An abstract graphic featuring a large, irregular shape composed of many small, overlapping circles in various shades of green and yellow. The circles vary in size, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is reminiscent of a bubble or a cluster of particles expanding outwards.

# EXPANDING CIRCLES

PEACE IN A POLARIZED AGE?

2019 NOTRE DAME STUDENT PEACE CONFERENCE

University of Notre Dame  
Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies  
March 29 - 30, 2019



## MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to the 2019 Notre Dame Student Peace Conference!

We are thrilled that you decided to join us here at the University of Notre Dame for this year's conference, which is organized by—and dedicated to—students thanks to generous sponsorship from the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The theme for this year's conference is **Expanding Circles: Peace in a Polarized Age?** This theme concentrates on inclusive approaches to strategic peacebuilding in today's divided social, political, and international systems. Focusing on major issues like an increase in displaced peoples, rising global powers, nationalism, mass shootings, and political divisiveness, we look forward to exploring questions surrounding decision-making, access, power, and violence; evaluating these current structures; and brainstorming creative pathways forward with one another throughout the weekend.

A conference is only as good as those who participate, which is why we are so humbled and grateful for the opportunities that each of you has gifted us by attending this weekend. We have a number of incredible presentations on a wide variety of topics spanning questions at the domestic and international levels. The conference showcases a number of sessions featuring individual researchers, team presentations, roundtables, workshops, poster presentations, short film screenings, and a keynote address. We hope that over the course of this conference you find space to wrestle with questions about how we can engage with, and understand fully, strategic and inclusive peacebuilding.

Our keynote speaker this year is **Delaney Tarr**, a gun violence survivor and co-founder of March for Our Lives. A graduate of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, she works with the organization March for Our Lives on gun violence prevention and voter registration, as well as on youth empowerment. We feel incredibly honored to have Delaney with us this year and look forward to hearing about her own journey as well as how her organization works to insert a new narrative into a polarized system.

Our hope for this year's conference is to create a space for everyone to immerse themselves in questions of strategic and inclusive peacebuilding. We hope that participants leave with practical takeaways that shed light on how we can accomplish the work of inclusive peacebuilding on the ground and in our day-to-day work. The wide variety of presentations at this conference will inspire you with nonviolent methods, case studies, and advocacy ideas from across the world that demonstrate the real possibilities for building peace despite polarization. Moving forward, we hope to continue expanding our knowledge in order to engage with this difficult work.

We offer our sincere thanks to all of those who worked with us to organize this conference and bring our ideas to life. After dedicating our time for the past seven months to pull together all of the details of this conference, we are truly grateful to share this weekend with each of you.

Enjoy the 2019 Student Peace Conference!

Peace always,

Monica Montgomery and Maddie Thompson  
2019 Conference Committee Co-Chairs



## GENERAL INFORMATION

Throughout the conference, members of the organizing committee are available to answer questions or provide information. Please visit the Hospitality Desk at any time if you have concerns or need assistance. Committee members will also be identifiable by the orange sticker on their name badge.

### Finding Your Way

All conference sessions will take place in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, and a map of the Hesburgh Center is in your conference materials booklet on pg. 14. Meals will take place in the Nanovic Forum inside Jenkins Nanovic Halls, which is located directly south of the Hesburgh Center. An interactive map of the University of Notre Dame campus is available online at **map.nd.edu** for those who wish to spend additional time exploring campus.

### Internet Access

Notre Dame uses **eduroam** as its wireless network. If your school or institution also uses this service, then you can connect your devices by logging into eduroam. Otherwise, guest wireless internet is available and requires no password. To connect, simply select **ND-guest** as the network on your device.

### Refreshments

For your convenience, limited refreshments are available throughout the conference. Help yourself to these snacks and drinks to keep you energized and healthy during the next two days. ***Please note that food and beverages are not allowed in the main auditorium.***

### Recycling

The University of Notre Dame is committed to reducing landfill waste by recycling as much as possible from campus events. We can accept any material that is clean and does not have food residue. ***Please place all paper, clean glass, clean plastic, and other recyclables in the blue recycling bins located throughout the building. Please do not put food or trash in the recycling bins.***

### Smoking

The University of Notre Dame prohibits smoking inside any university building, and in addition, smoking is not permitted within 25 feet of building entrances and windows. Please help us respect the entire community by following these guidelines and by discarding cigarettes appropriately. Approved receptacles for cigarette waste are near each entrance.

### During the Sessions

Out of respect for our presenters, please silence all phones and other electronic devices during all sessions. Please be aware that sound from the hallways and other public areas of the building sometimes carries into the surrounding conference rooms. Keep this in mind and please be respectful if you are in these areas while sessions are underway.

### Social Media

We encourage you to post to social media throughout the conference and share what you are learning. Please do tag us and/or hashtag your post with **#ExpandingCircles** and **#NDPeaceCon**. Plus, this year's conference is also in your Snapchat! Use our custom filter to show your friends and followers that you love studying peace. Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/peacecon), Instagram (NDPeaceCon), or Twitter (@NDPeaceCon), and highlight what you are learning and how you are connecting those lessons to your own visions of inclusive peacebuilding.

### **T-Shirts**

Conference t-shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 at the Hospitality Desk. The conference is able to subsidize a small portion of the cost of t-shirts, but proceeds from t-shirt sales do assist us with the overall cost of hosting this event and allow us to do more with our budget. Please buy a shirt and help support the conference!

