2020–2021 may deserve the title of the year of resilience. Despite the multiple challenges caused by the pandemic, we at the Kroc Institute managed to continue, and even enhance, our work on our educational programs, research, policy, practice, and outreach. We were not alone in this journey, of course, but part of the entire Notre Dame community. I am ever so grateful to our staff and faculty whose work and commitment to the mission of the Institute guaranteed that our students continued to receive superb peace studies education and our constituencies on and off campus continued to benefit from our policy engagement, practice work, research, and public events. Moreover, the pandemic did not slow us down in implementing central components of our strategic plan. At the beginning of the academic year, we formally launched our intersectionality and justice initiative by highlighting ongoing and new research, courses and public outreach activities with a focus on race, gender, class, and other forms of identity as they relate to justice and peace. In the coming years, we plan to continue developing this initiative, including new faculty hires. In fact, in 2021-22 we will conduct a search for a faculty position in racial justice and conflict transformation. I am hopeful that in the next annual report I will be able to announce the hiring of a faculty member who will lead a new program on race and peace at the Kroc Institute.
As part of our strategic plan we were also fortunate to hire Maira Hayat, who joined the Kroc Institute faculty on July 1, 2021, as assistant professor of environment and peace studies. Maira is an environmental anthropologist studying water disputes across multiple scales between provinces and farmers within Pakistan and between Pakistan and India. Climate change and environmental justice remain among the most pressing issues threatening global peace and stability. We are fully aware of the fact that, in addition to the hiring of Maira, we need to further our expertise and impact in these topics and we plan to do so in the coming years. Maira’s research and teaching also focuses on intersectionality and justice from an environmental perspective and she will also contribute to our intersectionality initiative.

As you will be able to read in this report, not only did the pandemic not slow us down, we were able to expand some of our activities, including the successful recruitment of new students to our academic programs, faculty research projects, and ongoing policy work by signature programs including the Peace Accords Matrix, the Mediation Program, Catholic Peacebuilding Network, and Contending Modernities. The transition to online events also enabled us to extend the reach of our public engagement. In 2020-21, we hosted 32 events, drawing a total of 5,756 attendees from around the world. Thanks to our skilled communications team, 22 new Kroc Cast episodes were produced in English and 3 in Spanish, as well as 8 episodes of the well-received new podcast series, Pedagogies of Peace, which is tied to our intersectionality initiative. Indeed, there was no dull moment for us this academic year.

The year also marked a few departures of key people who were central to our operations. David Anderson Hooker, associate professor of the practice of conflict transformation and peacebuilding, finished his service at the Kroc Institute and left for new professional adventures. Caitlyn Paulsen, the Peace Accords Matrix and policy studies program coordinator, concluded her work with PAM after 3 years of service. In July, Sofia Revilak Fonseca (B.A. ’19) stepped into this role. We also said farewell to Chernor Bah (M.A. ’11) who completed a three-year term as a young alum member of our Advisory Board. He was replaced by Maria Camila Posse Gaez (MGA ’19) as the new representative of the Master’s program on the Advisory Board. We also said farewell to Uzra Zeya, whose membership on our Advisory Board had to be cut short by her appointment at the Department of State and Michael Heisler who concluded his service as a Board member due to other commitments on the public health front.

This academic year has demonstrated the continued and increasing relevance of the work of the Kroc Institute in responding to multiple global challenges such as climate change and environmental violence, racial violence and disparities, armed conflict, and the continued threat of nuclear weapons, to mention just a few examples. Additionally, the pandemic has laid bare the structural conditions of inequality and injustice on a global scale. Rich countries have managed to secure vaccines and control the pandemic with varying levels of success, but in many other parts of the world, COVID-19 is still raging, causing havoc and death.

As I am writing these words in July 2021, life in the United States has returned to some semblance of normalcy, but as a peace institute we must acknowledge the fact that we do not live in a post-pandemic world and many of the communities we study, work with, and serve are facing dire conditions. We are grateful for the fact that Notre Dame successfully remained open in 2020-2021 and that, after a challenging year, we start the 2021-2022 academic year triumphantly, but we are also fully aware that it comes from a position of profound privilege and that other countries and societies with fewer financial resources are still struggling and facing life-threatening conditions. It is part of our responsibility as a peace institute to expose these structural inequalities and speak truth to power. I am hopeful that in our next annual report, we will be able to celebrate our successes without qualifying them with pandemic-related burdens and challenges.

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2020–21 By the Numbers

The Peace Studies Class of 2021:

- 33 undergraduate seniors
- 3 graduate minors in peace studies
- 14 Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration students
- 5 Ph.D. students
- 22 staff members
- 24 core faculty members
- 72 faculty fellows

The Kroc Institute hosted

- 32 virtual events
drawing 5,756 attendees

The Institute’s alumni network
now includes 1,800+ peacebuilders in 100+ countries

Followers on social media:

- 9,103 on Facebook
- 8,020 on Twitter
- 1,296 on Instagram

Year in Review Highlights

AUGUST

As part of the Project on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement with Nuclear Disarmament, the Catholic Peacebuilding Network co-hosted an event commemorating the 75-year anniversary of the bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. The event featured remarks by the Most Reverend Mitsuaki Takami, archbishop of Nagasaki and president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Japan.

The Kroc Institute welcomed 5 Kroc Scholars from El Salvador and the United States into the fourth cohort of students in the International Peace Studies Concentration of the Keough School Master of Global Affairs program. Unlike in past years, not all members of the Class of 2022 were able to begin studies in the fall because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Institute welcomed 3 new doctoral students to campus.
The Kroc Institute hosted a virtual conversation on race, class, gender, and their intersections with author and public intellectual Beverly Daniel Tatum ▲ and David Anderson Hooker ▲.

SEPTEMBER
In honor of the United Nations International Day of Peace, the Kroc Institute hosted a panel discussion focused on the theme “Shaping Peace Together: Envisioning a Post-Pandemic World.” Panelists included ▼ Catherine Bolten, Drew Marcantonio, Ann Mische, Amaryst Parks, and Andrew Owsiak.

OCTOBER
Mediation Program Director Laurie Nathan presented new research on the impact of United Nations resolutions on international mediation efforts in high-intensity conflicts during an October 9 UN Security Council meeting.

Azza Karam, ▲ secretary general of Religions for Peace International and professor of religion and development at Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, spoke during the 22nd Annual Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion, and Peace. Karam’s lecture was titled “Multi-Faith Actions: The Tipping Point for ‘Peace.’”

World-renowned scholar, activist, and educator ▲ Angela Davis was the speaker for the 27th Annual Hesburgh Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy. Davis engaged in a lively conversation with current peace studies students moderated by faculty member David Anderson Hooker. They discussed the history of and present struggles for economic, racial, and gender justice.

NOVEMBER
The Institute launched its second podcast series, ▲ Pedagogies for Peace. Episodes took an introspective look at teaching and research through decolonial and intersectional lenses and were hosted by faculty member Ashley Bohrer and visiting assistant professor Justin de Leon.

