - Girl Security,

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Session 14: Call to Action - Where do each of you want to go from here?

12:30 pm Departure

**Please note that the schedule, speakers, and scheduled visits to organizations are subject to change."