The University of Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, part of the Keough School of Global Affairs, is one of the world’s leading centers for the study of the causes of violent conflict and strategies for sustainable peace.

This academic year will be remembered at the Kroc Institute as the year of the Building Sustainable Peace Conference, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the renewed movement for racial justice. We began the 2019–20 academic year energized by the "BSP Conference" that brought together hundreds of scholars and practitioners for a conversation on the state of the field of peace studies and on the synergies and tensions between the theory and the practice of peacebuilding. The conference was a major success, even more than we anticipated, demonstrating the Institute’s leadership in the field and its capacity to bring so many scholars and practitioners from around the world to Notre Dame for this unique event.

The positive energy the Conference animated was unfortunately curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, given its economic impact and the need to shift our work entirely online. I am ever so grateful to our faculty, staff, and students for their quick adjustment to this new and difficult reality, which will continue to affect our work throughout the 2020–21 academic year. Despite the enormous challenges of working remotely, we were still able to celebrate the graduation of our undergraduate, master’s, and Ph.D. students and transition to conducting highly visible public events online.

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Professor of History and Peace Studies
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Highlights 2019–20

**AUGUST**
The Kroc Institute welcomed 12 Kroc Scholars from Afghanistan, Colombia, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Uganda, and the United States into the third cohort of the Keough School Master of Global Affairs program.

The Institute also welcomed doctoral students in the International Peace Studies concentration to campus.

**SEPTEMBER**
Two new faculty members also joined the Kroc Institute: Ashley Bohrer, assistant professor of gender and peace studies, and Perin Gurel, and Gender.” Panelists included Atalia Omer, Patricia Nicholas, and Debra Javeline, and researcher Rajaeein Gandhi presented a lecture on race, nationality, and the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Kroc Cast: Peace Studies Conversations, the Institute’s first podcast, launched and would go on to feature 23 episodes during the 2019–20 academic year. Each episode was hosted by a Kroc Institute faculty or staff member, and brought together academics, peacebuilding practitioners, religious leaders, Institute alumni, and students for lively discussions about a wide range of topics. Listen at kroc.nd.edu/podcast or on Apple, Google, Spotify, Stitcher, or TuneIn.

The Institute also welcomed 15 Kroc Scholars from the National Institutes of Health to launch and support his ongoing research on human-produced pollution and environmental violence.

**OCTOBER**
In honor of the United Nations International Day of Peace, the Kroc Institute hosted a panel discussion focused on the theme, “What’s Peace Got to Do With Race, Class, and Gender.” Panelists included Ashley Bohrer, Patin Gunel, David Anderson Hooker, Ailisa Onor, and Lauren St. Ville.

**NOVEMBER**
The Kroc Institute faculty member , Madhav Joshi presented on a panel discussing challenges and next steps facing peace agreement implementation in South Sudan. Drawing policymakers and academics, the event was organized by and held at the Keough School’s Washington Office.

From November 7–10, over 450 attendees representing 37 different countries gathered for the Building Sustainable Peace Conference. Read more about the conference on page 6.

Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis was the speaker for the 21st Annual Peace Conference, which includes the Kroc Institute’s Madrasa Discourses project. Theoharis is the co-chair of the Poor People’s Campaign and director of Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion, and Peace.

The Initiative on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament, one of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network’s three-year projects, hosted a winter intensive in Doha, Qatar from December 25–30. The intensive brought together Notre Dame students and madrasa (Islamic seminary) graduates from India and Pakistan for a week of teaching and dialogue around religion, society, and epistemology.

**DECEMBER**
Doctoral student in peace studies and anthropology Richard “Drew” Marcantonio received a prestigious three-year Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship to support his ongoing research in human-produced pollution and environmental violence.

**JANUARY**
The Kroc Institute’s Mediation Program hosted the January 22 panel discussion “Preparations and Reconciliation at Notre Dame: Opening and Framing the Discussion” as part of Notre Dame’s Week that Black. Attendees of events commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are invited to the event.

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The Creative Represencing: Native American Symposium, planned by Visiting Research Fellow Justin de Leon, brought together 120 individuals, including 66 academic Native American scholars, practitioners, and students, to discuss responsible research methods alongside indigenous communities and to investigate the underexplored stories of Native Americans across the Notre Dame campus.

On March 19, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Kroc Institute announced a move to virtual operations. You can read more about the Institute’s COVID-19 response on page 8.

For the first time, the Institute also honored three students who completed a graduate minor in peace studies. The graduate minor gives students access to classes taught by core faculty members at the Kroc Institute, as well as the chance to participate in the Institute’s Peace Research Education Seminar (PRES), monthly sessions devoted to discussion of one pre-selected article or book chapter by a current faculty member, graduate student, fellow, or visiting speaker.