Institute staff member ▼ Pam Blair designed “I Stand in Solidarity” stickers as a way to spark continued conversation about racial justice. The stickers launched in connection with the Kroc Institute’s emerging initiative focused on intersectionality and justice.

DECEMBER
Bina D’Costa (M.A. ’97) presented the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award lecture. Her talk was titled “No Place for Children: Untangling Refugee Bodies and Navigating through ‘Crisis’ in Humanitarian Protection.” D’Costa is professor of international relations and peace and conflict studies specialist at the Australian National University and is also engaged in humanitarian peacebuilding efforts around the world.
As part of its work with the **Project on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament**, the **Catholic Peacebuilding Network** co-hosted a weeklong virtual intensive for students interested in creating a world without nuclear weapons. This year’s seminar, held via Zoom video conference every evening from January 11 to 14, drew over 35 participants from Brazil, Benin, China, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Japan, Kenya, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United States.

**FEBRUARY**

Undergraduate student **Elsa Barron (’21)** planned a three-part virtual event series examining the role of faith communities in environmental peacebuilding efforts. The events were co-sponsored by the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, the Environmental Peacebuilding Association, and Young Evangelicals for Climate Action.

The **Madrasa Discourses** project, part of the Contending Modernities initiative, launched an innovative online website and curriculum meant to engage Islamic religious leaders from India and Pakistan in conversations about pluralism, modern science, and technological advances. The curriculum builds on the model developed by in-person “intensives” hosted by the project since 2017. **Eight additional Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration students**, members of the Class of 2022, were finally able to travel to campus and begin their studies. Because of pandemic-related travel restrictions, three students accepted into the class were forced to defer until fall 2021.

Peace studies student **Matthew Bisner (B.A. ’22)** was elected Notre Dame student body vice president. Bisner is the eighth peace studies student to be elected student body president or vice president since 2012.

**MARCH**

Faculty fellow **Julia Kowalski** helped to create “**Mediating Justice: Law, Violence, and Ethnography**,” a series of live events and prerecorded video conversations released weekly. The series explored what it is that we mean when we talk about justice and brought anthropologists and peace studies scholars into conversation with one another.

The Kroc Institute partnered with the **Keough School and Veterans for Peace** to host a virtual event commemorating the Winter Soldier Investigation organized by Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) 50 years ago in February 1971 and similar hearings by Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) 37 years later in March 2008.
**APRIL**

▲ Amaryst Parks, a Ph.D. student in peace studies and sociology, was named a recipient of a prestigious three-year National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. The fellowship will allow additional time and resources to devote to research. Parks’ research focuses on 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.

Human rights attorney and assistant professor ▲ Noura Erakat spoke at a Kroc Institute event, in conversation with faculty members Atalia Omer and Mary Ellen O’Connell. Erakat discussed the possibility of a new approach to understanding the Palestinian struggle for freedom, told through the lens of the power and control of international law.

The ▲ Notre Dame Student Peace Conference took place virtually April 15–17 and focused on the theme “Beyond the Surface: Moving the Needle on Global Peace.” Read more about the conference on page 10.

**MAY**

The Keough School of Global Affairs awarded the Hesburgh Global Fellowship to María José Daza Bohórquez and the Raymond C. Offenheiser Fellowship to Margaret Adomako. Daza and Adomako, from Colombia and Ghana, respectively, are members of the Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration Class of 2021. The Hesburgh and Offenheiser fellowships subsidize postgraduate employment with organizations that foster human dignity and equality.

The Kroc Institute celebrated the graduation ▲ of 31 undergraduate seniors who completed either a supplementary major or minor in peace studies, 2 undergraduate students who completed the supplementary major in global affairs with a concentration in international peace studies, 14 Kroc Scholars who completed the Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration at the Keough School of Global Affairs, 3 students who completed a graduate minor in peace studies, and 5 graduates of the Institute’s Ph.D. Program in Peace Studies.

During commencement weekend, Kroc Institute faculty member Ann Mische was one of two University of Notre Dame faculty members to receive the James A. Burns, C.S.C., Graduate School Award. The award recognizes outstanding faculty mentorship and showcases Notre Dame’s very best doctoral advisers.

The Kroc Institute said farewell to faculty member ▲ David Anderson Hooker with an in-person farewell in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies courtyard. He was presented with a print of a mural created by staff member Pam Blair.
Year in Review Highlights

The Peace Accords Matrix team released their fifth comprehensive report on Colombian peace agreement implementation. Read more about the report on page 24.

▲ Maria Camila Posse Gaez (MGA ‘19) replaced Chernor Bah (M.A. ‘11) as the young alumni representing the Master’s program on the Kroc Institute’s Advisory Board.

JUNE

Faculty member ▲ Emmanuel Katongole published the new edited volume In Their Own Words: Christian Leadership for Such a Time as This. The book presents the stories of eight Christian peacebuilders and leaders from the East Africa Great Lakes region. The stories were shared during interviews with Katongole and Marie-Claire Klassen ▲, a Ph.D. candidate in theology and graduate minor in peace studies who was involved in writing the book. The leaders reflect “in their own words” on their call to leadership, formative influences in their lives, daily life rhythms, and their understanding of leadership in the local contexts they serve.

Teaching Peace in the 21st Century

The Kroc Institute hosted its first ever fully virtual Summer Institute for Faculty “Teaching Peace in the 21st Century.” The event drew over 350 attendees from over 140 organizations and 19 countries. Those registered also included 22 alumni of Kroc Institute peace studies programs.

Organizers opted to move Summer Institute online in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which also forced the cancellation of what was to be the 12th annual SI in 2020.

“Each year during SI, Kroc Institute faculty and staff present state of the art peace studies training and participants benefit from the cross-fertilizing conversations and interaction,” said George A. Lopez, director of the Summer Institute and Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., professor emeritus of peace studies. “As with all webinar-type events, we worried we might lose that personal connection dimension, but the interactive energy of attendees and their engaged commitment was incredible, as best evidenced by many of our Indian colleagues who were still in session with us at 3 a.m. their time!”

Prior to the live sessions, all SI attendees received access to a suite of educational resources including pre-recorded mini-lectures from speakers, and audio, video, and written resources corresponding with each session. Topics covered during the week’s sessions ranged from how to build and sustain a peace studies program, to sessions on conflict transformation, justice and peace studies, decolonizing the peace curriculum, teaching and practicing self-care and resilience, and how peace studies research and courses can combat systemic racism.

During all six plenary sessions and three daily happy hours, SI attendees created a dynamic learning community where panelists and attendees engaged in conversation directly with one another, and attendees created their own growing library of shared peace studies resources using the webinar chat feature.