### **Interactive Exhibit**

In honor of our chosen theme, we have created an interactive display to help participants think about what expanded circles of inclusivity look like in peacebuilding. **What does inclusive peacebuilding mean to you?** Stop by to view the ideas that others have already submitted, add something new you discovered during the conference, or post an idea of your own if you have not already.

### **Exhibitors**

To promote the innovative contributions that local groups make to peacebuilding, several community and campus organizations have exhibit tables in the main hallway displaying their materials and information. Descriptions of each exhibitor are available on pg. 5. We are excited to partner with such great organizations, and we look forward to hearing more from them about how they are promoting peace and justice in the community.

### **Kroc Institute**

Information about the Kroc Institute is available on a designated table in the main hallway, near the other exhibitors. Feel free to take copies of materials for yourself or others, or sign up for newsletters and announcements. Books by Keough School and Kroc Institute faculty are displayed in the Great Hall and many are available for purchase at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on campus. For more information, please visit [kroc.nd.edu](http://kroc.nd.edu) and [keough.nd.edu](http://keough.nd.edu).

### **Our Local Community**

Lists of nearby restaurants are available on pg. 9 of this booklet. These are some recommendations for places to go Saturday evening after the conference or Sunday morning before departing, for those who wish to continue the conversation off-site. In addition, members of the organizing committee can recommend other area attractions for those with extra time to explore the local community.

## **EXHIBITORS**

### **Catholic Peace Fellowship**

The Catholic Peace Fellowship (CPF) is guided by a personalist philosophy and works for peace before, during, and after war through education, counseling, advocacy, and accompaniment. CPF offers practical and pastoral support to military and veterans who are struggling with the contradiction between their personal participation in war and their consciences. *Attending: Friday, March 29; Saturday, March 30.*

### **Indiana Legal Service, Inc.**

Indiana Legal Services (ILS) is a non-profit law firm that provides low income people throughout Indiana with a wide variety of quality legal services. ILS helps individuals with family law issues that threaten their ability to secure basic necessities or ensure their personal safety. They aim to have an impact on the causes and effects of poverty in the state by helping those in need gain better access to the courts and empowering them to control their lives. *Attending: Friday, March 29.*

### **LOT 2545**

LOT 2545 is a nonprofit working in Kampala, Uganda, to provide true justice and compassion via opportunities that pave the way for a better future. Their primary work is with teenage boys who used to live on the streets, providing them with a safe space to live while they heal, work toward their goals, and build their futures. They also support a women's group to provide fair wages and social support for their handmade jewelry and creative goods. *Attending: Friday, March 29; Saturday, March 30.*

### **Moms Demand Action**

Moms Demand Action is a nonpartisan, grassroots movement of American mothers that envisions a country safe from gun violence. Their work focuses on demanding new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of children and families. With chapters in every state across the country, they educate, motivate, and mobilize supporters to take actions toward policies that save lives. *Attending: Friday, March 29; Saturday, March 30.*

### **School for International Training**

School for International Training (SIT) offers programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels for an increasingly internationalized society, educating students to think critically and providing them with real skills to tackle contemporary global issues. Their values—a commitment to inclusion, experiential education, engaged learning, community, reciprocity, social justice, and sustainability—foster the development of emerging leaders who are deeply committed to issues central to social justice, long-term peace, and understanding across cultures worldwide. *Attending: Friday, March 29; Saturday, March 30.*

### **Take Ten**

Take Ten is a program of conflict resolution curriculum focused first on local youth in grades K-12, and now on adults as well. College students are trained to teach the curriculum on a weekly basis at local schools and nonprofits and to assist in content evaluation. Developed at the University of Notre Dame, Take Ten works to spread peace and nonviolence through hands-on work with the local community. *Attending: Friday, March 29; Saturday, March 30.*





## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

We are pleased to welcome **Delaney Tarr** to the University of Notre Dame as our keynote guest for the 2019 Notre Dame Studies Peace Conference!

She will share some remarks and answer questions from conference participants in a keynote session scheduled for Saturday, March 30, at 1:45 pm in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.



Delaney is a graduate of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and a co-founder of March for Our Lives. She works with the organization on gun violence prevention and voter registration, as well as on youth empowerment. She is a passionate feminist and focuses much of her work through the lens of women's rights. She is currently a journalism major at the University of Georgia.

We look forward to learning from Delaney's experiences as an activist and anticipate a great discussion that will help us empower other voices in our own work. Please join us in welcoming her to our conversation!



## AREA EATERIES

For those here through the weekend, there are great restaurants located near campus (5-10 min by car) or in downtown South Bend (10-15 min car). In addition, Duncan Student Center on campus has a food court with three separate dining options and menu choices ranging from smoothies and crepes to wood-fired pizzas and Asian noodle bowls.