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Building Sustainable Peace Conference

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The gathering brought together scholars, practitioners, and peacebuilders for animated conversations about the synergies and contestations between theory and practice, the field and the classroom, and the different local, national, regional, and global orientations towards peace.

The conference opened with a panel discussion on the state of the field of peace studies. Featured speakers included Gearoid Millar, Elias Omondi Opongo (M.A. ’04), and Lisa Schirch. Mahan Mirza of the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion moderated the conversation.

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Faculty Research and Engagement

When the crisis began, several faculty members pivoted, producing new research and writing to address the current interlocking crises facing the U.S. and the world.

- Ann Mische, associate professor of sociology and peace studies, wrote a series of blog posts examining public debates over prediction, crisis diagnoses, and social transformation stemming from COVID-19.

- Through the Contending Modernities initiative, Atalia Omer, professor of religion, conflict, and peace studies, coordinated a series of blog posts related to religion and the pandemic.

- The Catholic Peacebuilding Network, led by Gerard Powers, is developing a detailed database of materials on various dimensions of the pandemic and peacebuilding, with a special focus on Catholic approaches.

- Catherina Bolten, associate professor of anthropology and peace studies, began a new project on COVID-19 in a post-El-Badiia context. She is working with research associates on the ground in Sierra Leone who will help collect data on the second epidemic facing the country in just six years, this time under a new president and a leader who will help collect data on the second epidemic facing the country in just six years, this time under a new president and a leader.

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Student Engagement

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- On behalf of the Kroc Institute, Regan Director Asher Kaufman signed the Auschwitz Institute’s Open Letter to the Governments of the World to Support the Work of Atrocity Prevention during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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Virtual Events

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The Undergraduate Program in Peace Studies continues to attract strong students from a wide variety of disciplines across the University of Notre Dame. During the 2019–20 academic year, the program included 84 students enrolled in either a supplementary major or minor in peace studies.

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Out of 33 graduating seniors, 12 students received Latin honors and 7 were inducted into national honor societies. Five graduates also received awards from their major department or the University.

In April, peace studies junior Patrick Hidalgo McCabe was named a 2020 Truman Scholar becoming the fourth Notre Dame student selected for the award since 2010. McCabe is a political science and Arabic major with a minor in peace studies from the Kroc School of International Peace Studies at Notre Dame. He is the fifth peace studies student to receive this prestigious scholarship, following Rebecca Blais (’18), Alex Coccia (’14), Elizabeth Simpson (’11), and Caleb (“L”). Pine (’17).

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Q&A with Director of Undergraduate Studies Ernesto Verdeja

In July 2020, Ernesto Verdeja, associate professor of political science and peace studies, transitioned out of his decade-long role as director of undergraduate studies (DUS). Laura Miller-Graff, associate professor of psychology and peace studies, steps into this role at the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year.

What makes the Undergraduate Program in Peace Studies distinctive?

Our program is notable for the interdisciplinarity of its approaches, as well as its commitment to practice. It is not enough to study the tools, skills, and training to go out and actually respond to injustice. We also boast a large and diverse faculty covering a wide range of modern and practitioner experiences. Furthermore, our students are quite distinctive. Our peace studies community includes students from across the University who are brought together by a deeply shared commitment to advancing human rights and justice.

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What makes one memory or highlight from your time as DUS that sticks with you?

It is difficult to identify one highlight from my time as DUS. The graduation ceremony at the end of the academic year is always a favorite for me, as it is an opportunity to spend time talking to proud families about our students’ intellectual and ethical growth in our program. I am always deeply moved by these stories, and by our graduates’ future plans to be changemakers for peace.

What’s one problem you hope to advance meaningful change.

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The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference

The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference was cancelled due to the coronavirus, but student leaders had worked hard to lay the groundwork for the event, originally scheduled to take place April 3–4, 2020, on the Notre Dame campus. The conference theme was “2020 Visions: Where Do We Go From Here?”

What I like about peace studies is that it focuses a lot on the future. What’s happened in the past is a big part of what we study, but there’s huge current events focus and also a huge focus on what issues could develop.

The peacebuilding focus is not just on putting out fires now, but controlling them and also preventing them from starting. We also put a huge focus on what issues could develop.

It makes things like academic conferences really accessible. I think there’s a tendency to be intimidated by gatherings like this if you haven’t been a part of one. There’s something special about being behind the scenes that demystifies the conference planning process and makes it accessible. It’s also a really great way to meet other students and to work together to produce something. It puts us in charge of what we’re doing and gives us agency to shape this gathering.