Photo captions (clockwise from top left): Attendees during the opening session; Professor Laurie Nathan presents during a session titled “From Conflict Resolution to Conflict Transformation to Peacebuilding”; a slide showing one of the key questions from the week; Associate Professor Laura Miller-Graff discusses resilience with attendees; Loyola University Maryland Associate Professor Karsonya Wise Whitehead (M.A. ’93) presents on ways peace studies should address systemic racism; and Associate Professor Ann Mische presents on social movements for justice as part of the pre-recorded video resources.
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The weapons of peace

a. Commit to finishing the race
b. Have a Courage Song
c. Bless Yourself
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The Undergraduate Program in Peace Studies

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 2020–21 academic year, the program included 82 students enrolled in either a supplementary major or minor in peace studies. In addition, 17 students were pursuing a concentration in international peace studies as part of the Keough School’s supplementary major in global affairs.

Out of 31 graduating seniors, 9 students received Latin honors and 6 were inducted into national honor societies. Six graduates also received awards from their major department or the University.

Undergraduate students not only excel in the classroom but also translate their peace studies learnings into extracurricular engagement and leadership both on and off campus.

“One of the things I have learned is that what I learn from peace studies does not end when I leave the class. As I continue to learn more about peace studies, it has enhanced the way I approach political science. And I now approach problems discussed in political science through the lens of peace studies.” — Oneile Gorata Baitlotli, CLASS OF 2021

“The webinar series combined all of these different elements I was passionate about and had branched into during my time in peace studies. To bring together insights from many of my classes was just such a great thing to have as a part of my last semester.” – Elsa Barron

Senior Elsa Barron, a biology major with a supplementary major in peace studies and a minor in sustainability, was named the recipient of this year’s 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 and justice.

During her time on campus, Barron has been an active proponent of environmental peacebuilding, a theory that emphasizes the importance of addressing environmental justice issues in order to build more peaceful societies. In February 2021, Barron planned and hosted a series of three Kroc Institute virtual events focused on faith communities and their role in environmental peacebuilding. Topics discussed during the events included decolonizing the land, interfaith approaches to creation care, and creating spaces for dialogue.

In addition, Barron traveled to Uganda in March 2020 to visit the Bethany Land Institute as part of a peace studies class taught by Professor Emmanuel Katongole and participated in two intensives hosted by the Madrasa Discourses project.
Q&A with Director of Undergraduate Studies Laura Miller-Graff

In July 2020, Laura Miller-Graff, associate professor of psychology and peace studies, stepped into the role of director of undergraduate studies. Here she reflects on her first year as director and her hopes for the program moving forward.

What was most exciting to you about stepping into this new role?
I’ve loved teaching in the undergraduate program, but it was exciting to think about getting to know our students in a new way. We have such an incredible group of students, and it’s been a delight to witness and support their explorations and innovations in peace studies.

What is unique about the Undergraduate Program in Peace Studies that you wish more people knew?
I wish that people could have a full appreciation of the huge breadth of ways in which students are integrating peace studies into their other fields of study. I’ve been really amazed by students’ thoughtful inquiry into the relevance of peace studies for their academic and professional trajectories, and I think our program really lives up to our desire to place ourselves at the nexus of theory and practice.

What are your hopes for the next three years with the program?
I would love to see us continue to grow and expand our co-curricular opportunities. Students are excited to think about how they can integrate peace studies into their research trajectories and professional life, and opportunities like research assistantships, internships, and immersive experiences are invaluable.
In 2020, the **Notre Dame Student Peace Conference** was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. In 2021, student planners knew they would likely still be facing an ongoing pandemic and made the decision to pivot to a first-of-its kind fully virtual conference. The event, held April 15–17, focused on the theme “Beyond the Surface: Moving the Needle on Global Peace.”

The event drew over 180 attendees from 46 universities and colleges. Because of the virtual format, students from higher education institutions in 19 different countries were able to attend, resulting in a historically high level of global engagement. Countries represented included Canada, China, Colombia, Gambia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malta, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Serbia, South Africa, South Korea, South Sudan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

This year, instead of being planned by two co-chairs, the conference planning committee consisted of four students: **Oneile Gorata Baitloti ('21)**, political science major, peace studies and international development minors; **Nicholas Clarizio ('23)**, political science and French major, peace studies and Italian minors; **Grace Conroy ('22)**, business major, peace studies minor; and **Conal Fagan ('21)**, political science and peace studies major.

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This year’s event featured two keynote speakers: **John Paul Lederach**, professor emeritus of international peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute, and **Bridget Moix**, executive director of Peace Direct.

“I think [the pandemic] has brought a sense of urgency to a lot of people. Not solely that they feel cooped up, but that at home they’ve had this large chunk of time since the pandemic, and people are looking wherever they can to make an impact. It’s brought a lot of innovative approaches. For example, we have one proposal that has to do with looking through national archives. It’s a very ambitious project, and we might not have seen that methodology without the pandemic.”

– **Nicholas Clarizio**
The conference is an annual gathering organized by students and for students. Its mission is to provide space for graduate and undergraduate students from all colleges and universities to dialogue about peacebuilding, social justice, and conflict transformation.

The conference schedule included 18 sessions featuring 49 presenters on topics ranging from environmental peacebuilding to conflict resolution in secondary schools in Kenya to addressing systemic discrimination, mediation, reconciliation, and more. The planners saw presenters wrestling with current events and pressing issues facing the world today, including the impact of the pandemic.

“Getting to moderate the conversation with John Paul Lederach is something I’ll always remember! His application of knowledge, ability to captivate the audience, and his desire to challenge the listener and stretch their imagination is unparalleled. We were so lucky to have had John Paul speak this year.”

— Conal Fagan
Building on the strength of the long-standing Kroc Master’s in International Peace Studies Program, the Master of Global Affairs (MGA) program at the Keough School welcomed its fourth cohort of students during the 2020–21 academic year.

Within this class, 16 members chose to pursue a concentration in international peace studies. Five students arrived on campus in the fall, an additional eight were able to join the cohort in January, and three additional students needed to defer until fall 2021 because of visa issues and travel restrictions related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The IPS concentration, administered by the Kroc Institute, draws scholar-practitioners with wide-ranging interests and work experience related to peace, justice, conflict transformation, and human rights. Students who began the program during the 2020-21 academic year represented 10 countries: Burkina Faso, Canada, Colombia, El Salvador, Kenya, Philippines, South Korea, Ukraine, the United States, and Zimbabwe.

Due to the inability of the majority of students to begin studies on campus in Fall 2021, the Kroc Institute did not award any Thomas D. McCloskey Peace Fellowships during the 2020-21 academic year.

Beginning in July 2021, the five IPS students who arrived in fall 2020 began six-month internships with Kroc Institute partner organizations around the world. These field experiences allow students to spend four days per week with leading peace and justice organizations and one day each week focused on independent field research.

Students are engaged in four locations with six different organizations:

- Bryanna Beamer, Catholic Relief Services in Gambia
- Elizabeth Boyle, the Community of Sant’Egidio in Rome/Vatican City
- Clara Villatoro Huezo, United Nations Development Programme, New York City
- Lenai Taylor Johnson, Survival International, Oakland, California
- Rachael Rosenberg, International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and the International Crisis Group, New York City

This spring, the Kroc Institute celebrated the graduation of 15 Kroc Scholars.
You can also listen to an interview with Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration student Cristian Sáez Flórez ('21) discussing his fall 2020 internship at the Colibrí Center for Human Rights on The Kroc Cast podcast.

