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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As university educators, we are called to instill in our students a love of truth and the ability to think critically. As university educators focused on civil and human rights, we also must cultivate in our students “a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden the lives of so many,” in the words of the Notre Dame Mission Statement. These educational goals provide the framework for much of what the Klau Institute has done this year.

Our undergraduate Minor in Civil and Human Rights provides a curricular framework to guide students’ formal educational experiences. When Kristen Lemus, a 2025 graduate, described the minor as providing a “moral framework” for understanding government policy, our hearts rejoiced! Our academic program seeks to provide a unique perspective, integrating a normative commitment to human dignity into a multidisciplinary approach to questions of justice. We are so proud of this year’s graduates, who are going on to graduate studies, government service, and public-interest-oriented jobs.

Our new student leadership program, the Melsheimer Fellows Program, builds on the generosity and vision of Tom and Miki Melsheimer, who know that experiential learning can deepen the classroom experience and transform intellectual commitments into lifelong practices of community engagement and service. Our inaugural cohort of students not only built community amongst themselves, but also worked together in the South Bend community on issues of criminal justice, racial justice, and citizenship education. It has been a great joy and privilege to build this new program.

This year, the Klau Institute also received a major grant to hire new faculty whose research focuses on migration. After an extensive search process, we are looking forward to welcoming two new colleagues in the coming academic year. Their research and teaching will enrich our institute, the Keough School of Global Affairs, and the Notre Dame community more broadly.

As the Klau Institute grows, we remain committed to our core vision of educating, inquiring, and engaging on critical issues of civil and human rights. I hope and believe that you will see this commitment reflected in the pages that follow. Thank you for your continued support of the Klau Institute.

In Notre Dame,

Jennifer Mason McAward
Director, Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights
Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame





EDUCATE

The Klau Institute's mission is to make the study of civil and human rights one of the centerpieces of a University of Notre Dame education. Through courses, research, and experiential learning, we engage undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who want to explore questions of justice and human dignity.

In the pages ahead you will read about our inaugural cohort of Melsheimer Fellows, reflections from the Class of 2025 on how the Minor in Civil and Human Rights provided "a moral framework" for their studies, and more examples of students who had transformative experiences through Klau Institute programs.





Manouny Ouatara

Learning about civil and human rights while serving South Bend

The Klau Institute’s new Melsheimer Fellowship gets students off campus and into the community.

On a Wednesday evening in early April, a variation on the game of bingo was being played in the old St. Casimir Catholic School on the west side of South Bend.

An instructor from One More Citizen, a nonprofit organization that offers free citizenship classes, was calling out questions from the U.S. naturalization exam as part of a review exercise for local residents preparing for the test.

What did Susan B. Anthony do? Who are Indiana’s senators? During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?

People in the audience shouted “bingo” as they identified the correct answers on their cards.

Several Notre Dame students served as tutors to these aspiring citizens through the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights’ Melsheimer Fellowship Program — an experiential learning program that the institute launched in 2024 with generous

support from Thomas and Michelle Melsheimer.

The fellowship program is designed to provide students with experiences that will help them see firsthand how the ideals of civil and human rights play out in people’s lives.

“I applied to be a Melsheimer Fellow because I wanted to give back, but I also wanted to take away an educational experience for myself. And that’s exactly what the fellowship has accomplished for me,” said Alexandra Gonzalez-Amaro, a sophomore majoring in political science and minoring in civil and human rights. “Volunteering at One More Citizen has helped me to learn more about civil and human rights in the sense that I’ve seen how government policy affects a lot of individuals.”

The Melsheimer Fellowship is a two-year program. Thirteen students were selected as fellows for the 2024-25 academic year.

In the first year, fellows are given a \$1,000

stipend and placed with a community partner dedicated to civil and human rights. Partner organizations during the past year included One More Citizen as well as the South Bend Reparatory Justice Commission, National Immigrant Justice Center, and Notre Dame Law School’s Exoneration Justice Clinic.



Mia Chetalo

In the second year, fellows may choose to continue in their community placements with a stipend or work as paid research assistants for the Klau Institute or a faculty member affiliated with the institute.

Fellows also participate in monthly social, educational, and enrichment activities with Klau Institute faculty fellows and staff.

“We know that students learn not only in the classroom, but also through experiences that they have outside of the classroom,” said Jennifer Mason McAward, associate professor of law and director of the Klau Institute.

“The Melsheimer Fellowship is a tremendous opportunity for students to work on advancing civil and human rights for folks in the South Bend community,” McAward said. “It’s also an opportunity for students to develop relationships and understand the dignity of every person with whom they come into contact.”