### Near Campus

**Legends of Notre Dame**—Taste the Traditions! Dine in a full service restaurant and pub located just 100 yards south of Notre Dame Stadium. *Address: On Campus; Phone: 574-631-2582; legendsofnotredame.org*

**Rocco's Restaurant**—A South Bend/Notre Dame institution! Family-owned pizzeria offering a variety of pizzas and pastas cooked to perfection since 1951. *Address: 537 N. St Louis Blvd; Phone: 574-233-2464; roccosoriginalpizza.com*

**Elia's**—A family-owned restaurant committed to serving the best authentic Lebanese cuisine to the South Bend community. *Address: 2128 South Bend Ave; Phone: 574-277-7239; eliascuisine.com*

**J. W. Chen's**—Offers made-to-order, fresh MSG-free Chinese cuisine in a family-owned atmosphere that will make you feel right at home. *Address: 1835 South Bend Ave; Phone: 574-271-2777; jwchens.com*

**Mango Café**—One of South Bend's options for Latin American cuisine, a family-owned restaurant serving authentic and flavorful Venezuelan dishes. *Address: 1740 South Bend Ave; Phone: 574-703-7334; mangocafesb.com*

### Downtown SB

**Fiddler's Hearth**—The local “public house” for Celtic artists and the public at large, with food and drink reflecting the traditions of the Seven Celtic Nations. *Address: 127 N. Main St; Phone: 574-232-2853; fiddlershearth.com*

**Bantam Diner**—South Bend's new pop-up diner, located evenings inside L Street Kitchen, serves up simple but superb comfort food in a laid-back environment. *Address: 131 S. Lafayette Blvd; Phone: 574-387-4123; facebook.com/bantamdiner*

**Chicory Café**—A New Orleans-theme café and bistro serving food inspired by the French Quarter, with frequent live music. *Address: 105 E. Jefferson Blvd; Phone: 574-234-1141; chicorycafe.net*

**Cambodian Thai**—One of South Bend's most popular restaurants, with authentic, MSG-free Asian cuisine in a casual, family-friendly atmosphere. *Address: 229 S. Michigan St; Phone: 574-289-2877; cambodianthai.com*

**The General Deli & Cafe**—South Bend's best eclectic coffee house features a funky and relaxed atmosphere, great coffee and a variety of sandwiches. *Address: 609 E. Jefferson Blvd; Phone: 574-286-4193; thegeneraldeli.com*

## AREA INFORMATION

### Security and Police

The Notre Dame Police Department provides a full range of services to the campus community and is a fully authorized police agency in the State of Indiana. For non-emergency security concerns, you can reach the department at 574-631-5555.

*If you experience or witness an emergency, crime or suspicious activity while on campus, please contact the Notre Dame Police Department immediately by dialing 911 or using the Direct Call Stations (blue lights) located around campus.*

The nearest emergency room is at Memorial Hospital of South Bend, located at 615 N. Michigan Ave. in downtown South Bend.

### Transportation

Uber is available for rides to local destinations, and ZipCar has several of its vehicles on our campus. In addition, South Bend offers multiple options for traditional taxi transportation.

#### **Blue Ribbon Taxi**

Phone: 574-233-4040

#### **Empire Cab**

Phone: 574-233-5000

#### **Eagle Cab**

Phone: 574-217-1170

#### **Yellow Cab Company**

Phone: 574-233-9333

If using a cab or Uber from campus, ask for a pickup at the Hesburgh Center on Notre Dame Ave, across from the Eck Visitor's Center.

### Retail Options

If you need access to a supermarket or a drugstore, there are several within 5-10 minutes of campus.

#### **7-Eleven**

1233 N. Eddy St.

Phone: 574-234-2571

*Hours: Open 24 hours*

#### **Meijer**

5020 Grape Rd

Phone: 574-273-3501

*Hours: Open 24 hours*

#### **CVS Pharmacy**

2051 South Bend Ave.

Phone: 574-273-0080

*Hours: 7 am to 10 pm*

#### **Martin's Supermarket**

2081 South Bend Ave

Phone: 574-272-6922

*Hours: 6 am to 12 pm*

For any other questions about the local area, please do not hesitate to ask at the Hospitality Desk. Our committee members can direct you to a shopping mall or commercial district for other retail needs.

## MEAL MENUS

Participants who pre-registered for the conference are invited to join us for all three conference meals: dinner on Friday, breakfast on Saturday, and lunch on Saturday. The buffet and seating will be set-up in the Nanovic Forum, located in Jenkins Nanovic Halls, the building directly south of the Hesburgh Center.

### Conference Dinner

*Our conference dinner is being catered by University Catering, the on-campus caterer for events and occasions at the University of Notre Dame.*

Gratin of Gnocchi	Spinach & Berry Salad
Red Pepper Chicken	Assorted Dinner Rolls
Herbed Risotto Side	Lemon Chiffon Cheesecake
Sautéed Vegetables Side	Bailey's Irish Cream Torte
Green Beans with Shallots	Iced Tea & Lemonade

### Continental Breakfast

*Our assorted pastries for breakfast are being provided by Au Bon Pain, a fast-casual restaurant, bakery café with over 300 locations around the world.*

Assorted Bagels	Assorted Yogurt
Assorted Muffins	Whole Fruit
Assorted Croissants	Hard-Boiled Eggs
Assorted Danish	Coffee and Tea

### Conference Lunch

*Our conference lunch is being catering by La Esperanza Mexican Restaurant, a beloved local restaurant offering authentic Mexican cuisine.*

Corn and Flour Tortillas	Grilled Fajita Vegetables
Mexican Rice	Onion, Lettuce, Tomato
Black & Refried Beans	Shredded Cheese, Sour Cream
Fajita Chicken & Steak	Chips & Salsa, Guacamole

For those who would prefer an alternative to these menus, please see pg. 9 of this booklet for a list of area restaurants.



## SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

All events will take place in rooms throughout the Hesburgh Center for International Studies except for the conference meals, which will be held next door in Jenkins Nanovic Halls. All session times listed are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

### Friday, March 29

11:00 am	Registration Opens	Great Hall
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Welcoming Remarks	Auditorium
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Breakout Session 1, <i>pg. 15-16</i>	Conference Rooms
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Breakout Session 2, <i>pg. 16-17</i>	Conference Rooms
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Breakout Session 3, <i>pg. 17-18</i>	Conference Rooms
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Dinner	Nanovic Forum
7:15 pm – 9:00 pm	Documentary Film, <i>pg. 18</i>	Auditorium

### Saturday, March 30

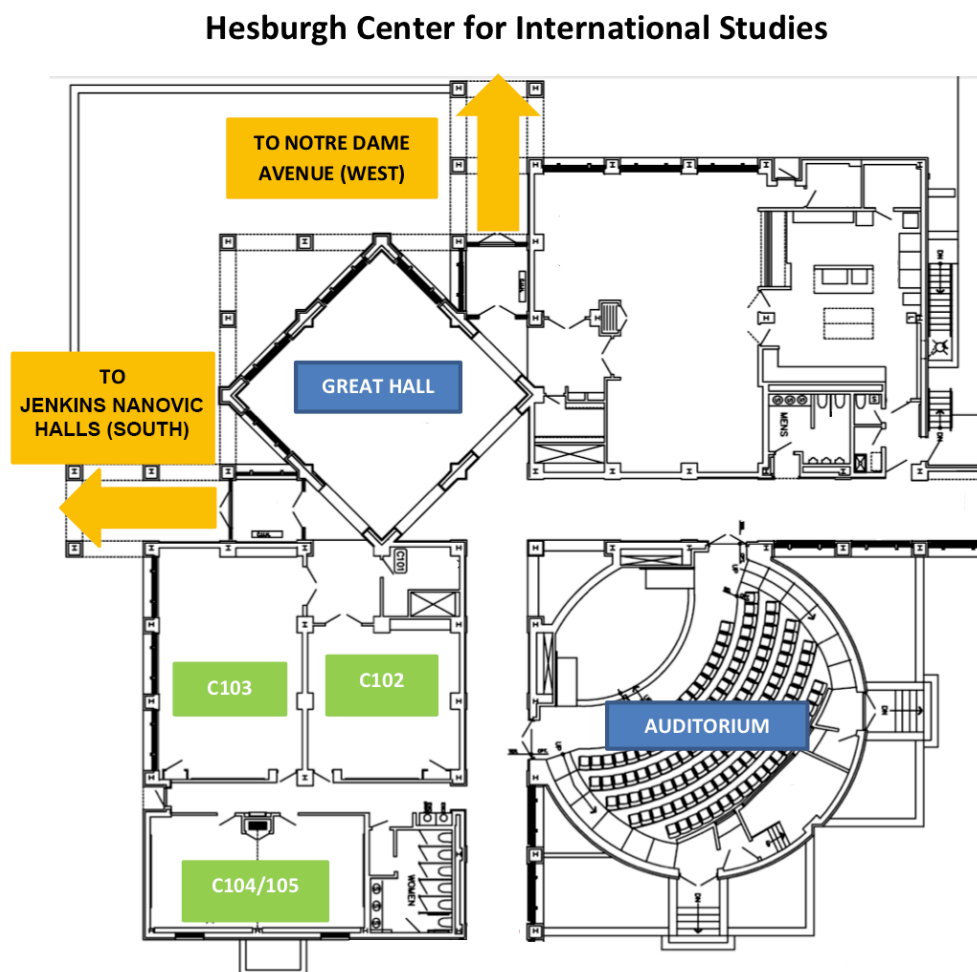
8:00 am	Registration Opens	Great Hall
8:00 am – 9:15 am	Breakfast	Nanovic Forum
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Breakout Session 4, <i>pg. 19-20</i>	Conference Rooms
10:45 am – 11:30 am	Breakout Session 5, <i>pg. 20-21</i>	Conference Rooms
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	Breakout Session 6, <i>pg. 21</i>	Conference Rooms
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch	Nanovic Forum
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Keynote Session, <i>pg. 22</i>	Auditorium
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Poster Session, <i>pg. 22</i>	Conference Rooms
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Breakout Session 7, <i>pg. 22-23</i>	Conference Rooms
5:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Auditorium

## HESBURGH CENTER

The map below shows the location of all rooms used for conference sessions, and conference committee volunteers will be available at the Hospitality Desk to help you find your way around the building and to session rooms.

During conference hours, please use the west doors (facing Notre Dame Ave.) or the south doors (facing the Jenkins Hall) to access the building. ***There is no exit from the courtyard located behind the auditorium; please do not attempt to exit the building through the courtyard.***

The women's restroom is located in the small hallway by Room C102 and Room C104/105, which is accessed off the main east-west hallway. The men's restroom is located in the north-south hallway, across from the auditorium entrance.





