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News

[Congratulations, Peace Studies Class of 2020](#)

The Kroc Institute celebrated the graduation of 33 undergraduate seniors who completed either a supplementary major or minor in peace studies, 13 Kroc Scholars who completed the master of global affairs, international peace studies concentration at the Keough School of Global Affairs, four graduates of the Institute's doctoral program, and three students who completed a graduate minor in peace studies.



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[Kroc Institute celebrates first peace studies graduate minor recipients](#)

The Kroc Institute honored the first-ever recipients of the graduate minor in peace studies: **Pawas Manandhar** and **Kevin Richardson**, both completing the master of

global affairs degree with a concentration in sustainable development through the Keough School of Global Affairs, and **Shaun Slusarski**, completing a master of theological studies through the College of Arts and Letters.



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[Peace Studies senior Elizabeth Boyle awarded 2020 Yarrow Award](#)

University of Notre Dame senior **Elizabeth Boyle** is the recipient of the Kroc Institute’s 2020 Yarrow Award in Peace Studies. The award is given annually to an undergraduate student or students who demonstrate academic excellence and commitment to service in peace studies.



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[In Memoriam: Gilbert Loescher, emeritus professor of political science](#)

Gilbert Loescher was a longtime political scientist from the University of Notre Dame, a Kroc Institute fellow, and an international expert on refugee and humanitarian issues. Loescher died Tuesday, April 28, of heart failure. He was 75.



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[**Video Spotlight: Welcome to the Alumni Network**](#)

Kroc Institute alumni virtually welcomed 2020 peace studies grads to the alumni network. With the addition of this year's class, this network now includes 1,150 graduates of the undergraduate program and more than 650 alumni of the Institute's graduate programs in peace studies now at work in over 85 countries.



Virtual Events

[Peace in the Time of a Pandemic: Video Shorts](#)

Wednesdays in June and July, Premieres at 11:00 a.m. EDT (3:00 p.m. GMT)

In the midst of the ongoing global pandemic, how are efforts to build peace and address the causes of violent conflict and injustice impacted?

Throughout the summer, join Kroc Institute faculty members and graduate students for weekly video conversations related to the COVID-19 crisis, current events, and peace studies.

Upcoming conversations will focus on the impact of Coronavirus on Ramadan 2020, COVID-19 and the global refugee crisis, and AI, early warnings, and political instability in the COVID-19 era.



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In the Media

The **Kroc Institute** was cited in the *NPR* article "[Many Of Colombia's Ex-Rebel Fighters Rearm And Turn To Illegal Drug Trade.](#)"



George Lopez, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies, wrote the *Responsible Statecraft* op-ed, "[May 8, 2018: A day that will live in acrimony.](#)"



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