Getting out of ‘the bubble’

Several of the Melsheimer Fellows talked about the value of getting off campus and building relationships with people in the South Bend community.

“Before this fellowship, I had never really stepped foot outside of the Notre Dame bubble to see South Bend and meet South Bend residents. This fellowship has given me the opportunity to build relationships and get to know the community a lot better,” said Manouny Ouatara, a sophomore majoring in political science and French.

“One of those students that I tutored in the fall semester passed her citizenship test, and then I found out that she works at Modern Market at Notre Dame, so once a month we get lunch together,” Ouatara said. “If I didn’t step foot outside of the Notre Dame bubble and experience South Bend, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to meet this amazing person and continue that relationship that we built.”

One More Citizen’s founder, Nancy Flores, said the fellows have emerged as leaders among

13
Melsheimer
Fellows in
2024-25

4
Community
Organizations

710
Total Hours
of Service

the organization’s volunteers. “Every person who has gone through our classes has passed the naturalization exam,” Flores said. “We maintain a 100 percent pass rate because of our volunteers.”

JD Sniegocki and Veronica Bofah are two of the Melsheimer Fellows who worked at the South Bend Reparatory Justice Commission during the past academic year. Their work with the commission involved researching the history of housing discrimination in the city.

“The Melsheimer Fellowship has been a very meaningful and formative experience, and it has enabled me to give back to the South Bend community and get involved beyond the Notre Dame campus,” said Sniegocki, a sophomore majoring in global affairs and environmental sciences.

Bofah, a sophomore majoring in global

“I’m seeing those advocates for civil and human rights and the work they’re doing in practice.”

— MELSHEIMER FELLOW MIA CHETALO

affairs and Spanish and minoring in civil and human rights, added, “I’m really excited about the prospect of local residents being able to have a better understanding of the history of housing discrimination in South Bend and how it impacts our community today.”

Joshua Talache-Wheat, a junior majoring in philosophy and minoring in civil and human rights, is one of the fellows who worked at the Exoneration Justice Clinic. The clinic, which is directed by Klau Institute faculty fellow and Professor of Law Jimmy Gurulé, represents clients who were wrongly convicted of crimes and attempts to overturn their convictions.

“Working at the Exoneration Justice Clinic has been a life-changing and inspiring opportunity,” said Talache-Wheat, who hopes to go to law school. “It has been a dream come true to fight to right miscarriages of justice.”

Melsheimer Fellow Joshua Talache-Wheat talks with Gabrielle Spontak, a legal assistant at Notre Dame Law School’s Exoneration Justice Clinic, and Professor of Law Jimmy Gurulé, the clinic’s director.



Darryl Heller, center, chairman of the South Bend Reparatory Justice Commission, stands with Melsheimer Fellows, from left, Matthew Amante, Veronica Bofah, JD Sniegocki, and Annelise Demers in January 2025.



Mia Chetalo, a sophomore majoring in global affairs and minoring in civil and human rights, said the Melsheimer Fellowship has added to what she’s learned in the classroom at Notre Dame. She served as a tutor at One More Citizen during the past year.

“I’m seeing those advocates for civil and human rights and the work they’re doing in practice,” Chetalo said.

“The most special thing about this program has been interacting with all of the wonderful people at One More Citizen — hearing about their life experiences and practicing my Spanish skills,” she said. “I think forming those relationships and just hearing about the immigration system from people

who are experiencing that firsthand has really been the epitome of what it means to be a global affairs student and see how that works in action.”

Learn more about the Melsheimer Fellowship Program at klau.nd.edu/melsheimer.



VIDEO

Visit the Klau Institute’s YouTube channel to watch a video about the Melsheimer Fellows’ work at One More Citizen in South Bend.



2024-25 Melsheimer Fellowship Placements

National Immigrant Justice Center
Isabella Vasquez

Notre Dame Law School Exoneration Justice Clinic
Connor Kaufmann
Joshua Talache-Wheat

One More Citizen
Mia Chetalo
Alexandra Gonzalez-Amaro
Amelia Hatfield
Emi Kartsonas
Manouny Ouatarra

South Bend Reparatory Justice Commission
Matthew Amante
Veronica Bofah
Annelise Demers
Daniel Mooney
JD Sniegocki

'A moral framework'

The Class of 2025 reflects on their education in civil and human rights.