In February 2020, Anna Romandash ('22) won the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom CMPF School for Journalists Prize for her project “Displaced People in Ukraine.” Romandash says, “There is an idea that Europe is a very stable and secure region, but many wars and conflicts here say otherwise. I am happy to shed light on some of the human stories behind the statistics and reveal the individual efforts for reconciliation through my reporting on Europe and its conflicts.”

The Keough School of Global Affairs awarded the Hesburgh Global Fellowship to María José Daza Bohórquez and the Raymond C. Offenheiser Fellowship to Margaret Adomako. Daza and Adomako, from Colombia and Ghana, respectively, are members of the Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration Class of 2021. Created in 2019, the Hesburgh and Offenheiser Fellowships subsidize postgraduate employment with organizations that foster human dignity and equality.

Daza will work in Bogotá, Colombia, for the Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT). Headquartered in Barcelona with a global network of practitioners and brain trusts, IFIT helps fragile and conflict-affected states achieve more inclusive negotiations and sustainable transitions out of war, crisis, or authoritarianism.

“I’m honored to begin work for an organization that shares generously its expertise in political transitions and shares my values of inclusiveness and multidisciplinarity. In my two years in the MGA program, I have come to realize that no peacebuilding effort is complete if it is not comprehensive and inclusive,” said Daza.

Adomako will join the humanitarian policy and advocacy unit at Oxfam America in Washington, DC. Her work will focus on bolstering United States government support for the prevention of and response to humanitarian crises.

“Oxfam’s work in ending poverty is crucial to the peace and security of nations. Having the opportunity to work with an organization that fights inequality and poverty as a means of lessening the harms caused by conflict aligns well with my values, expertise, and career aspirations,” said Adomako.
The Kroc Institute’s doctoral program attracts excellent students with a wide range of research and peacebuilding experience to its dynamic program with six partner departments. In fall 2020, the Kroc Institute welcomed three new Ph.D. students:

**Catherine Maloney** (peace studies and psychology) will focus on the development and implementation of mental health interventions for marginalized youth in cross-cultural settings.

**Sean Raming** (peace studies and history) plans to research twentieth-century U.S. military policy and its implicit effects on U.S. American culture, exploring how societies can normalize violence.

**Flora Tang** (peace studies and theology) will explore a theology of liturgy and sacraments in post-traumatic or post-conflict settings in the Global South.

In addition, with the conferral of five degrees in 2021, the Ph.D. Program in Peace Studies has now graduated thirty-five interdisciplinary peace studies scholars. This year’s program graduates were **Anna Fett** (peace studies and history), **Katherine Grein** (peace studies and psychology), **Drew (Richard) Marcantonio** (peace studies and anthropology), **Maryam Rokhideh** (peace studies and anthropology), and **Kathryn Scrafford** (peace studies and psychology).

“Being in two departments at once allows me to use the tools and methods of one to critique the tools and methods of the other and vice versa. Remaining in one field, it would be harder for me to critically reflect on my own position as a scholar within the often uncritiqued dynamics of power and violence in academic scholarship.”

— Flora Tang

**PH.D. STUDENT IN PEACE STUDIES AND THEOLOGY**
For the second year, the Institute also celebrated the graduation of three students who completed a graduate minor in peace studies. The minor is open to any current Notre Dame student pursuing a terminal master’s or doctoral degree.

Recent doctoral program graduates continue to secure strong job placements with well-known academic and peacebuilding institutions. This year’s placements included:

**Colleen Cross** (peace studies and theology, ’20) was named assistant director of Foundation Relations with the University of Notre Dame’s Development Office;

**Anna Fett** (peace studies and history, ’21) was appointed visiting assistant professor of peace and conflict studies at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York;

**Kristina Hook** (peace studies and anthropology, ’20) will move to a tenure-track position as assistant professor of conflict management at the School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding and Development at Kennesaw (Georgia) State University;

**Kathrin Kranz** (peace studies and political science, ’16) now serves as senior assistant director of graduate career development at the University of Chicago;

**Karie Cross Riddle** (peace studies and political science, ’17) has been appointed assistant professor of political science at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California; and

**Steven Savides** (doctoral candidate in peace studies and theology) was appointed assistant professor of mass communication at Principia College in Elsah, Illinois.

In addition to securing strong placements, peace studies doctoral students have received prestigious fellowships and awards from external organizations to support their cutting-edge research and scholarship.

**Sarah Crane** (peace studies and history) was awarded a Fulbright grant from the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to conduct research in Germany during the 2021–22 academic year. She will be spending most of the year at the Fritz Bauer Institute for the History and Impact of the Holocaust as well as the Goethe University Frankfurt researching the legal work of German state prosecutors to bring Germans who administered and worked at Auschwitz to trial in the early 1960s and will study how legal responses to the crimes of the Holocaust have influenced Holocaust remembrance in Germany and around the world.

**Amaryst Parks** (peace studies and sociology) was named a recipient of a three-year National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. The fellowship will allow additional time and resources to devote to research. Parks’ research focuses on 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.

**Khan Shairani** (peace studies and history) has received one of the first fellowships for high-achieving doctoral students from the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS). NDIAS promotes issue-engaged, inclusive, and interdisciplinary study of questions that affect our ability to lead valuable, meaningful lives. Shairani’s dissertation project is entitled “Renewing Muslim Knowledge Traditions: The Search for Authenticity in 18th-century Ottoman and Mughal Empires.”

Ph.D. students and alumni (clockwise from top left): Colleen Cross, Khan Shairani, Carli Steelman, Joséphine Lechartre, Seherazat Mart, Joel Devonshire, Anna Fett, Amaryst Parks, Steven Savides, Karie Cross Riddle, Kathrin Kranz, and Kristina Hook.
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The Ph.D. Program in Peace Studies, continued

The pandemic brought a variety of challenges for Carli Steelman (peace studies and sociology) and her global research on state-crafted narratives of conflict through memorialization and public commemorations. To adapt, Steelman relied on the innovative use of GPS data and sociological methodology to study various European sites. As an acknowledgment of this innovative work, the Nanovic Institute for European Studies granted Steelman a Paul G. Tobin Dissertation Fellowship for her project entitled “Making Murders and Martyrs: A Spatial Analysis of Collective Memory of Violence.”

Additional awards received by peace studies doctoral students during spring 2021 include:

Angela Chesler (peace studies and political science), Summer Travel and Research Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies; Research Grant, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies; and Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Notre Dame Department of Political Science;

Joséphine Lechartre (peace studies and political science), Travel and Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies;

Sehrazat Mart (peace studies and sociology), Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning; and

Flora Tang (peace studies and theology), Graduate School Professional Development Award, Downes Memorial Fund.