## SCHEDULE DETAILS

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### Friday, March 29

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**10:30 am – 12:30 pm**                      **Exhibitor Check-In**  
Great Hall

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**11:00 am – 9:15 pm**                      **Registration Open**  
Great Hall

*Participants and presenters should check in at the Hospitality Desk to receive their conference materials. Registration will remain open throughout the conference.*

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**1:00 pm – 1:15 pm**                      **Opening Remarks**  
Auditorium

*Monica Montgomery and Maddie Thompson, 2019 Conference Committee Co-Chairs, will offer welcoming remarks and announcements to open the conference.*

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**1:30 pm – 2:45 pm**                      **Breakout Session 1**  
Conference Rooms

#### **Room C102—Panel 1**

***The Role of Migration in Peacebuilding.** Migrant populations pose unique challenges to peacebuilders and complicate the relationship between their home and host countries. This panel will explore the impact of migration on individuals, communities, and states.*

**Panel Moderator:** Erin Corcoran, Kroc Institute

**Jeffrey Coltman-Cormier**  
Florida Atlantic University

Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures: How Border Fortification Intensifies Transnational Insurgent Violence Against Civilians

**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

**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

## Room C103—Panel 2

**Peace Education.** *Sustainable peacebuilding requires future generations to commit to a culture of nonviolence. This panel will examine methods of teaching peace.*

**Panel Moderator:** Sehrazat Mart, University of Notre Dame

<b>William K. Howard</b> Cuttington University	Highlighting Critical Need for Peace Education at the Grade School Level for Promoting Sustainable Development in Africa
<b>Jane Wanjiru Kinyua</b> University of San Diego	Children in Inter-Tribal Peacebuilding: A Case Study of Children's Peace Initiative Kenya
<b>Nzubechi Pantaleon Uwaleme</b> University of Notre Dame	Formalizing Local Support for Peace: Towards Integrating Peace Education in the Secondary Education System in Nigeria

## Room C104/105—Panel 3

**Sustainable Development, Sustainable Peace.** *Strategic peacebuilding must include considerations of sustainable development. This panel develops an understanding of how peacebuilders can respond to environmental, economic, health, and other development challenges.*

**Panel Moderator:** Drew Marcantonio, University of Notre Dame

<b>Qing Zhu</b> University of Notre Dame	How to Promote China's Investment in East Africa to Achieve Sustainable Development and Strategic Peace through Eco Travel?
<b>Juanita Esguerra</b> University of Notre Dame	Peace and the Environment: Understanding Colombia's Increasing Deforestation
<b>Allyson Miller</b> Drake University	Health Disparities for Indigenous Women in Central America and Strategies for Improved Outcomes

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**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm    Breakout Session 2**  
Conference Rooms

## Room C102—Roundtable 1

<b>Dr. David Campbell and Matthew Bisner</b> University of Notre Dame	<b><i>Bridging the Divide: A Guide on Polarized Discourse.</i></b> <i>In this 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>
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## Room C103—Workshop 1

**Tony White**  
Binghamton University

***Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Mini-Workshop.*** *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 and consists of interactive exercises where skills are practiced.*

## Room C104/105—Workshop 2

**Gabrielle Chwae**  
Vassar College

***Resurrecting Religion: Religion as Nationalist and Political.*** *In this historiographical workshop, students will examine the role of the nation-state in the production of culture and nationality, specifically through religion. The workshop 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.*

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## 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm Breakout Session 3 Conference Rooms

### Room C102—Panel 4

***Gender and Sexuality in Peacebuilding.*** *Considerations 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.*

**Panel Moderators:** Becca Mendez & Carolina Serrano Idrovo, Kroc Institute

**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

**Malalai Habibi**  
University of Notre Dame

How Effectively is the Afghan Government Handling Women's Inclusion in the Afghanistan Peace Process?

**Sydney Tisch**  
Pace University

We Each Have Stories to Tell: Queer, Activist History of ACT UP/Chicago

### Room C103—Panel 5

***Interpreting Intersections of Justice and Peace.*** *The simultaneous 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.*

**Panel Moderator:** Dr. Jason Springs, Kroc Institute

**Robert Patrick Whelan**  
Binghamton University

The Costs and Benefits of Prosecution: A Contractualist Justification of Amnesty

**Iulia Emtseva**  
University of Notre Dame

The Gambian Transition to Justice: Prosecuting Crimes Committed Against Women During the Authoritarian Rule of Yahya Janmeh

**Carlos Julio Bichet Nicolett**  
University of Notre Dame

Is There a Place for Restorative Justice at the International Criminal Court?

#### **Auditorium—Film 1**

**Danica Simonet and  
Olivia Engling**  
College of Saint Benedict

***Nibi Eteg: Where the Water Is.** This documentary short, produced by Extending the Link, depicts the spiritual and cultural significance of water through the perspectives of Hindu individuals in India and Chippewa Native Americans in Red Lake, Minnesota. A discussion will follow the film screening.*

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#### **6:00 pm – 7:15 pm      Conference Dinner** Nanovic Forum

*Included with pre-registration. This year's conference dinner will be catered by University Catering. The menu will be pork-free and accommodate vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free diets.*

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#### **7:15 pm – 9:00 pm      Film Screening: *Under the Gun*** Auditorium

*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 mass shootings, as well as those who experience daily gun violence, the film explores why politicians find it difficult to act and what is being done at state and local levels.*

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#### **9:15 pm                      Hospitality Desk Closes** Great Hall

*The Hospitality Desk will reopen in the morning for additional registration and will remain open until the end of the conference.*

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#### **9:30 pm                      Hesburgh Center Closes** Great Hall

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**Saturday, March 30**

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**7:30 am – 9:30 am     Exhibitor Check-In**

Hospitality Desk

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**8:00 am – 6:00 pm     Registration Open**