– Anna Van Overberghe, Notre Dame junior, economics and applied and international studies, co-chair of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies Undergraduate Program in Peace Studies, originally scheduled to take place April 3–4, 2020, on the Notre Dame campus. The conference theme was “2020 Visions: Where Do We Go From Here?”

The Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration

My interactions with many young people in Myanmar have opened my eyes to the paradox of a peacebuilder’s position. Although the positionality of peacebuilders provides power and legitimacy and increases access to resources, our work will be more effective when we channel our resources toward sustaining the optimism growing among local actors, regardless of the difficulties that they face.

– Ephraim Bassey Emah, Class of 2020, reflecting on his field experience at RAF in Myanmar

Building on the strength of the longstanding Kroc Master’s in International Peace Studies program, the Master of Global Affairs (MGA) program at the Kroc School welcomed its third cohort of students during the 2019–20 academic year.

In fall 2019, 15 MGA students chose to pursue a concentration in International Peace Studies (IPS) and were named Kroc Scholars.

Beginning in July 2020, second-year IPS students began six-month internships with Kroc Institute partner organizations around the world. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many students began their internships remotely, and most were assigned to work with organizations based in the United States due to travel restrictions. These field experiences allow students to work four days per week with a leading peace and justice organization and to spend one day each week focused on independent field research.

Students are working in eight locations with 15 different organizations, including:

– Baltimore, Maryland, United States:
  – Catholic Relief Services
– Bogota, Colombia:
  – Barometer Initiative, Peace Accords Matrix program
– Bisharo Ali Mohamed, Class of 2020, Master of Global Affairs (Kyrgyzstan/Russia)
– Dublin, Ireland, United States:
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– Ethiopia, United States:
  – Africa Faith and Justice Network
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  – Qatar Women’s Entrepreneurship Initiative, Search for Common Ground
– Refugees International
– United Kingdom:
  – U.K. Ministry of Defence
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In May, the Kroc Institute celebrated the graduation of 13 Kroc Scholars.

Rana El-Beheiry ('20) was selected as the second recipient of the Hesburgh Global Fellowship. El-Beheiry, who is from Egypt, will work as a program officer for ICAN, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. ICAN supports women activists by helping them develop skills and by connecting activists and the policy community and supports civil society activism by promoting women’s rights, peace, and human security in countries affected by conflict.

El-Beheiry’s responsibilities will include supporting the engagement of women in peacebuilding processes in Syria, Yemen, and Libya, and Iraq. She also will support partner organizations in fostering the exchange of knowledge and resources. She also will help write grant proposals.

Helina Haile ('20) spent six months interning at the Chicago-based Torture Justice Center, a local organization dedicated to supporting survivors of police torture. She also worked in India and Nepal for temporary assignments. Shradha, from the United States, will work in Tamale, Ghana, focusing on women’s health, water, and agricultural projects.

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The Peace Studies Ph.D. Program

The Kroc Institute’s doctoral program attracts excellent students with a wide range of research and peacemaking experience to its dynamic program with six partner departments. In fall 2019, the Kroc Institute welcomed four new Ph.D. students: Joel Duminhine (peace studies and psychology), Diana Isabel Gilza-Gómez (peace studies and political science), Amyast Parks (peace studies and sociology), and Alyssa Paylor (peace studies and anthropology).

In addition, with the conferal of four degrees in 2020, the Peace Studies Ph.D. program has now graduated 10 interdisciplinary peace studies scholars. This year’s program graduates were: Colleen Cross (peace studies and theology), Garrett Fitzgerald (peace studies and political science), Kristina Hook (peace studies and anthropology), and Leslie MacCollman (peace studies and sociology).

The Peace Studies graduate program integrates different disciplines.

Graduate Minor in Peace Studies

This academic year was the first for the new graduate minor in peace studies. The minor is open to any current Notre Dame student pursuing an internal master’s or doctoral degree. In May, the institute celebrated the first three graduates to complete the minor.

“The minor gave me exposure to various lines of thinking through the vast practical and academic knowledge present in the Kroc Institute’s program. It’s necessary for development practitioners to see how development might foster conflict, and how the language of peace studies can help us in avoiding the pitfalls.”

Parvaneh Mirzahosseini, MGA, Sustainable Development Concentration, ’20

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During the 2019–20 academic year, seven Ph.D. students received fellowships generously funded by the Kroc Institute’s Advisory Board.

Steven D. Pepe Ph.D. Fellow in Peace Studies: Anna Fett (peace studies and history).