During the 2020–21 academic year, three Ph.D. students received fellowships generously funded by the Kroc Institute’s Advisory Board:

Darby Fellow: Joel Devonshire (peace studies and psychology)

Mullen Family Fellow: Jude Ash (peace studies and psychology)

Steven D. Pepe Ph.D. Fellow in Peace Studies:

Mary Tarsha (peace studies and psychology)

John and Judy Scully Fellow in Peace Studies:

Flora Tang (peace studies and theology)

(clockwise from top left): Ph.D. students attend a Friday PRES event; Angela Chesler conducted research in Bern, Switzerland, at the Chechen Archives, part of the Society for Threatened Peoples; Sarah Crane in Germany; and incoming Ph.D. students Sean Raming, Flora Tang, and Catherine Maloney.
The Kroc Institute mourned the loss of Ph.D. student Jude Ash (Majd al-Shoufi), who died on April 1. On April 20, the Institute hosted an in-person memorial for Ash. A tree was also planted in his honor on the Hesburgh Center for International Studies quad.

Jude arrived at the University of Notre Dame in 2015 as a student in the Kroc Institute’s Master’s in International Peace Studies Program. He applied to the program while living in Turkey after escaping the horrors of the Syrian civil war—horrors he literally experienced with his own body. While in Turkey, Ash worked with Syrian refugees and co-founded a grassroots organization, New Syrian Human, intended to empower and provide psychosocial support to Syrian organizations and community members.

After successfully graduating from the M.A. program in 2017, he applied and was admitted to the Ph.D. program. In classes he was always passionate about the study of human emotions and the way they affect mental health and peaceful and violent behavior. In recent years, Jude also immersed himself in the study and practice of international mediation and was involved in local theatrical productions in South Bend as a talented actor. Jude was also involved with Notre Dame’s IDEA Center through BrainDrive, LLC, a new app that brings together technology, science, and art to provide science-backed, accessible, and affordable mental health solutions to individuals, companies, and institutions.

Jude was a beloved member of the Kroc Institute community and will be deeply missed.
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Artificial Intelligence, Social Media, and Political Violence Prevention

During the 2020–21 academic year, Kroc Institute faculty and faculty fellows were part of efforts to formalize a new research initiative focused on the use of new artificial intelligence (AI) tools for analyzing manipulated political memes on social media, an important source of disinformation and a contributor to political instability. The project seeks to identify and track manipulative, false, and dehumanizing messaging on high-stakes issues in political discourse and aims to empower policymakers, human rights organizations, and journalists by providing them with relevant information in near real time to help prevent political instability and human rights violations.

Social media has become a new battleground in contemporary political conflicts. In our current social media landscape, harmful and manipulative political content circulates more rapidly and widely than ever before, and the dangers are acute. This is especially evident in the use of political memes: multimedia content meant to engage an in-group and/or antagonize an out-group for political ends and spread primarily through social media. For example, in the lead-up to the 2019 Indonesian elections, Instagram and Twitter were filled with conspiratorial allegations about treasonous politicians who had to be prevented from winning at the ballot box by any means, including through terror, threats, and killings.

This new initiative is led by a four-person team: Ernesto Verdeja, associate professor of political science and peace studies; Michael Yankoski (Ph.D. ’20), postdoctoral research associate; Walter Scheirer, Kroc Institute faculty fellow and associate professor of computer science and engineering; and Tim Weninger, associate professor of computer science and engineering. Together they are building a system that utilizes computer models capable of understanding the ways political actors, both government and nongovernment, may use social media to dehumanize and provoke violence against opponents.

They seek to provide journalists and prevention practitioners—that is, policymakers, analysts, and human rights advocates in the atrocity prevention community—with data-rich, theoretically informed assessments of violence escalation processes in near real time. This project aims to enhance existing early warning and prevention efforts and thus strengthen timely and effective prevention by providing important and otherwise missed information.

This year, the team co-authored a number of articles in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists and also published a chapter on AI for peace in the book Towards an International Political Economy of Artificial Intelligence.
In its third full year of operations, 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 through hosting a series of high-profile virtual events and presentations.

In September, the Mediation Program added Francisco Diez as a senior advisor. Diez is currently a member of the United Nations Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisers and previously served as the chief of staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina. He is the founder of the Mediator's Network in Argentina and served as the Carter Center's representative in Latin America before joining the Kroc Institute in 2014. From 2014 to 2019, Diez was the representative in Latin America of the Kroc Institute’s Peace Accords Matrix (PAM).

Also in September, during the lead-up to the 2020 presidential election in the United States, the Program hosted a virtual event entitled “Advice to the Next President on Addressing Racial Justice: Notre Dame Students Speak Out.” The event brought together six University of Notre Dame students for a frank conversation about racism, sexism, and other forms of prejudice and inequality and their expectations for how political leadership in the United States should take these issues seriously.

In addition to hosting the live event, the Program published statements of support for the Black Lives Matter movement from 14 organizations and student groups across the Notre Dame campus.

On October 9, Nathan presented a research report to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The research, commissioned by the German Government’s foreign ministry, focused on the impact of Security Council resolutions on international mediation efforts in high-intensity conflicts like those in Syria and Yemen. Because most armed conflicts end either with a military victory by one party or a mediated settlement, Nathan argues that the UNSC should develop resolutions that are conducive to successful mediation in order to avoid conflicts ending through military means.

On March 15, the Program also hosted a virtual conversation building upon the report and featuring a robust conversation on how the UNSC can enhance its approach to mediation. In addition to Nathan, speakers included Antje Herrberg, senior mediation advisor, European External Action Service of the European Union; Barney Afako, member, United Nations Standby Team of Senior Mediation Advisers; Asif Khan, chief of mediation support, United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs; Ambassador Günter Sautter, deputy permanent representative of Germany to the United Nations; David Lanz, co-head, Mediation Support Network and swisspeace Mediation Program; and Oliver Wils, senior advisor, Middle East and North Africa Regional Peace Support, Berghof Foundation.

In January, the Program hosted a conversation on the acute political, security, and humanitarian crisis facing Ethiopia in light of the armed conflict in Tigray. The conversation featured input from William Davison, senior analyst for Ethiopia with the International Crisis Group, and Mulugeta Woldeyesus Haiybayo, current Master of Global Affairs, International Peace Studies Concentration student.

During the year, Nathan also participated in a seminar hosted by the European Union on the conflict in South Sudan, provided mediation coaching to EU officials working in Africa, and was a speaker at a roundtable on preventive diplomacy organized by the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden.
In May, Accomplice—a student-led website and multimedia hub—launched in an effort to elevate decolonial scholarship, conversations, and activism related to the University of Notre Dame. The project was supported by the Mediation Program.

The editorial team included Fiana Arbab, a 2021 graduate of the Master of Global Affairs program and a student associate with the Mediation Program; Liam Maher, 2018 University of Notre Dame graduate; and Elizabeth Boyle, current Master of Global Affairs student. The idea for the site grew out of conversations among students about the need for sustained conversations about decolonizing the University.

“We want to create a convening place for threads that are critical to the larger conversation not only of decolonizing Notre Dame but also to living out decolonial methodologies,” said Arbab. “Not just asking what does this mean, but how do we actually do this work?”

