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News

[Alisher Khamidov on campus as first recipient of Alumni Visiting Research Fellowship](#)

For **Alisher Khamidov**, the awareness of conflict is not new. Growing up in Kyrgyzstan, he was a first-hand witness to acts of violence and lived in a context that was fraught with ethnic conflict since before his birth. However, it was these very experiences with violence that laid the groundwork for Khamidov's other lifelong interest: the study of peace.



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[Peace Studies alumna works alongside first-of-its-kind organization addressing police torture in Chicago](#)

When searching for an internship placement for her second year of studies at the University of Notre Dame, **Helina Haile** knew that she wanted

to work alongside an organization focused on systemic racism in the United States. Her search led her to the Chicago Torture Justice Center (CTJC), a first-of-its-kind organization dedicated to supporting survivors of police torture. Her semester at CTJC was transformative and continues to inform her work after graduation.



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[Q&A with Catherine Bolten: Making sense of excess deaths during a pandemic](#)

On Friday, December 4, 2020, the University of Notre Dame's Health and Well-being Initiative hosted the "COVID-19: What Comes Next" virtual forum. The event featured speakers addressing four topics including women's health, infrastructure, education, and social underpinnings. In this Q&A, Associate Professor **Catherine Bolten** discusses her research focused on uncovering hidden aspects of COVID-19's global toll.



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Upcoming Virtual Events

[Creating a World Free of Nuclear Weapons: Developing the Next Generation of Specialists & Activists of the Catholic Community](#)

Monday, January 11 - Thursday, January 14
7:30 - 10:00 p.m. EST, Virtual Event



This four day, eight session 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.

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[A Policy Playbook on Nonproliferation Sanctions](#)

Wednesday, January 13

12:00 - 1:15 p.m. EST, Virtual Event

Under the Trump administration, sanctions have become the go-to instrument of US foreign policy: a means of imposing unilateral “maximum pressure” that has not only failed to stem worsening nuclear proliferation risks in North Korea, but also made matters worse in Iran. Join policy experts for a virtual discussion of strategies for the incoming Biden administration to retool nonproliferation sanctions policy.

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[Flash Panel on the Ethiopia Crisis](#)

Thursday, January 21

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. EST, Virtual Event

Ethiopia is currently experiencing an acute political, security, and humanitarian crisis. Since November 2020, the government has been at war with the Tigray People’s Liberation Front in the north of the country. The government has bombed the Tigray capital of Mekelle, thousands of people have been displaced, and there are



concerns about wider regional destabilization. Join the Kroc Institute's **Mediation Program** for a webinar featuring experts on the crisis.

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Podcast Episodes

[The Colibri Center and the Search for Missing Migrants at the U.S.-Mexico Border](#)

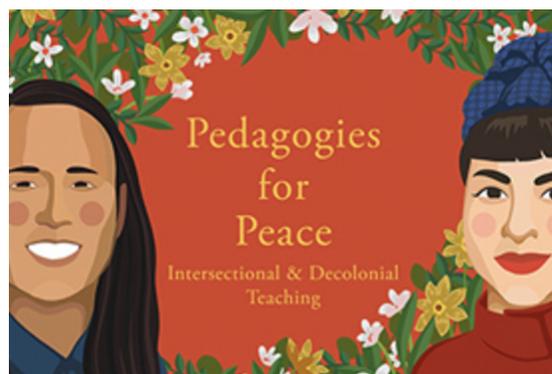
Current Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies student **Cristian Sáez Flórez** interviews **Mirza Monterroso** and **Isabella Fassi**, staff members at the Colibrí Center for Human Rights, where Cristian has been completing his six-month peacebuilding internship. The Colibrí Center works to create a safe, humane, and effective process to help families of missing migrants find answers.



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[A Conversation with Tiffany Lethabo King](#)

Ashley and Justin sit down for a conversation with **Dr. Tiffany Lethabo King**, associate professor of African-American Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Georgia State University. They discuss how COVID and a move to remote teaching has necessitated a change in pedagogy, the changing needs of students in higher education spaces, and more.



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Distinguished Alumni Award Lecture

"No Place for Children: Untangling Refugee Bodies and Navigating through 'Crisis' in Humanitarian Protection"

Bina D'Costa, M.A. '97 is professor of international relations and peace and conflict studies specialist at the Australian National University and engaged in humanitarian peacebuilding efforts around the world. Her research and practice focuses on the intersections between politics, human rights, and security in Asia, with particular emphases on gender justice and global migration. She delivered this year's Distinguished Alumni Award lecture on December 1, 2020.



Upcoming Deadlines

Visiting Research Fellowships

Apply by January 1, 2021

Each year, the Visiting Research Fellows Program brings outstanding scholars focused on peace research to the University of Notre Dame for a semester or a full academic year. Scholars whose research integrates with the following areas are especially encouraged to apply: gender, intersectionality, and peacebuilding; the Peace Accords Matrix program; international



mediation; and violence and systemic racism in policing.

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Media Highlights

Erin Corcoran, Executive Director, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Associate Teaching Professor in the Keough School of Global Affairs, was interviewed in the *Marketplace* broadcast "[DACA ruling protects recipients and allows for new applicants.](#)"



David Cortright, Director of the Global Policy Initiative, Special Advisor for Policy Studies, and Professor Emeritus of the Practice, was noted in *The Washington Post* article "[Trump has the power to issue preemptive pardons. Here's how past presidents used it.](#)"



George A. Lopez, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies, co-wrote the *War on the Rocks* commentary "[A Bold Peace Offensive to Engage North Korea.](#)"



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