Great Hall

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**8:00 am – 9:15 am     Continental Breakfast**

Nanovic Forum

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**9:15 am – 10:30 am     Breakout Session 4**

Conference Rooms

**Room C102—Roundtable 2**

**Gladys Njeri Muturi**  
University of Bridgeport

***Public Administration and Development in the Global South.*** *This discussion will explore the implementation and planning of public administrative reforms and sustainable development in the Global South.*

**Room C103—Panel 6**

***Toward Just Communities.*** *This panel explores intersectional approaches to justice through the inclusion of perspectives on faith, race, and ability.*

**Panel Moderator:** Ruth Carmi, University of Notre Dame

**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

**Kripa Joseph**  
University of Massachusetts  
Lowell

Peacebuilding and the Bible: How Christian Organizations Let My People Go (LMPG) and International Justice Missions (IJM) Are Motivated by the Christian Gospel to Fight Human Trafficking and Promote Justice

**Shannon Hendricks**  
University of Notre Dame

Engaging Disability Amidst Turmoil: A Comparative Analysis of Palestinian Organizations Working with Adults with Disabilities

**Room C104/105—Panel 7**

**Panel Moderator:** Dr. Elton Skendaj, Manchester University

**Susu Lassa, Kendall Brown,  
Chris Francois, and Kelleen  
Cullison**  
Manchester University

***The International Experience of Migration.*** *This panel will feature students presenting their research on migration. Four case studies will be covered: internally displaced persons in Nigeria, the situation of Haitian immigrants and Haitian-Dominicans, Syrian refugees in Jordan, and Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon.*

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**10:45 am – 11:30 am Breakout Session 5**  
Conference Rooms

**Room C102—Talk 1**

**Parusha Naidoo and Alyssa  
Paylor**  
University of Notre Dame

***Towards Uncomfortable Solidarity: Unpacking and Cultivating a Reflective Practice.*** *This talk 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.*

**Room C103—Talk 2**

**Colleen M. Watson**  
Binghamton University

***Normative Grounds of State Sovereignty and Epistemic Authority.*** *This presentation examines contemporary research in mass atrocity prevention and discusses how social epistemology ought to influence principles of state sovereignty.*

**Room C104/105—Talk 3**

**Tony White**  
Binghamton University

***The Healing Power of Awareness: Nonviolence in Thought, Word, and Deed.*** *This talk will compare methods of nonviolent conflict resolution pertaining to socio-political, interpersonal, and intrapersonal levels by examining major nonviolent social and political actions.*

**Auditorium—Talk 4**

**Autumn Ayers**  
Biola University

**Yee Zi Hui Idelle**  
National University of Singapore

***Communicating the Israel-Palestine Conflict and a Ministry of Reconciliation to Christian Communities.*** *This session 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.*

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**11:45 am – 12:30 pm Breakout Session 6**  
Conference Rooms

**Room C102—Talk 5**

**Adam Renner**  
Binghamton University

***Is Violence Acceptable for Social Change?** This presentation examines justifications provided for engaging in violent resistance movements and attempts to clarify whether or not violence is inherently a moral violation when used in resistance movements.*

**Room C103—Talk 6**

**Brooklyn Disch**  
Purdue University Fort Wayne

***Critical Race Theory as Framework for Studying Racialized Discourse of Opioid Crisis.** This presentation explores the hidden racialized discourse of the current opioid crisis.*

**Room C104/105—Talk 7**

**Cullin Brown**  
Binghamton University

***Toleration and Equality in Public Institutions.** This talk explores questions about the requirements for equality and toleration in public institutions as well as how social groups receive public recognition, especially minority groups.*

**Auditorium—Talk 8**

**Daniel Banini**  
University of Central Florida

***Security Sector Corruption and Military Effectiveness: Influence of Corruption on Countermeasures Against Boko Haram in Nigeria.** This talk 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.*

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**12:30 pm – 1:45 pm Conference Lunch**  
Nanovic Forum

*Included with pre-registration. Lunch is being catered by La Esperanza Mexican Restaurant, a popular eatery in South Bend. The menu is pork-free and should accommodate most vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free diets.*

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**1:45 pm – 3:00 pm Keynote Session**  
Auditorium

*This year's keynote session features Delaney Tarr, a journalism student at the University of Georgia and a founding member of March For Our Lives. Ms. Tarr will offer some initial remarks and then take questions from the audience.*

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**3:15 pm – 4:00 pm    Poster Session**  
Room C102

**Jillian Bjelan**  
King's University College

***Justice After Genocide: Transitional Justice Methods in Rwanda.*** This poster outlines a project that analyzed transitional justice mechanisms and their application to contemporary conflicts through a comparative approach focused on effectiveness.

**Sarah Bott**  
University of Waterloo

***A Test in Sustainability: Implementing and Evaluating a Pilot Project Certificate Program in Kitchener, Ontario.*** This poster summarizes a pilot program for certification aimed at addressing existing gaps in environmental sustainability programs.

**Katherine Ginsbach**  
Notre Dame Law School

***Transitional Justice and Rebuilding Public Health Infrastructure.*** This poster discusses tensions between national sovereignty and the responsibility of international institutions to intervene when known human health rights are being violated.

