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### News

#### [News Details: Peace studies Ph.D. student receives three-year NSF fellowship](#)

**Amaryst Parks**, a Ph.D. student in peace studies and sociology at the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, is the recipient of a prestigious three-year Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation. Parks' research focuses as anti-Blackness as "ontological violence," violence through white supremacy that fundamentally distorts the ways Black people and Blackness can operate and be in the world.



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#### [Pope Francis discusses Contending Modernities book, "Inclusive Populism," during international conference](#)

During an April 15 address, Pope Francis cited research from the book, *Inclusive Populism: Creating Citizens in the Global Age*, written by **Rev. Angus Ritchie**. The book was published by the University of Notre Dame Press and is part of a series connected to the Kroc Institute's **Contending Modernities initiative**.



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## [Statement on Biden Recognizing Atrocities against Armenians as Genocide](#)

**Ernesto Verdeja**, associate professor for political science and peace studies and an expert on large-scale political violence (genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity), responded to **President Joe Biden's** April 24 recognition of World War I violence against Armenians as genocide: "Genocide denial is, in fact, the last phase of genocide. To deny this history is to inflict an additional harm by signaling that civilian destruction does not warrant our collective attention, and that the historical record should remain in the service of immediate and narrow national interests. Biden's statement is an important step in drawing attention to the immense catastrophe that was the Armenian genocide.



[Read the full statement »](#)

## **Student Spotlight**

### [Q&A with Jirah Kaye Luison](#)

**Hometown:** Butuan City, Philippines

**Program:** Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies

**You had been working in the fields of peace and development in Malaysia and the Philippines for almost a decade before you came here. What drew you to Notre Dame and this program?**

There aren't many options on peace studies and development all over the world. I didn't apply to any other programs. I met four students from Kroc five or six years ago in one of the peacebuilding institutes in Mindanao and they told me about this program. I felt that it was what I was looking for because it's not only theoretical. Policy, implementation, and research are things we discuss in many of the classes and that's what the people I met told me. The actual work done on the ground really mattered to me.

[Read the full interview »](#)



## Upcoming Virtual Events

### [Northern Ireland and Colombian Peace Accords: Insights on Negotiations, Design, and Implementation for Sustainable Peacebuilding](#)

**Thursday, May 6**

9:00 a.m. EDT, Virtual Event

Featuring **Eamon Gilmore**, Special Representative for Human Rights and the Special Envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia, European Union.

**Gilmore** will deliver a keynote address examining the status of the Irish and Colombian peacebuilding processes and explore options for overcoming threats to peace implementation.



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## Media Highlights

**David Anderson Hooker**, Associate Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding, was quoted in the *Toronto Star* article "[Derek Chauvin’s guilty verdict is significant because it’s novel. That’s the real injustice.](#)"



**Madhav Joshi**, Research Associate Professor and Associate Director of the Peace Accords Matrix, wrote the *Political Violence at a Glance* blog post "[What’s at Stake for Women In Afghanistan.](#)"



**Atalia Omer**, Professor of Religion, Conflict and Peace Studies, was quoted in the *+972 Magazine* article "[J Street finally wants the US to think beyond the two-state solution.](#)"



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