



2019 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference
Hesburgh Center for International Studies
March 29-30, 2019



Friday, March 29

10:30am to 12:30pm	Hospitality Desk	Exhibitor Registration <i>Exhibiting organizations check in at the Hospitality Desk to receive their table assignment and conference materials.</i>
11:00am to 1:00pm	Hospitality Desk	Participant Registration <i>Conference begins! Participants and presenters check in at the Hospitality Desk to receive their conference materials. Volunteers at the desk answer questions about nearby eateries for those seeking lunch before the opening session.</i>
1:00pm to 1:15pm Opening Session	Auditorium	Welcoming Remarks by Monica Montgomery and Maddie Thompson <i>The co-chairs of the 2019 conference committee will offer their welcoming remarks and announcements to open the conference.</i>
1:15pm to 1:30pm		Break
1:30pm to 2:45pm Breakout Session 1	C102	<u>Panel: The Role of Migration in Peacebuilding</u> Moderator: Erin Corcoran <i>Migrant populations pose unique challenges to peacebuilders and complicate the relationship between their home and host countries. This panel explores the impact of migration on individuals, communities, and states.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jeffrey Coltman-Cormier (Florida Atlantic University) – “Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures: How Border Fortification Intensifies Transnational Insurgent Violence Against Civilians” 2. Patrick Hidalgo McCabe (University of Notre Dame) – “Regularization and Force Relocation: How Morocco Balances Competing Commitments in Migration Policy and What it Means for Migrants” 3. Caroline Paparu (Saint Mary's University) – “An Assessment of the Traditional Practices South Sudan Refugees use to cope with livelihood challenges in Mvepi Refugee settlement, Arua District”
	C103	<u>Panel: Peace Education</u> Moderator: Sehrizat Mart <i>Sustainable peacebuilding requires future generations to commit to a culture of nonviolence. This panel examines methods of teaching peace.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. William K. Howard (Cuttington University) – “Highlighting Critical Need for Peace Education at the Grade School Level for Promoting Sustainable Development in Africa” 2. Jane Wanjiru Kinyua and Nancy Cermeño (University of San Diego) – “Children in Inter-Tribal Peacebuilding: A Case Study of Children Peace Initiative Kenya 3. Nzubechi Pantaleon Uwaleme (University of Notre Dame) - “Formalizing Local Support for Peace: Towards Integrating Peace Education in Secondary Education System in Nigeria”
	C104/105	<u>Panel: Sustainable Development, Sustainable Peace</u> Moderator: Drew Marcantonio <i>Strategic peacebuilding must include a consideration of sustainable development. This panel develops an understanding of how peacebuilders can respond to environmental, economic, health development challenges.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qing Zhu (University of Notre Dame) – “How to Promote China's Investment in East Africa to Achieve Sustainable Development and Strategic Peace through Eco Travel?” 2. Juanita Esguerra (University of Notre Dame) – “Peace and the Environment: Understanding Colombia's Increasing Deforestation” 3. Allyson Miller (Drake University) - “Health Disparities for Indigenous Women in Central America and Strategies for Improved Outcomes”
2:45pm to 3:00pm		Break
3:00pm to 4:30pm Breakout Session 2	C102	<u>Roundtable: Bridging the Divide: A Guide on Polarized Discourse</u> <i>In this roundtable session, students will learn about the effects of polarization on our political system and how to move forward in our polarized world. They will be given the tools necessary to combat polarization in their communities through rigorous discourse that is oriented toward understanding.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. David Campbell (University of Notre Dame) 2. Matthew Bisner (University of Notre Dame)