In early 2021, the team launched a call for submissions for stories, essays, films, artwork, and other contributions aimed at exploring Indigenous histories and ways Notre Dame can better partner with local and Indigenous communities. The result is not a traditional journal or academic publication but an interactive website and story map allowing visitors to the site to interact with the publications in a place-focused way, inspired by the Land Back movement developed by Indigenous communities and scholars.

The story map on the website hosts twelve different contributions, including:

- a film interview with Madelyn Wesaw, a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, conducted by current peace studies student Josie Flanagan;
- a report called “For the Record” by Jules Downing and Lauren Klein detailing their proposal for a new Moreau First Year Experience module; and
- an essay by Maher on the implications of the Christopher Columbus murals previously on display at the Main Building on campus with some concrete recommendations for University leaders.

Visit the Accomplice website at sites.nd.edu/accomplice-project.
Contending Modernities Initiative

The Contending Modernities (CM) 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 2020–21 academic year, CM published new research and contributed to conversations on religion, peacebuilding, and modernity through a variety of efforts.

Begun during the previous academic year, the Contending Modernities blog series on Decoloniality and the Study of Religion continued to establish itself as the foremost site for grappling with the past and charting the future of decolonial religious studies. Blogs in the series touched on topics ranging from empire, race, and intersections with comparative religious ethics to decolonial approaches to reading the Qur’an to the impact of decolonial theory and practice on liberation theologies. Authors in the series included Lewis Gordon, Susannah Heschel, Shaul Magid, Amanda Mbuvi, Atalia Omer, and Santiago Slabodsky.

The blog hosted three book symposia on groundbreaking work related to the study of religion, secularism, and modernity. The first was on Zahra Ayubi’s Gendered Morality: Classical Islamic Ethics of the Self, Family, and Society, the second on SherAli Tareen’s Defending Muhammad in Modernity, and the third on Giuliana Chamedes’ A Twentieth-Century Crusade: The Vatican’s Battle to Remake Christian Europe. Tareen also served as a faculty member for the Madrasa Discourses project during this academic year.

In September, Contending Modernities launched a new blog series focused on Policing Analogies. Inspired by the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement following the murder of George Floyd during summer 2020, the series explores how Jewish scholars and activists also must engage in movements for anti-racism and reckon with whiteness in their organizing and scholarly spaces. Authors in the series included Lewis Gordon, Susannah Heschel, Shaul Magid, Amanda Mbuvi, Atalia Omer, and Santiago Slabodsky.

In addition, Contending Modernities published several blog articles that engaged with religious dimensions of current violent conflicts, engaging with contexts including Palestine/Israel, Myanmar (Burma), and questions of secularism in France.

The Madrasa Discourses project, an international intensive course to advance theological and scientific literacy in Islamic education, housed within CM, hosted two virtual intensives (one from December 7 to 17, 2020, and one from May 17 to June 7, 2021) bringing together madrasa (Islamic seminary) graduates with Notre Dame professors and students for conversations about religion, society, and epistemology (the study of knowledge or ways of knowing) in a pluralistic and rapidly changing world. Students engaged with globally renowned scholars including Salman Sayyid, professor of critical Muslim studies at the University of Leeds, on the future of Muslim education and identity.

Images from left to right: A screenshot from the new Madrasa Discourses curriculum website; Co-Director Ebrahim Moosa; Co-Director Atalia Omer
In February, the project also launched an innovative virtual curricular website, which translates the curriculum used in the two-year Madrasa Discourses course into a self-guided and accessible format. The new platform (madrasadiscourses.nd.edu) features Arabic- and English-language materials and guides students through four semesters of study on theology, history, science, and philosophy. The site is currently being translated into Indonesian and Urdu. The Madrasa Discourses team hopes the new online platform will serve as an innovation in global Muslim theological education.

“For 150 years, there has been conversation suggesting that Muslim theological education needs to find ways of engaging with a whole new set of knowledge and learning, especially knowledge of science, humanities, and social sciences. The outcome of the curriculum with our first three groups of scholars from India and Pakistan has been extraordinary and has led to the empowerment of participants to deal with challenging questions in their own environment. We hope the website only expands that impact,” said Ebrahim Moosa, the primary investigator with the project.

In January, CM published the book *Indonesian Pluralities: Islam, Citizenship, and Democracy*, co-edited by Robert W. Hefner and Zainal Abidin Bagir. A product of the Authority, Community, and Identity in Indonesia working group, the book explores questions of how to live peacefully within diverse societies through the lens of the largest Muslim-majority country and the third-largest democracy in the world. Based on a twenty-month project carried out in several regions of Indonesia, the book assesses the quality and dynamics of democracy and lived citizenship in Indonesia today. The contributors demonstrate that citizen ethics are not static discourses but living traditions that co-evolve in relation to broader patterns of politics, gender, religious resurgence, and ethnicity in society. In June, CM co-directors R. Scott Appleby and Atalia Omer co-hosted a podcast conversation for *The Kroc Cast* featuring the book editors and several contributing authors.

In April, during his address at the online conference “A Politics Rooted in the People,” Pope Francis cited Angus Ritchie’s *Inclusive Populism: Creating Citizens in the Global Age*, which was published by Contending Modernities and University of Notre Dame Press in 2019. Pope Francis said of the book, “Rev. Angus Ritchie calls this politics that you do ‘inclusive populism’; I like to use the term ‘popularism’ to express the same idea. But what matters is not the name but the vision, which is the same: it is about finding the means to guarantee a life for all people that is worthy of being called human, a life capable of cultivating virtue and forging new bonds.”

Learn more about CM at contendingmodernities.nd.edu.
In June, members of the Barometer team, including PAM Director Josefina Echavarría Alvarez, traveled around Colombia and participated in several high-level meetings, including with President Iván Duque and other Colombian government officials, the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP), the United Nations verification mission to Colombia, and territorial stakeholders, where they presented findings from the fifth report.

The PAM team also hosted several other well-attended virtual events including an October 15 daylong symposium on gender provisions in peace accords to coincide with the 20th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (co-sponsored with the Peace Research Institute Oslo);
a three-day conference in November, co-hosted with Javeriana University, focused on Colombian peace accord implementation status after four years;

a May 6 conversation with Eamon Gilmore, special representative for Human Rights and the special envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia with the European Union, exploring connections between peace processes and accords in Northern Ireland and Colombia; and

a May 18 panel discussion with Afghan women speaking out about the Afghan peace process and the impact of U.S. troops withdrawing from the region. The event was co-sponsored by the Kroc Institute’s Mediation Program.

In March 2021, Madhav Joshi, PAM associate director and research associate professor, published a report on the implementation status of the 2020 peace accord between the United States and the Taliban. The report uses the PAM methodology and found that overall implementation stood at 57.58% as of March 2021. The report also identified four specific recommendations for sustaining negotiations and building lasting peace in the country.