Notre Dame students come to the Klau Institute's Minor in Civil and Human Rights from a variety of majors — anthropology, biology, global affairs, political science, and more. And their career goals are equally diverse, with some of the students aiming to become lawyers or work in policy, the nonprofit sector, and other fields.

Although their backgrounds and aspirations are different, what all students in the minor share is a strong motivation to use their talents to uphold human dignity and make the world a better place for all people.

Meet a few members of Notre Dame's Class of 2025 who studied civil and human rights through the Klau Institute, and hear how they plan to protect civil and human rights in their chosen professions.



Raleigh Kuipers

Majors: Global Affairs and Spanish
Minors: Civil and Human Rights, European Studies

Raleigh Kuipers said the Minor in Civil and Human Rights bridged her values, interests, and aspirations.

"Since I majored in Global Affairs and Spanish, my classes mainly focused on international contexts and topics. The minor allowed me to deepen my awareness of key issues including human rights law, refugee and asylum policy, and indigeneity on a global level," she said.

"It also enabled me to focus on the U.S. context, learning about antiracism, domestic indigeneity, educational equity, and South Bend schools."

After graduation, Kuipers will pursue a Master of Advanced International Affairs at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna in preparation for a career at the intersection of policy and research, focusing on foreign policy, international politics, and human rights.

"My education in civil and human rights at Notre Dame provided a vital basis for further learning on the subjects in my graduate studies," she said. "It will also shape the research I conduct, how I approach sociopolitical issues, and the career I pursue. Awareness and knowledge of civil and human rights issues will be key in promoting human dignity, equity, and values in all of my future roles." 🔥

Learn more about the Minor in Civil and Human Rights at klau.nd.edu/minor.



Kristen Lemus

Major: Political Science
Minor: Civil and Human Rights

The Minor in Civil and Human Rights was transformative for Kristen Lemus.

"The minor gave me a moral framework — a critical lens through which I examine systems of government, power, and policy," she said. "While political science provides the tools to analyze how governments function, how power is distributed, and how political behavior takes shape both domestically and globally, the Minor in Civil and Human Rights grounds that analysis in ethical responsibility. It asks not just how institutions operate, but who they serve, who they exclude, and why."

After graduation, Lemus will serve as a Congressional Fellow through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute in Washington. As a daughter of immigrants, she's looking forward to the opportunity to uplift Latino communities and address systemic inequities in our policy landscape.

Lemus thinks of the Minor in Civil and Human Rights as more than just an academic pursuit. It's a commitment, she said. "Civil and human rights are not abstract ideals. They are the very conditions that allow people to live with dignity, safety, and purpose," she said. "And we all — by the sole fact of being human — deserve nothing less." 🔥



Clodagh McEvoy-Johnston

Major: Global Affairs and Peace Studies
Minor: Civil and Human Rights

Clodagh McEvoy-Johnston enrolled in the Minor in Civil and Human Rights because it added a particularly interesting complexity to her coursework in global affairs and peace studies. She said it was the perfect addition.

"From my civil and human rights classes, I see the intersection between human dignity, conflict, and law," McEvoy-Johnston said.

"I loved seeing the cross-section of development, conflict, and law," she added. "I also think I gained novel skills in assessing both domestic and international legislation that informs the way everyday people live their lives."

The next step in McEvoy-Johnston's education will be at the University of Cambridge, where she will complete a Master of Philosophy in Politics and International Studies. After that, she hopes to go to law school.

"After my master's and with my J.D., I think my education in civil and human rights will be essential to my future career," she said. "The Minor in Civil and Human Rights has given me the tools to notice when the lived realities of those around me do not meet what I believe to be the common good and human flourishing." 🔥



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Students in the Classes of 2026-2028 Enrolled in the Minor in Civil and Human Rights

Class of 2025

Minor in Civil and Human Rights

Annie Behm

Major: Biological Sciences

Ali Dogue

Major: American Studies

Raleigh Kuipers

Major: Global Affairs and Spanish

Kristen Lemus

Major: Political Science

Gráinne Malone

Major: Anthropology

Clodagh McEvoy-Johnston

Major: Global Affairs

Concentration in Civil and Human Rights

Part of the Keough School's Major in Global Affairs

Matthew Ruff

Hannah Thurow

BRIEFS

The Klau Institute attracts students from every college and school at Notre Dame who are interested in the institute’s academic and experiential learning programs, funding opportunities, and events that enable dialogue with experts in civil and human rights.

Below is a sampling of the various ways the institute supported the formation and growth of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students during the 2024-25 academic year.