Maryam Rokhideh: (peace studies and anthropology) spent 20 months living and conducting research on the Goma-Gisenyi border communities leverage their networks to achieve socioeconomic growth, providing food security, and even promoting social cohesion in fragile and conflict-affected areas,” Rokhideh says.

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Her dissertation, “Everything is on My Plate: Women, Work, and Welfare on the Congo-Rwanda Border,” examines the ways in which women who live in border communities leverage their networks to achieve socioeconomic mobility and improve their quality of life in an insecure context where access to public services is limited.

Rokhideh’s research has led her to focus particularly on finding concrete and evidence-based strategies to mitigate fragile contexts like high unemployment and a regional conflict. “As a vehicle for job creation and regional integration, transnational trade networks can play a critical role in facilitating economic growth, providing food security, and even promoting social cohesion in fragile and conflict-affected areas,” Rokhideh says.

The Peace Studies Ph.D. Program, continued

Contending Modernities initiative is a major interdisciplinary effort to generate new knowledge and greater understanding of the ways in which religious and secular forces interact in the modern world.

Throughout the 2019–20 academic year, CM published new research and contributed to conversations on religion, peacebuilding, and modernity through a variety of efforts.

The series seeks to improve public awareness of the ways in which these modern capabilities enhance and challenge ethical or moral systems, inviting pluralistic conversations on the governance of science and technology. The working group also re-released two podcast episodes focused on bioethics, religion, and modernity. The episodes brought together scholars and religious leaders from across the United States to discuss organ donation in Islam and the ethics of gene editing. The episodes and essay series are available as three podcasts on the Contending Modernities website (contendingmodernities.nd.edu).
The Mediation Program continued its emphasis on convening conversations focused on racial justice on the Notre Dame campus and throughout the South Bend community. On January 22, the program hosted the panel discussion “Reparations and Reconciliation at Notre Dame: Opening and Framing the Discussion” to set the stage for Notre Dame’s Walk the Walk Week, an annual series of events commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. The event drew over 100 attendees and was co-sponsored by other campus departments, including the Black Faculty and Staff Association; Center for Social Concerns; Department of Africana Studies; Human Resources, Diversity and Inclusion; Institute for Educational Initiatives; Native American Initiatives; and the Office of the Provost, Academic Diversity and Inclusion. In July, the program added its first student associate, Fiona (Syeda) Arbab (MGA ’21). Her work will focus on efforts to promote social justice at Notre Dame and in the South Bend community.

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Laurie Nathan, commissioner by IGAD and supported by the Swiss mediation in South Sudan from 2013 to 2015. The report, commissioned by IGAD and supported by the Swiss mediated the Reparations and Reconciliation panel event. In January, Nathan and Kroc Institute Visiting Research Fellow Cristina Standfield were awarded a grant by the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) to present a paper at the FBA-PRIO Research Workshop and Research Policy Dialogue on Women, Peace and Security, held in New York. The paper forms part of an ongoing research project on mediation efforts to promote the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

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Kroc Institute Faculty Books

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In the second year of operation, the Institute’s Mediation Program, led by Professor of the Practice of Mediation Laurie Nathan, continued to develop its influence across campus and around the world.

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To open the 2019–20 academic year, the Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) hosted a panel discussion on mining and integral peacebuilding. Panelists from Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Philippines discussed the ways mining was intersecting with and complicating efforts to address nuclear disarmament.

Speakers included Karl Gaspar, C.Ss.R., professor of anthropology, Ateneo de Davao University; Fr. Rigobert Minani, S.J., director of Jesuit Social Relations, Democratic Republic of Congo; and Tebaldo Vinciguerra, visiting assistant professor of economics, Georgetown University.

This event was followed by a daylong January 31 workshop, “Pope and the Bomb: Beyond Deterrence,” which considered the policy and pastoral implications of the Church’s evolving position on nuclear deterrence and disarmament.

Workshop speakers included Kroc Institute faculty members Gerald F. Powers, director of Catholic Peacebuilding studies and coordinator of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network; speaking as part of a panel focused on ethics and pastoral guidance; and David Cortright, then director of policy studies and the Peace Accords Matrix program, speaking about the history of efforts to address the Holy See/Catholic Church’s engagement with nuclear weapon policies.

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The Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) program at the Kroc Institute contributes to comparative peace research by providing a unique source of comparable data on peace agreements and practitioners to compare 51 different themes in all the comprehensive peace agreements signed since 1989. PAM’s website is home to the largest existing dataset on peace agreements and serves as a one-stop hub for the latest research and reports from the PAM team. Through new integrations with Tableau, an interactive data visualization software, researchers can create and download custom visualizations comparing implementation data across all 34 peace agreements and their accompanying provisions.