	C103	<u>Workshop: “Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Mini-Workshop”</u> <i>The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) offers experiential workshops in creative nonviolent conflict resolution. AVP is based on the five pillars of affirmation, community building, communication, conflict resolution, and Transforming Power – the power within each person to change oneself and the situation. AVP consists of interactive exercises where skills are practiced, including one-on-one sharing, cooperative small group tasks, and open-ended role plays of conflict scenarios.</i> 1. Tony White (Binghamton University)
	C104/105	<u>Workshop: “Resurrecting Religion: Historiographical Approaches to Religion as Nationalist and Political”</u> <i>In this workshop, students will examine the role of the nation-state in the production of culture and nationality specifically through religion. The session will follow multiple stories of religion in the nation-state, with a particular focus on using group discussion to critically analyze modern religion in politics, including and not limited to the politics of Muslim veiling, Islam in Europe, ethno-religious politics in Israel and Palestine, and other sources of contention and conflict throughout the international sphere.</i> 1. Gabrielle Chwae (Vassar College)
4:30pm to 4:45pm		Break
4:45pm to 6:00pm Breakout Session 3	C102	<u>Panel: Gender and Sexuality in Peacebuilding</u> Moderator: Becca Mendez & Carolina Serrano Idrovo <i>The consideration of gender and sexuality can enrich and inform the peacebuilding process. This panel explores situations in which a focus on gender identity and sexuality will allow for a more holistic peace.</i> 1. Samantha Lemieux (George Washington University) – “Intra-Regional Migration and Domestic Labor in West Africa: How Domestic Workers Experience Gendered Socio-economic Reconfiguration in the Process of Migration” 2. Malalai Habibi (University of Notre Dame) – “How Effectively Is the Afghan Government Handling Women’s Inclusion in The Afghanistan Peace Process?” 3. Sydney Tisch (Pace University) - “We Each Have Stories to Tell: A Queer, Activist History of ACT UP/Chicago”
	C103	<u>Panel: What is Justpeace? Interpreting the Intersections of Justice and Peace</u> Moderator: Jason Springs <i>The pursuit of justice and peace can pose challenges to the peacebuilder. This panel explores the coexistence of peace and justice in practice and in theory.</i> 1. Carlos Julio Bichet Nicolett (University of Notre Dame) – “Is there a place for restorative justice at the International Criminal Court?” 2. Robert Patrick Whelan (Binghamton University) – “The Costs and Benefits of Prosecution: A Contractualist Justification of Amnesty” 3. Iuliia Emtseva (University of Notre Dame) – “The Gambian Transition to Justice: Prosecuting Crimes Committed Against Women During the Authoritarian Rule of Yahya Jammeh”
	Auditorium	<u>Documentary + Discussion: “Nibi Eteg - Where the Water Is”</u> <i>This documentary depicts the spiritual and cultural significance of water through the perspectives of Hindu individuals in India and the band of Chippewa Native Americans in Red Lake, Minnesota.</i> 1. Danica Simonet and Olivia Engling (College of Saint Benedict)
6:00pm to 7:15pm	Jenkins-Nanovic Forum	Dinner <i>Included with registration. Catered by University Catering.</i>
7:15pm to 9:00pm General Session	Auditorium	<u>Film Screening: Under the Gun</u> <i>This 2016 film examines the events and people who have kept the gun debate fierce and the progress slow, even as gun deaths and mass shootings continue to increase. Through the lens of families impacted by the mass shootings in Newtown, Aurora, Isla Vista, and Tucson, as well as those who experience daily gun violence in Chicago, the documentary looks at why politicians are finding it difficult to act and what is being done at the state and local levels.</i>
9:30pm	Hospitality Desk	Hospitality Desk Closes

Saturday, March 30

7:30am to 9:30am	Hospitality Desk	Exhibitor Registration <i>Exhibiting organizations check in at the Hospitality Desk to receive their table assignment and conference materials.</i>
8:00am	Hospitality Desk	Hospitality Desk Opens for Participant Registration
8:00am to 9:15 am	Jenkins-Nanovic Forum	Breakfast <i>Included with registration. Au Bon Pain pastries, eggs, yogurt, etc.</i>