FALL BREAK AT THE BORDER

Klau Institute faculty fellow **Maria McKenna**, a professor of the practice in the Department of Africana Studies and the Education, Schooling, and Society Program, led an immersion trip to the Texas-Mexico border during Notre Dame’s fall break in October. Students visited migrant shelters and considered questions of justice and human dignity related to migration.

Jennifer Mason McAward, associate professor of law and director of the Klau Institute, and **Rev. Joseph Corpora, C.S.C.**, also accompanied students on the trip.

“It was profound to walk the border wall and share meals with people trying to create a better life for themselves,” McAward said. “This trip helped us all move beyond depersonalized policy debates and engage with the dignity of the real people we encountered.”

ECONOMICS OF IMMIGRATION

The Klau Institute provided funding for an experiential learning trip that Teaching Professor of Economics **Eva Dziadula** led in Mexico during spring break. Dziadula, a Klau Institute faculty fellow, included academic discussions as well as cultural experiences on the week’s itinerary. Highlights included a visit with migrant guests at Casa Tochan in Mexico City, an inspiring conversation with Afro-indigenous artist Baltazar Castellanos Melo, an informative briefing at the U.S. Embassy, and a conference, “Mexico as a Migration Origin, Destination, and Transit Route,” at Tecnológico de Monterrey.

Veronica Bofah, an undergraduate enrolled in the Minor in Civil and Human Rights, received a grant from the Klau Institute to support her participation. “One of my favorite things about being a Klau affiliate is opportunities like these,” Bofah said. “The trip provided me with a more well-rounded understanding of migration, and showed how you can combine a quantitative understanding with a humanistic approach.”

RITA BAHR CARI SCHOLARS

Established in 2001, the **Rita Bahr Cari Memorial Fund** provides support and opportunities for Notre Dame students who research or work on human rights issues in Latin America. Four students enrolled in Notre Dame’s LL.M. Program in International Human Rights Law were the Rita Bahr Cari Scholars in 2024-25.

- **Jorge Hagedorn Gaete** (Chile)
- **Mónica Nuño Nuño** (Mexico)
- **Maria Paula Roncancio** (Colombia)
- **André Uliano** (Brazil)

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS

These students were awarded grants in 2024-25 and participated in the following activities.

- **Kyung-Mo Kang**, J.S.D. student, attended “International Criminal Law: From Theory to Practice” in July at Leiden University in the Netherlands.
- **Jamya Robinson**, Ph.D. student in sociology, attended the Association of African American Museums Conference in August in Baltimore.
- **Taylor Thigpen**, first-year global affairs student, spoke in October at the World Food Forum in Rome, Italy.
- J.S.D. students **Ángel Muñoz Carpintero** and **Portia Ozioma Chigbu** presented papers in November at the J.S.D. Symposium at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.
- **Antonio Lemos**, Ph.D student in theology, presented a paper in January at the annual meeting of the Society for Christian Ethics in Chicago.
- **Gráinne Malone**, senior majoring in anthropology, presented a paper

in March at the Dorothy Day Center at Manhattan University.

- **Paul Lee**, Ph.D. student in peace studies and sociology, conducted fieldwork on the Korean diaspora in Los Angeles.
- **Josie Soehnge Cohen**, Ph.D. student in anthropology, conducted migration fieldwork in McAllen, Texas.

SUMMER LAW FELLOWS

Since 2017, the Klau Institute has awarded summer fellowships to a select group of Notre Dame law students to work at organizations and government agencies that promote civil or human rights.

The following students were awarded summer law fellowships in 2025.



- **Elisa Monteiro**, Special Education Division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- **Paris Munene**, NAACP Legal Defense Fund of Atlanta
- **Brigid O’Brien**, Disability Rights New York
- **Haley Palumbo**, Cabrini Green Legal Aid
- **Sam Spain**, American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois
- **Tyson Weeks**, American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, DC

EXONERATION CLINIC INTERNS

The Klau Institute also supported summer internships for two undergraduates to spend the summer with the Notre Dame Exoneration Justice Clinic, which works to investigate, litigate, and overturn wrongful convictions for clients.

- **Esmerelda Ciriaco**, junior majoring in philosophy
- **Joshua Talache-Wheat**, junior majoring in philosophy



Jorge Hagedorn Gaete
Chile



Mónica Nuño Nuño
Mexico



Maria Paula Roncancio
Colombia



André Uliano
Brazil



Above: The U.S. Department of Agriculture selected Taylor Thigpen to attend the World Food Forum as a United Nations youth delegate. Read about his experience here:



Left: Students visit Casa Tochan, an organization that provides shelter and support for migrants and refugees in Mexico City.