To learn more about PAM, visit peaceaccords.nd.edu.
Catholic Peacebuilding Network

In response to the pandemic, Pope Francis established a new COVID-19 Commission. Throughout this academic year, the Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) worked closely with the Commission’s security task force, preparing numerous policy reports and co-sponsoring events. One result of this collaboration is a new initiative with the Holy See’s Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development called Preparing the Future. This initiative will involve more systematic collaboration with the Dicastery, including a new program allowing young professionals to work for one or two years with the Dicastery. The initial cohort includes Melinda Davis (B.A. ’19) and Harriet Fink (B.A. ’19). This initiative is made possible by generous funding from Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities.

In July, CPN co-sponsored the webinar “Catholic Peacebuilding in the DRC: Challenges, Opportunities, and Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa.” It was hosted by Boston College’s International Studies Program and featured Mauro Garofalo, director of international relations, Sant’Egidio Community; John Katunga, peacebuilding and justice Africa advisor, Catholic Relief Services; Léocadie Lushombo, IT, adjunct professor of theology, Boston College; Rigobert Minani, SJ, head of research for Peace, Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance, Centre d’Etudes Pour l’Action Sociale (DRC), and director of Jesuit Social Ministry, DRC and Angola; and Lisa Sowle Cahill, J. Donald Monan professor of theology, Boston College, as moderator.

During the 2020–21 academic year, CPN continued its work with the Project on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament. Begun in 2014, the project is a collaborative effort of the Kroc Institute and CPN with the Office of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University; the Institute for Policy Research at the Catholic University of America; and the International Federation of Catholic Universities. It is made possible through the generous support of the Nuclear Threat Initiative.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, on August 3, 2020, the Project hosted a conversation on the morality of the atomic bombings and current nuclear policy issues that featured Archbishop Joseph Mitsuaki Takami (Nagasaki), president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Japan, and Bishop David Malloy (Rockford), chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace. Maryann Cusimano Love, associate professor at the Catholic University of America, moderated the session.
On October 21, CPN and the Keough School hosted the webinar “New START: Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue on Nuclear Disarmament.” This event featured Sam Nunn, former senator and co-chairman of the Nuclear Threat Initiative; Walter Kim, president of the National Association of Evangelicals; Lucas Koach, director of the USCCB Office of International Justice and Peace; Maryann Cusimano Love; and John Hartley, fellow at Yale University. It was moderated by Maura Policelli, executive director of the Keough School’s Washington Office.

On December 16, CPN joined the Holy See’s Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Georgetown’s Berkley Center, and Georgetown University Press in a webinar to launch the book A World Free from Nuclear Weapons (Georgetown University Press), which contains the proceedings of a major 2017 Vatican conference attended by Pope Francis and eleven Nobel laureates. This webinar included Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery; Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, secretary for Relations with States; Beatrice Fihn, Nobel laureate and executive director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons; and A. Rashied Omar, assistant teaching professor, Kroc Institute.

During spring 2021, CPN partnered with Catholic Relief Services to present a three-part workshop series examining the drivers of violence in the Central Sahel context and discussing program and policy recommendations actors for peace should consider. The event brought together key leaders from the region to discuss the role of faith-based organizations and groups in the work to understand current conflicts and build peace.

In March, CPN hosted a virtual event examining the implications for peacebuilding within Pope Francis’ latest encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, released in October 2020. The event was co-sponsored by Franciscans International and Catholic Relief Services. Panelists included Michael A. Perry, OFM, minister general of the Order of Friars Minor; Cecelia Suarez, head of office, Catholic Relief Services Mexico; Anna Floerke Scheid, associate professor of theology, Duquesne University; and A. Rashied Omar, assistant teaching professor, Kroc Institute.

In June, CPN convened an interest group panel at the Catholic Theological Society of America focused on Catholic peacebuilding and extractives, with presentations by Anna Floerke Scheid and Daniel Scheid, associate professor of theology, Duquesne University; and Caesar A. Montevecchio, assistant director of CPN. This interest group supports work on CPN’s forthcoming book, Catholic Peacebuilding and Mining: Integral Peace, Development, and Ecology (Routledge Press).

To learn more about the work of CPN, visit cpn.nd.edu.
Each year, the Kroc Institute’s 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. The Institute particularly seeks scholars who will actively integrate their research with ongoing Kroc Institute research initiatives. More information can be found at kroc.nd.edu/research.

Daniel Castillo earned his Ph.D. in theology from the University of Notre Dame. He is associate professor of theology at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore. While at the Kroc Institute, Castillo worked on his manuscript “I Have Seen”: God-Talk and Christian Praxis in the Anthropocene, which argues that the concept of “integral ecology,” popularized by Pope Francis, should be interpreted as a political ecology of reparations.

Alisher Khamidov (M.A. ’02) (fall 2020) was the first-ever alumni visiting research fellow. He completed a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University and has spent time working as a journalist, peace and conflict consultant, and researcher. While on campus, Khamidov conducted research comparing two sets of towns in Kyrgyzstan—some that have experienced widespread violence over the past 20 years and others in the same region that have been peaceful. Khamidov hopes to produce both a peer-reviewed journal article and a report that will be useful to peacebuilders around the world, especially NGOs, government policymakers, and grassroots peacebuilders throughout Central Asia who are developing strategies for local peacebuilding and violence reduction.

Norbert Koppensteiner (spring 2021) is a peace researcher and freelance facilitator. Having previously served as a senior lecturer at the Unit for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Innsbruck, his facilitation especially focuses on breath, voice, and movement. He obtained his Ph.D. from the European Graduate School in Switzerland. During his time as a visiting research fellow, Koppensteiner explored the art of facilitation for peace and transforming conflicts, with a special focus on embodied approaches.

Lisa McLean received her Ph.D. from the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. While at the Kroc Institute, McLean worked to transform her dissertation into a scholarly monograph that explores the use of the “caravan” as a method of intersectional strategic peacebuilding. She also planned a February 23 virtual roundtable event focused on feminist approaches to global grassroots peacebuilding.

Andrew Owsiak is Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor and associate professor of international affairs at the University of Georgia, a position he obtained after completing his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Illinois. While at the Kroc Institute, Owsiak worked on a co-authored book manuscript, *Diplomacy and War: Lessons for World Politics*. The project reviews a handful of international crises over the past 200 years to determine the factors that lead crises to either escalate to war or not.
New Faculty Fellows

Kroc Institute faculty fellows are professors whose primary appointments are in the College of Arts and Letters, the sciences, or business 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 Kroc Institute faculty, and contribute to Kroc Institute research initiatives.

During the 2020–21 academic year, these faculty members joined the Institute as fellows:

Ellis Adjei Adams, Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Policy

Dana Moss, Assistant Professor of Sociology

In June 2021, Catherine Bolten began a new role as associate editor for the African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review (ACPR), an “interdisciplinary forum for creative and rigorous studies of conflict and peace in Africa.” Bolten, associate professor of anthropology and peace studies, has published in and served as a reviewer for the publication since its founding in 2011, but the new role involves an increased level of responsibility. Bolten joins current editors Abu Bakarr Bah and Niklas Hultin.