<p>9:15am to 10:30am Breakout Session 4</p>	<p>C102</p> <p>C103</p> <p>Auditorium</p>	<p><u>Roundtable: Public Administration and Development in the Global South</u> <i>This roundtable explores the implementation and planning of public administrative reforms and sustainable development in the Global South.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gladys Njeri Muturi (University of Bridgeport) <p><u>Panel: Toward Just Communities</u> <i>Moderator: Ruth Carmi</i> <i>This panel explores intersectional approaches to justice, through inclusion of perspectives on faith, race, and ability.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kripa Joseph (University of Massachusetts Lowell) - "Peace-building and the Bible: How Christian Organizations Let My People Go (LMPG) and International Justice Mission (IJM) Are Motivated by the Christian Gospel to Fight Human Trafficking and Promote Justice" Jordana Irzyk (College of the Holy Cross) - "Mixed Black and White Americans: Constructing an Identity in the Racialized Socio-Political Climate of the United States" Shannon Hendricks (University of Notre Dame) - "Engaging Disability Amidst Turmoil: A Comparative Analysis of Palestinian Organizations Working with Adults with Disabilities" <p><u>Panel: The International Experience of Migration</u> <i>Moderator: Elton Skendaj</i> <i>This panel includes students who will present their research on migrants and refugees. Issues to be discussed include internally displaced people from Boko Haram in Nigeria, the situation of Haitian immigrants and Haitian-Dominicans in the Dominican Republic, Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, and Syrian refugees in Jordan.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kelleen Cullison, Kendall Brown, Chris Francois, and Susu Lassa (Manchester University)
<p>10:30am to 10:45am</p>		<p>Break</p>
<p>10:45am to 11:30am Breakout Session 5</p>	<p>C102</p> <p>C103</p> <p>C104/105</p> <p>Auditorium</p>	<p><u>"Towards Uncomfortable Solidarity: Unpacking and Cultivating a Reflective Practice"</u> <i>This presentation explores the use of reflective practice as a way of dealing with polarizing narratives through separate six-month field placements in Kenya and Israel/Palestine.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parusha Naidoo and Alyssa Paylor (University of Notre Dame) <p><u>"The Normative Grounds of State Sovereignty and Epistemic Authority"</u> <i>This presentation examines contemporary research in mass atrocity prevention and discusses how social epistemology ought to influence principles of state sovereignty.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coleen M. Watson (Binghamton University) <p><u>"The Healing Power of Awareness: Nonviolence in Thought, Word, and Deed"</u> <i>This presentation compares methods of nonviolent conflict resolution pertaining to the socio-political, interpersonal, and intrapersonal levels by examining major nonviolent social and political actions.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tony White (Binghamton University) <p><u>"The Land Cries Out: Communicating the Israel-Palestine Conflict and The Ministry of Reconciliation To Christian Communities"</u> <i>This presentation shares field experience working toward reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians through a biblical framework of peacebuilding as well as the journey to communicate this work in Christian communities abroad.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Autumn Ayers and Yee Zi Hui Idelle (Biola University and National University of Singapore)
<p>11:30am to 11:45am</p>		<p>Break</p>
<p>11:45am to 12:30pm Breakout Session 6</p>	<p>C102</p> <p>C103</p> <p>C104/105</p> <p>Auditorium</p>	<p><u>"Is Violence Acceptable for Social Change?"</u> <i>This presentation examines the justifications provided for engaging in violent resistance movements while attempting to clarify whether violence is inherently a moral violation when used in resistance movements.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Renner (Binghamton University) <p><u>"Critical Race Theory as Framework for Studying Racialized Discourse of Opioid Crisis"</u> <i>This presentation discusses the hidden racialized discourse of the current opioid crisis.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brooklyn Disch (Purdue University Fort Wayne) <p><u>"Toleration and Equality in Public Institutions"</u> <i>This presentation explores questions about the requirements for equality and toleration in public institutions as well as discusses how one's social group receives public recognition, particularly minority groups.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cullin Brown (Binghamton University) <p><u>"Security Sector Corruption and Military Effectiveness: The Influence of Corruption on Countermeasures against Boko Haram in Nigeria"</u> <i>This presentation examines how corruption affects the military's capacity to respond to security threats and how efforts to address corruption can lead to enhanced military capacity.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel Banini (University of Central Florida)