INQUIRE

Consistent with the University of Notre Dame's aspiration to be the leading global Catholic research university, the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights supports innovative research that promotes human dignity in the United States and around the world.

Through relationships with scholars in multiple disciplines, as well as faith leaders and practitioners, the Klau Institute is working to understand and address concerns such as wrongful convictions, gender-based violence, and the rights of migrants. And, as part of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs, the institute is helping to inform policy in these areas.





Klau Institute Director Jennifer Mason McAward speaks during a workshop at the Keough School Washington Office.

New research focuses on an often-ignored constitutional right

Klau Institute director publishes a landmark study of the Brady rule — a vital protection for defendants in criminal cases.

In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court held in the case *Brady v. Maryland* that prosecutors must turn over any evidence favorable to a defendant in a criminal trial if that evidence is material to the person's guilt or punishment. The principle behind this rule — now known as the Brady rule — is that the government is interested in justice, not simply convictions.

Nevertheless, the Brady rule is often broken, leading to overturned convictions and years spent in prison by people who are innocent of their charges.

Jennifer Mason McAward, associate professor of law at Notre Dame Law School and director of the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights in the Keough School of Global Affairs, examined this problem in "Understanding Brady Violations," published in the spring 2025 edition of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.

McAward analyzed 386 rulings by state or federal courts from the past 18 years that found the government had violated the Brady rule. Her paper, which is the largest-ever study of adjudicated Brady violations, provides a detailed analysis of who suppresses evidence in criminal cases as well as why, how, where, and how often.

"The Brady rule is simple on its face," she said. "Still, despite more than 60 years of practice, this well-established rule is often broken. By all accounts, we have a constitutional right that is routinely being violated."

McAward's research into Brady violations followed years of teaching Notre Dame law students

about the problem and becoming disheartened by the constant flow of new cases.

"I decided it's time for me to be more proactive — to offer a deeper and more nuanced understanding of these cases so there can be meaningful, targeted policy responses," she said. "Greater compliance with this constitutional right will benefit not only defendants, but also society in general."

Along with unprecedented historical detail about Brady violations, McAward has proposed a variety of strategies to address the problem.

The conventional wisdom is that nefarious prosecutors intentionally withhold evidence from defendants. McAward's study confirms that this misconduct does indeed happen. However, she also identified many cases in which evidence was withheld by mistake or where police officers, not prosecutors, suppressed the evidence.

She concluded that focusing on preventing good-faith Brady errors, especially in non-homicide cases, may be substantially more productive than

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— KLAU INSTITUTE DIRECTOR
JENNIFER MASON MCAWARD

punishing bad-faith Brady violations, which has proven to be difficult.

She also suggests that training law enforcement officers about their legal obligations may create a smoother pipeline for the eventual production of material evidence to defendants.

Next steps

McAward’s study was a monumental undertaking. But, as she wrote in her paper, she regards it only as the beginning of a larger effort.

She continued the conversation in February 2025 by hosting a workshop in Washington, DC, with a multidisciplinary group of scholars and practitioners intent on improving compliance with the Brady rule. The workshop was funded and organized by Notre Dame Law School and held at the Keough School Washington Office.

The workshop included sessions on empirical studies of Brady violations, ways that judges can manage discovery to increase compliance, and discussion of possible policy interventions and future lines of research.

“It was very valuable to have a group of multidisciplinary voices around the table to bring different methods and perspectives and histories to the question,” McAward said. “A lot of excellent work has gone before us, so it was an opportunity for new voices and perspectives to join that conversation that’s been going on for a long time.”

The group in Washington included several scholars whose work was cited in McAward’s paper.

Those included legal scholars Adam Gershowitz of William & Mary Law School, Daniel McConkie of Northern Illinois University College of Law, Rachel Moran of the University of St. Thomas College of Law, and Jenia Turner of Southern

Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law, as well as Allison Redlich of George Mason University’s Department of Criminology, Law and Society, and Jon Gould, dean of the School of Social Ecology at the University of California, Irvine.

McConkie said the workshop facilitated a variety of perspectives about a problem in criminal procedure that is important but often misunderstood. “Professor McAward’s Brady study grounds that discussion in hard facts,” he said.

Turner said everyone at the workshop left with a better understanding of the issues and with new ideas for future work.

“Professor McAward’s impressive analysis of hundreds of decisions on Brady violations was a great starting point for our discussions,” she said, “and all the participants brought out different and insightful perspectives on how best to regulate discovery in criminal cases.”