**Emily Patton**  
University of Notre Dame

***Education and the Role of Social Business in Italy.*** 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.

**Dulmini Jayawardana**  
University of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee

***Envisioning an Aquaponics Project as a Social Enterprise to Build Resilience and Empower the Community in Sri Lanka.*** This poster outlines how a social enterprise model implemented in collaboration with Engineers without Borders worked to lift the social and environmental sustainability of communities and examines its social responsibility, economic value, and environmental impact.

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**4:15 pm – 5:30 pm    Breakout Session 7**  
Conference Rooms

**Room C102—Panel 8**

***The Role of the State in Peace and Security.*** Peace and security measures taken by nation-states can have broad impacts. This panel looks at how these policies contribute to, or detract from, efforts to build peace.

**Panel Moderator:** Garrett FitzGerald, University of Notre Dame

**Mansour Arbab Younis Omar**  
Nkumba University

State Formation and National Security in Africa: A Case of Sudan

**Elizabeth Cheung**  
University of Massachusetts  
Lowell

China's Suppression of the Uyghur People



**Kelsey Gallagher**  
University of Waterloo

Civilian Casualty Recording and the Canadian Forces:  
Potential State-Based Approaches

**Room C103—Panel 9**

***Social Movements and Policy Change for Peace.*** *This panel explores the power of social movements and mobilization in facilitating peace and effecting policy change.*

**Panel Moderator:** Dr. Ann Mische, Kroc Institute

**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 Millions Person Turnout

**Room C104/105—Film 2**

**Marie Donnelly, Sofia Scott, Emily Dufner, Kate Sescliefer, Sophia Henn, Jisel Gomez, Anne Marie Radzik, Stephen Frick, and Nohemi Toledo**  
University of Notre Dame

***Dissecting a National Issue: Changing Realities on the U.S. Border.*** *Over the recent winter recess, students in this U.S.-Mexico Border Immersion Seminar traveled to Tuscon, Arizona, to look at the realities of modern migration to the United States. This film and discussion hope to portray an honest view of the situation at the border, including the militarization of border patrol, a portrait of the migrants seeking to cross the border, and the ways in which the media's depiction of the border contrasts with its reality.*

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**5:45 pm – 6:00 pm    Closing Remarks**  
Auditorium

***Monica Montgomery and Maddie Thompson, 2019 Conference Committee Co-Chairs, will offer final thoughts and summarize key takeaways to close the conference.***

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**7:00 pm                    Hospitality Desk Closes**  
Great Hall

*Conference volunteers will be on hand until closing to sell t-shirts and answer questions about local dining options and attractions for those remaining in town through the weekend.*

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## ORGANIZERS

The Notre Dame Student Peace Conference is organized each year by a committee of committed undergraduate students from the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. These students come together from a variety of different academic programs to plan the conference from start to finish. You can learn more about this year's committee below!

### Conference Chairs

**Monica Montgomery, Class of 2019.** Monica is a senior from Tennessee, studying political science, peace studies, and international security studies. Her primary interests include nuclear arms control, U.S. foreign policy, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, gender equality, and peace education. She studied abroad in Jerusalem during the Spring 2018 semester and spent the past summer doing policy research at the Arms Control Association in Washington, D.C. She hopes to have a government career focused on nuclear policy and diplomacy. Prior to taking on the role of co-chair, Monica spent two years working on the conference committee, first as the organizer of a special panel on the future of U.S. foreign policy and then as a member of the publicity committee.

**Maddie Thompson, Class of 2019.** Maddie is a senior from Saint Louis, Missouri, studying theology and peace studies with a minor in Catholic Social Tradition. She studied abroad in Jerusalem for the Spring 2018 semester and then remained in Jerusalem through the summer to work alongside Sabeel, a Palestinian Liberation Theology Center, where she helped to organize their Kumi Now international advocacy campaign. Maddie is interested in restorative and creative justice practices, reconciliation processes, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and art/wilderness therapy. She hopes to use these interests in a future career working with communities on a grassroots level in outdoor spaces. This is Maddie's first year on the conference committee.

### Academic Committee

**Melinda Davis, Class of 2019.** Melinda is a senior from New Orleans, Louisiana, majoring in psychology and peace studies. Last year, she spent a semester abroad in Rabat, Morocco, studying migration and refugee issues while learning Arabic and working at an NGO focused on refugee-services. Most recently, she spent the week of semester mid-term break in London researching how the Brexit vote has impacted migrant experiences of daily life, data that she will use to complete her senior capstone project in peace studies. Beyond migration policy, she is interested in restorative justice and inclusive peace processes. She looks forward to her first year working with the conference.

**Sydney Schlager, Class of 2020.** Sydney is a junior from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, majoring in international economics and peace studies. Her interests include public policy and the role of gender and relationships in conflict transformation, and she spent last summer exploring these topics as a student assistant with the Kroc Institute's Madrasa Discourses project. She is a member of Human Rights ND and a volunteer with Indiana Legal Services and recently spent a semester abroad in Santiago, Chile, studying structural poverty and the role of political polarization in exacerbating conflict. This is her second year on the academic committee.

**Caitlin Eckerman, Class of 2020.** Caitlin is a junior from Storm Lake, Iowa, studying psychology and peace studies. Most of her time outside of class is spent cheering on the Irish as a varsity athlete and member of the Notre Dame Cheer Team. She also works in the Audio Video Technologies department

at Notre Dame and conducts research for the Building Resilience After Violence Exposure (BRAVE) Lab, a dual psychology and peace studies research lab run by Dr. Laura Miller-Graff. This is her first year working on the conference, and she is looking forward to an exciting year.