As associate editor, Bolten will work closely with authors and article reviewers on the African continent to ensure that articles continue to move through the editing process smoothly. Unlike many traditional academic journals that tout selectivity and exclusivity as a marker of success, ACPR is committed to working with authors working in universities in Africa to build a scholarly web of community and to shepherd articles through the editing process. The journal often reaches out to authors or reviewers who bridge the divide between scholar and practitioner.

“When you have scholars on the continent, they are often publishing on extremely intricate, localized events,” said Bolten. “It’s a chance to create a space to share that research more broadly and also to create communities of scholars across the Global North and South who become more familiar with each other’s work.”

Bolten also hopes that her new role will allow the journal to expand its interdisciplinary peace studies focus to include more articles dealing with issues like climate change and forced migration.

Faculty Spotlight: Catherine Bolten

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As associate editor, Bolten will work closely with authors and article reviewers on the African continent to ensure that articles continue to move through the editing process smoothly. Unlike many traditional academic journals that tout selectivity and exclusivity as a marker of success, ACPR is committed to working with authors working in universities in Africa to build a scholarly web of community and to shepherd articles through the editing process. The journal often reaches out to authors or reviewers who bridge the divide between scholar and practitioner.

“When you have scholars on the continent, they are often publishing on extremely intricate, localized events,” said Bolten. “It’s a chance to create a space to share that research more broadly and also to create communities of scholars across the Global North and South who become more familiar with each other’s work.”

Bolten also hopes that her new role will allow the journal to expand its interdisciplinary peace studies focus to include more articles dealing with issues like climate change and forced migration.
Kroc Research Grants to Faculty and Faculty Fellows

The Kroc Institute offers grants of up to $5,000 to Kroc Institute core faculty members and faculty fellows to enhance current research or initiate new research projects broadly related to peace studies. Learn more at kroc.nd.edu/research.

2020–21 KROC INSTITUTE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Ellis Adjei Adams
Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Policy
Project: Climate-Induced Environmental Scarcity, Farmer-Herder Conflicts, and the Politics of Peacebuilding in Ghana

Madhav Joshi
Research Associate Professor; Associate Director of the Peace Accords Matrix
Project: Social Network Analysis (SNA) of the Intra-Afghan Peace Negotiation Process

Emmanuel Katongole
Professor of Theology and Peace Studies
Project: Sowing Hope: Peace, Ecology, and Integral Human Development

Dana Moss
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Project: When the “Means of Violence” Rebel: Explaining Dissent in the U.S. Military during the Vietnam War (1965–75)

Rachel Sweet
Assistant Professor of Politics and Global Affairs
Project: “Afterlife of Rebellion” Project

Research Spotlight: Rachel Sweet

In April, Assistant Professor of Politics and Global Affairs Rachel Sweet published new research in the journal International Organization. The research explores financial strategies employed by rebel groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo in order to gain legitimacy in trade negotiations. Sweet draws on unprecedented data—the internal records of armed groups and their trading partners—to examine how rebels use state agencies in conflict zones to manufacture a legal cover for wartime trade.

“By using state agencies to provide false certification, rebels can place the stamp of state on their trade deals. This strategy of legal appropriation is a fundamentally different model of how conflict markets skirt sanctions and connect to global buyers,” writes Sweet. Sweet used this research to develop a framework to illustrate the ways international norms and sanctions can incentivize these types of trade workarounds. Sweet’s research was also picked up and shared by The World, a publication of Public Radio International.
The seeds of the Kroc Institute’s formation were sown when 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 Corporation 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 generous 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.
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The following staff members were honored for their many years of service to the Kroc Institute during the 2020–21 academic year.

Kristi Flaherty. 10 years
Elise Ditta. 5 years
Dania Straughan. 5 years
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Ellis Adjei Adams  
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John Deak  
Associate Professor of History  

Michael Desch  
Professor of Political Science; Brian and Jeannelle Brady Family Director, Notre Dame International Security Center (NDISC)  

Darren Dochuk  
Professor of History; Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History  

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Associate Professor of Political Science; Director, Ford Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity (through spring 2020); Assistant Provost for Internationalization (beginning spring 2020)  

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Chief Executive Officer, The BRANY Group

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# Financial Overview

## ANNUAL EXPENDITURES 2020–21

### SALARIES & BENEFITS
- **$4,250,851**
  - Faculty Salaries: $2,345,957
  - Staff Salaries: $970,831
  - Benefits: $934,063

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
- **$1,328,463**
  - Ph.D. Program: $639,899
  - International Peace Studies Concentration, Master of Global Affairs: $674,031

### RESEARCH SUPPORT
- **$2,002,376**
  - Visiting Fellowships: $330,685
  - Notre Dame Faculty Fellow Research Support: $100
  - Kroc Research Programs: $214,085
  - Contending Modernities: $353,807
  - Peace Accords Matrix: $1,103,178
  - Policy Studies: $521

### OUTREACH
- **$89,398**
  - Communications: $32,859
  - Catholic Peacebuilding Network: $34,224
  - Lectures and Public Events: $20,070
  - Alumni Program: $2,245

### ADMINISTRATION & OTHER
- **$263,728**

### TOTAL EXPENDITURES
- **$7,934,816**

## ANNUAL REVENUE 2020–21

### Income Sources
- **$6,743,309**
  - Income from Kroc Institute Endowments
- **$928,355**
  - United States Department of State
- **$335,813**
  - John Templeton Foundation
- **$113,148**
  - Humanity United
- **$10,435**
  - Carnegie Corporation of New York
- **$73,340**
  - Liebmann Fund
- **$26,780**
  - Nuclear Threat Initiative, Inc.
- **$1,262**
  - PTX-University of Texas-Dallas
- **$40,003**
  - FADICA
- **$30,150**
  - *Advisory Board Gifts*
- **$7,205**
  - Individual Gifts
- **$745**
  - Other

### TOTAL REVENUE
- **$8,309,055**

### TOTAL TRANSFERS
- **$(62,583)**

### TOTAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS
- **$8,246,472**

### CHANGE TO EXISTING CASH RESERVES
- **$311,656**

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*Additional Advisory Board endowment contributions include $220,000 to the Steven D. Pepe Endowment for Excellence and a $10,000 contribution to the John R. and Diane Mullen Family Endowment.*
FISCAL YEAR 2021

Salaries and Benefits ........................................ $4,250,851
International Peace Studies Concentration, ........... 674,031
Master of Global Affairs
Undergraduate Program ....................................... 14,533
Ph.D. Program .................................................. 639,899
Peace Accords Matrix ......................................... 1,103,178
Policy Studies .................................................... 521
Research and Faculty Development ....................... 544,870
Alumni Program ............................................... 2,245
Lectures .......................................................... 20,070
Communications ............................................... 32,859
Contending Modernities .................................... 353,807
Catholic Peacebuilding Network ......................... 34,224
Administration .................................................. 263,728

TOTAL EXPENSES ............................................. $7,934,816