Bruce Green, the Louis Stein Chair at Fordham Law School, where he directs the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, also attended the workshop. McAward said he is regarded as the “elder statesman” in this field.

“This was not only an opportunity to review outstanding scholarship, but also to reflect on where there is a need for further creative, empirical, and interdisciplinary research and reflection on the Brady rule and the challenges it presents,” Green said. “All of us left the gathering invigorated, with a deeper understanding and with ideas about new paths to pursue.”

McAward said the ultimate goal of this project is to promote compliance with the constitutional rule of Brady.

“The fact that people from different fields and different parts of the country were able to meet each other at this workshop and think about how their work might intersect with others’ interests will bear fruit over time,” she said. 🔥



READ THE STUDY

“Understanding Brady Violations” is publicly available on the Vanderbilt Law Review’s website.



VIDEO

South Bend’s NBC affiliate, WNDU, interviewed Klau Institute Director Jennifer Mason McAward about how she found her vocation in the law and her research on Brady violations.



Klau Institute Director Jennifer Mason McAward presents her findings on Brady rule violations to a multidisciplinary group of scholars at the Keough School Washington Office.

Studying the complex relationship between race and human rights

Research supported by the Klau Institute shows how organizations can criticize governments' violations without appearing racist.

Zoltán Búzás, an associate professor of global affairs in the Keough School of Global Affairs who is affiliated with the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, has been hard at work researching the complex relationship between race and human rights — especially as it plays out between human rights groups and governments.

His research has positioned him to be a key interlocutor with global human rights advocates as well as a mentor to junior scholars doing similar research. With the support of the Klau Institute, Búzás published research and hosted two key workshops on race and international relations during the 2024-25 academic year.

In an article published in the American Journal of Political Science in December 2024, Búzás and co-author Lotem Bassan-Nygate of Harvard University detailed research from survey experiments that involved nearly 7,000 respondents and interviews with 11 individuals from the prominent human rights organizations Amnesty International,

Oxfam, and Human Rights Watch.

The research showed that when human rights groups criticize governments' human rights violations, such as "shaming" is less likely to be perceived as racist if it includes anti-racist cues denouncing racism. For example, a February 2022 Amnesty International report labeling Israel an "apartheid state" but condemning antisemitism and clarifying that its criticism was aimed at the government, not Jewish people, reduced perceptions of racism by 5 percent when compared to a report with no anti-racist cues. The study also looked at cases where human rights

organizations have criticized the Chinese government's treatment of Uyghur people.

"Maintaining a reputation for fairness is critical for enabling human rights organizations' important work: raising funds,

recruiting volunteers and mobilizing Americans to pressure their representatives against human rights violations," Búzás said.

Earlier in the fall, Búzás held a workshop at the Keough School's Washington Office to share his research findings. Several prominent human rights

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- ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS ZOLTÁN BÚZÁS



INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RIGHTS LAB

Visit raceandrights.org to learn more about the lab.



READ THE STUDY

"Race, Shaming, and International Rights" by Zoltán Búzás and Lotem Bassan-Nygate is available in the American Journal of Political Science.



Left: Associate Professor of Global Affairs Zoltán Búzás hosts a human rights roundtable on Nov. 4, 2024, at the Keough School's Washington Office.

Below: Lotem Bassan-Nygate is an assistant professor of public policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

organizations participated in the closed-door meeting, which was an important way for Búzás to translate his research into practice.

Búzás also has a contribution, "Failed Norm Emergence and Change," forthcoming in The Oxford Handbook of Norms Research in International Relations.

Supporting junior scholars

In March 2025, the Klau Institute, through the work of Búzás and his International Race and Rights Lab, welcomed more than 20 scholars from across the United States to Notre Dame's campus for a workshop on race and international relations.

These junior scholars presented working papers and discussed topics of race in relation to migration,

colonialism, war, international institutions, and technology.

Amoz Hor, an assistant professor of politics at Centre College, said the Klau Institute has become a vital hub for cultivating this vibrant scholarly community. "In a time when research on race and global justice has become even more urgent, the workshop is a rare intellectual space where scholars from diverse research traditions sharpen each other's work, exchange ideas, and deepen collective insight," he said.

The International Race and Rights Lab also provides opportunities for Notre Dame students. During the 2024-25 academic year, the lab employed five undergraduate research assistants: Julia Kamysz, Grace Loonan, Theresa O'Connor, Katie Pampalone, and Matthew Ruff. 🔥



POLICY BRIEF

Búzás and Bassan-Nygate also co-authored a policy brief, "Human Rights Organizations and Shaming Tactics: Using Anti-Racist Cues to Hone the Messaging," for the Keough School of Global Affairs.