**Sarah Galbenksi, Class of 2020.** Sarah is a sophomore who hails from Detroit, Michigan. She is pursuing a major in the Program of Liberal Studies, a Great Books program anchored in the Western and Catholic traditions, supplemented with a minor in Peace Studies. Her interest in peacebuilding was initially sparked by her experience teaching English and living in community in rural Ecuador this past summer. Sarah is particularly interested in structural and gender-based violence, and she is looking forward to growing as a peace studies student during her first year on the conference committee.

## **Hospitality and Logistics**

**Catherine Lynch, Class of 2019.** Catherine is a senior from Manhasset, New York, who is studying finance in the Mendoza College of Business and pursuing a minor in peace studies. She has spent time studying abroad in both Milan, Italy, and Singapore, and these two international experiences have made her passionate about understanding the differences between cultures and their perspectives, especially in the context of modern globalization. Catherine is new to the conference committee, but she is looking forward to her first year assisting with hospitality and logistics.

**Maria Rossi, Class of 2020.** Maria is a junior from South Bend, Indiana, majoring in psychology and peace studies. She is particularly interested in conflict resolution and human rights and spent last summer living and working in Casablanca, Morocco. She then remained in Morocco to study abroad for the Fall 2018 semester, where she spent time taking classes on human rights in the post-Arab Spring context. She hopes to pursue a career in international diplomacy following graduation. This is her second year on the conference committee, helping with logistics and special projects.

**Amber Grimmer, Class of 2020.** Amber is a junior from Portland, Oregon, studying international economics, peace studies, and poverty studies. As a peace studies student, Amber is primarily interested in issues related to immigration and nonviolent social change, and she recently completed a semester in Santiago, Chile, where she volunteered at a Catholic institute for migrants. She has also pursued her interests outside the classroom by researching the economics of immigration in Berlin, leading the Student Coalition for Immigration Advocacy, and working as a research assistant to faculty studying refugee law and asylum claim. She is looking forward to her second year on the hospitality committee.

**Devin McCarthy, Class of 2022.** Devin is a first year student from Glastonbury, Connecticut, who will be majoring in political science and studying global affairs with a concentration in international peace studies. His current academic interests are mainly in the field of international relations, specifically areas related to national security, territorial integrity and sovereignty, and secession under international law. This is his first year working on the conference, and he is looking forward to the contributing to this important event.

## **Publicity Committee**

**Kristina Keenan, Class of 2019.** Kristina is a senior from Garden City, New York, pursuing a major in communication studies at Saint Mary's College and supplementing her education with peace studies coursework at Notre Dame. For her peace studies senior seminar capstone, she is researching human rights violations against women and the role that cultural relativism plays on a person's understanding of

these violations. She is passionate about women's rights and equality and hopes to use her peace studies learning to teach others about the importance of gender equality. This is Kristina's first year on the conference committee.

**Godsee Joy, Class of 2020.** Godsee is a junior from Silver Spring, Maryland, studying economics and peace studies with a minor in computing and digital technologies. She was motivated to pursue peace studies by her desire to explore complex intersections of economics, corruption, and conflict, and her interest in understanding in the role businesses play in creating a positive social impact. Godsee's current research interests focus on analyzing anti-money laundering policy and the effectiveness of smart sanctions against kleptocratic governments. This is her first year helping with publicity and outreach for the conference committee.

**Sophia Henn, Class of 2021.** Sophia is a sophomore from Long Island, New York, majoring in economics, peace studies, and music theory. Her interests include international development, war economies, and migration policy, and she hopes to find a future career working for an NGO on diplomatic missions. She is intrigued by the intersection of peace studies and communications and hopes she can contribute to the committee with her experience in journalism and broadcast media. Sophia is the music director for WVFI, the student-run radio station, and a research assistant for the Kroc Institute's Peace Accords Matrix project. She is excited for her first year on the committee!

**Kirsten Hanlon, Class of 2019.** Kirsten is a senior from Rhode Island studying neuroscience and peace studies. She is most interested in the neurological basis of aggressive behavior and the application of restorative justice to interpersonal, community, and international conflicts. Her work in the Building Resilience After Violence Exposure (BRAVE) Lab has allowed her to explore these interests by researching the effects of violence on human development and the effectiveness of programs that empower victims. Kirsten is looking forward to her first year working on the conference!

**Evangelia Analitis, Class of 2022.** Evangelia is a first-year student from Chicago, Illinois. She intends to pursue a major in pre-professional health sciences alongside a second major in political science. Her current interests are focused primarily on the intersection of health, medicine, and international affairs, but she also enjoys learning languages and is currently focused on studying Spanish and Greek. Evangelia is new to the conference committee, but she is looking forward to her first year helping with publicity and outreach efforts.

## **Special Projects**

**Matthew Bisner, Class of 2022.** Matthew is a first-year student from Ocean Springs, Mississippi, who plans to pursue a major in political science with a supplementary major in global affairs. He is involved in the Notre Dame Knights of Columbus and can be seen on football weekends helping run their famous charity steak sales. Matthew is also a member of the Notre Dame Model United Nations, where he spends much of his time volunteering during the club's annual high school conference. Matthew plans to attend law school after graduation and hopes to pursue a career focused on human rights advocacy and international human rights law.



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