In May, the PAM team underwent a change in leadership, saying goodbye to David Cortright, new professor emeritus of policy studies and director of the Kroc Institute’s Global Policy Initiative, and welcoming Josefina Echavarría Alvarez into the role of PAM director. A scholar-in-residence at the Keough School’s Washington Office and focused on South Sudan’s peace accord implementation history, the website serves as a one-stop hub for the latest research and reports from the PAM team. In November, Madhav Joshi, research associate professor of policy studies and director of the Kroc Institute’s Global Policy Initiative, and welcoming Josefina Echavarría Alvarez into the role of PAM director. A scholar-in-residence at the Keough School’s Washington Office and focused on South Sudan’s peace accord implementation history, the website serves as a one-stop hub for the latest research and reports from the PAM team.

In November 2019, Madhav Joshi, research associate professor and associate director of the Peace Accords Matrix, participated in a panel discussion hosted by the Kroc Institute’s Washington Office and focused on South Sudan’s peace accord implementation process. Also in November, Joshi, along with Matthew Hauenstein, postdoctoral research associate, and Jason Michael Quinn, research associate professor of political science, published a comprehensive report on the status of peace accord implementation in South Sudan, making recommendations for interventions needed in order to secure successful implementation. Joshi and Hauenstein also published several articles on South Sudan’s peace process in The Washington Post and The Conversation.

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The 2019–20 Visiting Research Fellows included:

Justin de Leon earned a Ph.D. in international relations with a focus on gender and women’s studies and Native American studies at the University of Delaware, and is also an award-winning documentary filmmaker. While at the Kroc Institute, de Leon worked on the book manuscript “Resurgent Visual Sovereignty: Indigenous Representation and Praxis,” which explores Indigenous traditional and creative approaches to sovereignty.

Scott Mouwlicher is professor of psychology at Taylor University, where he recently launched an interdisciplinary program focused on working with orphans and vulnerable children. During his time at the Kroc Institute, Mouwlicher focused his research on preventing violence against children.

Nicole Gerring earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in political science from Wayne State University. At the Kroc Institute, she conducted research for a book, “Women’s Civil Society in Peacebuilding,” analyzing the work and impact of women’s civil society organizations in implementing peace agreements.

Caitriona Standfield earned her Ph.D. in political science from Syracuse University in August 2019. Her research centers on the interdisciplinary study of gender in diplomacy and mediation. While at the Kroc Institute, Standfield worked on a book project examining the implementation of gender equality reforms in United Nations–brokered peace processes.

Tobias Winright is the Hubert Mäder Endowed Chair of Health Care Ethics and associate professor in the Department of Theological Studies and the Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University. While at the Kroc Institute, Winright worked on a book project that integrates recent Catholic thought and teaching on integral development, integral ecology, and integral nuclear disarmament through the lens of integral peacebuilding.

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- James L. Hunter-Brown (Ph.D. ’17), assistant professor of peace studies and Christian social ethics and director of peace studies at Andrews University, Michigan
- Sawan Malhi Hussein, assistant professor of English at Al-Azhar University, Egypt
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New Faculty Fellows

Kroc Institute faculty fellows are professors whose primary appointments are in different units on campus, and whose expertise and interests intersect with issues of peace and justice. They often teach courses that are part of the peace studies curriculum, collaborate with Institute faculty, and contribute to Institute research initiatives.

During the 2019–20 academic year, these faculty members joined the Institute as fellows:

- Mark Gotlib, Assistant Professor of Anthropology
- Daniel Laplsey, ACE Collegiate Professor of Psychology
- Jean Porter, John A. O’Brien Professor of Theology
- Walter Schiener, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Engineering
- Azaron Van der Vlist Olschni, Associate Professor of English, MLA Program in Creative Writing, Concurrent Faculty, Department of Romance Languages and Literature
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The seeds of the Kroc Institute’s formation were sown when Kroc’s founder, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, delivered a lecture in San Diego, California. Joan B. Kroc, widow of McDonald’s Corp. founder Ray Kroc, was in the audience and was impressed with Fr. Hesburgh’s visionary approach.

In 1985, Mrs. Kroc made a $6 million founding gift to establish the Kroc Institute, which Fr. Hesburgh described as “a center for multidisciplinary research and teaching on the critically important questions of peace, justice, and violence in contemporary society.” This gift would be followed by additional contributions from Mrs. Kroc totaling over $70 million. Mrs. Kroc’s generous gifts have enabled the Kroc Institute to advance the field of peace studies and the search for sustainable peace through cutting-edge educational programs, research, policy, and practice.