BRIEFS

The Klau Institute grew its research capacity in significant ways during the past year, particularly in the areas of migration and democracy.

MIGRATION RESEARCH INITIATIVE

The Migration Research Initiative, based at the Klau Institute, launched in 2024 with input from experts across the Keough School of Global Affairs and the University of Notre Dame as a whole.

One of the initiative's early projects was the formation of a working group for graduate students interested in migration research. The interdisciplinary group met monthly throughout the 2024-25 academic year to support collaboration, enhance research skills, and drive innovative studies in migration.

Learn more about the Klau Institute's Migration Research Initiative at klau.nd.edu/migration.



NEW MIGRATION FACULTY

In October, the **Notre Dame Poverty Initiative** announced it would support new faculty positions in the Keough School for preeminent scholars working at the intersection of migration and poverty. The positions are part of a joint effort between the Klau Institute, which is part of the Keough School, and **Notre Dame Population Analytics**, a new research and data hub in the College of Arts & Letters.

"This investment from the Poverty Initiative will help us better understand the role of migration in economic inequality and poverty globally and here at home," said **Mary Gallagher**, the Marilyn Keough Dean of the Keough School. "And because migration and poverty are inextricably linked to human rights, Notre Dame's research in this area has the potential to change the world."

As a result of the funding, two migration experts will join the Keough School faculty during the 2025-26 academic year. Both faculty members will work closely with the Klau Institute's Migration Research Initiative.

Amy Hsin, a sociologist and social demographer, comes to Notre Dame from Queens College, City University of New York. She researches the intersection of immigration, race and ethnicity, education, and social inequality in the United States.

Alex Kustov is joining from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where he is an assistant professor of political science. He studies public opinion and democratic governance with a focus on managing immigration, ethnic tensions, and other demographic issues in high-income countries.

FOCUS ON AFGHANISTAN

Rojia Samim, the Klau Institute's program director for research and policy, attended the Organization of American States' Inter-American Course on Migration and Protection in September in Washington, DC. The course was organized by Associate Professor of Global Affairs **Abby Córdova**, who is a Klau Institute faculty fellow.

Samim, a human rights lawyer from Afghanistan, gave a presentation on the Afghan refugee crisis in the United States.

In January, the Yale Journal of International Law published an article by Samim in which she examined the effectiveness of international legal frameworks in safeguarding women's rights globally, using Afghanistan under Taliban rule as a case study.



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VISIT TO THE VATICAN

The Klau Institute's associate director, **Arlene F. Monteverchio**, attended a committee meeting of the Global Compact on Education at the Vatican's Dicastery of Culture and Education in November.

She presented the Klau Institute's ongoing work in human rights education and its connections to Catholic social tradition. Members of the committee received a private audience with Pope Francis.



Klau Institute Associate Director Arlene F. Monteverchio meets Pope Francis in November at the Vatican.

DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE GRANTS

The **Notre Dame Democracy Initiative** awarded grants to three projects affiliated with the Klau Institute in November.

- 1) **Dignity, Democracy, and Human Rights Education** is a two-day symposium that the Klau Institute will host in spring 2026 to explore the intersection of Catholic social teaching, human rights, and democratic principles in education. Building on the Vatican's Global Compact on Education, this event will bring together experts from around the world to advance transformative education and research on human dignity and rights.
- 2) **ND Votes**, a nonpartisan student group dedicated to voter education, registration, and mobilization, was awarded a grant to support its ongoing work. Other politically motivated groups exist on campus, but ND Votes is the only organization solely focused on preserving and encouraging the democratic process of voting in a nonpartisan manner.
- 3) Associate Professor of Global Affairs **Zoltán Búzás**, who is affiliated with the Klau Institute, received a grant to investigate how the U.S. and China use human rights and democracy to criticize each other and the effects of these criticisms on global public support for democracy and human rights. While most studies focus on democracy and human rights as domestic issues, this project examines how both nations use rhetorical concepts in their foreign relations.
- Professor of American Studies **Sophie White** presented her research on slavery in the Louisiana and French global empire at a conference hosted by the University of Pennsylvania's McNeill Center for Early American Studies.
- Teaching Professor of Economics **Eva Dziadula** was awarded a grant to support research for her project, "Differential Impacts of California's Paid Family Leave Program among Immigrants and U.S. Natives."

FUNDING FACULTY RESEARCH

The Klau Institute awarded grants to three of the institute's faculty fellows during the 2024-25 academic year.