12:30pm to 1:45pm	Jenkins-Nanovic Forum	Lunch <i>Included with registration. Catered by La Esperanza Mexican Restaurant.</i>
1:45pm to 3:00pm General Session	Auditorium	<u>Keynote Session with Delaney Tarr</u> <i>Delaney Tarr is a graduate of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, and a co-founder of the March For Our Lives. She works with the organization in gun violence prevention and voter registration, as well as youth empowerment. She is a passionate feminist and focuses much of her work through the lens of women's rights. Delaney is currently a journalism major at the University of Georgia. Time for Q&A will follow her address.</i>
3:00pm to 3:15pm		Break
3:15pm to 4:00pm Poster Session	C102	<p><u>“Justice After Genocide: Transitional Justice Methods in Rwanda”</u> <i>This poster analyzes transitional justice mechanisms and their application to contemporary conflicts through a comparative approach focused on effectiveness.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jillian Bjelan (King’s University College) <p><u>“A Test in Sustainability — Implementing and Evaluating a Pilot Project Certificate Program in Kitchener, Ontario: You are officially realizing green!”</u> <i>This poster proposes a pilot project certification program in order to address the gaps in existing programs in the realm of environmental sustainability.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah Bott (University of Waterloo) <p><u>“Transitional Justice and Rebuilding Public Health Infrastructure”</u> <i>This poster discusses the tension between national sovereignty and the responsibility of international institutions to intervene when known human health rights are being violated.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Katherine Ginsbach (University of Notre Dame Law School) <p><u>“Education and the Role of Social Business in Italy”</u> <i>This poster explores a new way of approaching educational issues through the lens of a social entrepreneur in an examination of different socially-oriented business models.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Patton (University of Notre Dame) <p><u>“Envisioning an Aquaponics Project as a Social Enterprise to Build Resilience and Empower the Community, within a Sustainable Development Framework, in Padiyathalawa, Sri Lanka”</u> <i>This poster explores how a social enterprise model implemented in collaboration with Engineers Without Borders can work to lift the social and environmental sustainability of communities through an examination of the project’s social responsibility, economic value, and environmental impact.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dulmini Jayawardana (University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee)
4:00pm to 4:15pm		Break
4:15pm to 5:30pm Breakout Session 7	C103 C104/105 Auditorium	<p><u>Panel: “The Role of the State in Peace and Security”</u> Moderator: Garrett Fitzgerald <i>Peace and security measures taken by states can have broad impacts. This panel looks at how these policies contribute to or detract from peace.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mansour Arbab Younis Omar (Nkumba University Uganda) – “State Formation and National Security in Africa: A Case of Sudan. Kelsey Gallagher (Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo) - “Civilian Casualty Recording and the Canadian Forces: Potential State-Based Approaches” Elizabeth Cheung (University of Massachusetts Lowell) - China’s Suppression of the Uyghur People <p><u>Panel: “Social Movements & Policy Change for Peace”</u> Moderator: Ann Mische <i>This panel explores the power of social movements and mobilization in facilitating peace and affecting policy change.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Elsa Barron (University of Notre Dame) - “Separation of Church and State? The Case for a Public Mosque in Athens” Marla Teixeira (Pace University) - “Organizing the June 12th, 1982 Anti-Nuclear Weapons Demonstration: Achieving a One Million Person Turnout” <p><u>Film + Discussion: “Dissecting a National Issue: Changing Realities on the US Borders”</u> <i>Over the recent winter recess, Notre Dame’s US-Mexico Border Immersion Seminar traveled to Tucson, Arizona, to take a closer look at the realities of modern migration to the US, through legal, humanitarian, and religious perspectives. The seminar team produced a documentary in the hopes of portraying an honest view of the situation at the border today, including the state of militarization at the border, a portrait of what kind of people are entering now and why, and the ways in which the media’s depiction of the border contrasts with its reality.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marie Donnelly, Sofia Scott, Emily Dufner, Kate Sescliefer, Sophia Henn, Jisel Gomez, Anne Marie Radzik, Steven Frick, and Nohemi Toledo (University of Notre Dame)
5:30pm to 5:45pm		Break
5:45pm to 6:00pm Closing Session	Auditorium	Closing Remarks by Monica Montgomery and Maddie Thompson