- **Anna Haskins**, the Andrew V. Tackes Associate Professor of Sociology, participated in a week-long gathering at the University of California, Irvine's Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy



ENGAGE

The late Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., former president of the University of Notre Dame, once said that a Catholic university “should be a bridge across all chasms that separate modern people from each other.”

The Klau Institute takes seriously its role as a multidisciplinary institute that can bring together voices and viewpoints from across the spectrum for open dialogue about civil and human rights issues. During the 2024-25 academic year, the institute hosted educational events focused on migration, the death penalty, enforced disappearances, and more.





Getting beyond the border

The New Yorker’s Jonathan Blitzer tells human stories to explain how immigration became a political crisis.

More than 130 people — students, faculty, staff, and local residents — filled the auditorium in the University of Notre Dame’s Hesburgh Center for International Studies on the evening of Feb. 26.

The standing-room-only crowd was there to hear Jonathan Blitzer, an award-winning immigration reporter for The New Yorker and author of *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis*. The bestselling book explains how misguided policy and sweeping corruption have led undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers to cross the U.S.-Mexico border. It’s a complex history that Blitzer presents through stories of Central Americans whose lives have been devastated by conflict and violence in their home countries.

Mary Gallagher, the Marilyn Keough Dean and Professor of Global Affairs in the Keough School of Global Affairs, introduced Blitzer at the event.

“Migration, with its implications for human dignity and human development, is an important theme at the Keough School,” Gallagher said. “It’s also an issue that’s critical for us as students, scholars, and citizens.”

Blitzer’s talk tied in with the Klau Institute’s Migration Research Initiative, which launched in 2024 through collaboration with other experts from across campus.

In his prepared remarks, Blitzer described how 2014 became the year when the character of immigration along the U.S.-Mexico border fundamentally changed.

Instead of single adults, primarily from Mexico, coming north for work, thousands of children from Central America’s “northern triangle” of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras began arriving at the border alone without family members. They were fleeing gang violence as well as poverty and government corruption.

Almost 39,000 unaccompanied children arrived at the border during the federal government’s 2013 fiscal year, and then that number surged to almost 69,000 during the 2014 fiscal year, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. “All of them were seeking asylum, which was their legal right and something the government by law had to take seriously,” Blitzer said.

It was a crisis decades in the making.

Blitzer said “the original sin” goes back to the Refugee Act of 1980. The act established legal protections for people fleeing persecution in their countries, but it wasn’t applied to asylum applications from Central America because the U.S. was allied with military regimes in those countries during the Cold War. In addition, U.S. deportation policies contributed to the spread of gangs such as MS-13, which originated in Los Angeles and later became dominant in El Salvador.

Subsequent administrations of both parties

have either failed or declined to address American immigration policy in a comprehensive manner, and have more often seen harsh deterrence as the solution.

“In Washington, the bottom line was always the same,” Blitzer said. “What were the optics? How much will the reality on the ground in a remote part of the country bleed into the national conversation? How soon will partisan opportunists exploit any perception of disorder? In short, how do we keep the border from instantly dominating our politics?”



Jonathan Blitzer, a staff writer for The New Yorker, speaks to a full auditorium on Feb. 26, 2025, in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Blitzer pointed out that the U.S.-Mexico border itself has displaced any sort of serious conversation about immigration policy in the United States.

“Now when people talk about immigration, they’re really only talking about the border,” he said. “The situation at the border has effectively hijacked the conversation the country needs to have about immigration.”

As a result, Blitzer said, the national political conversation around immigration has been trapped in a Catch-22.

“Anyone who wants to make changes, updates, any manner of reform — however modest, however technocratic — to the wider immigration system bumps up against the political reality that people opposed to any kinds of improvements in our immigration system are always going to point to the border,” he said. The problem, he added, is that the situation at the border can’t be fixed without changes to the wider immigration system.

After his prepared remarks, Blitzer answered questions in a conversation with Jennifer Mason McAward, associate professor of law at Notre Dame Law School and director of the Klau Institute in the Keough School of Global Affairs.



Jonathan Blitzer participates in a question-and-answer session with Klau Institute Director Jennifer Mason McAward.

McAward asked Blitzer about his decision to structure *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here* around the stories of real people, such as Dr. Juan Romagoza, who escaped to the U.S. after being tortured by the military regime in El Salvador, and Keldy Mable González Brebe de Zúniga, a woman from Honduras who was

separated from her children at the border during the first Trump administration.

“From a storytelling standpoint, one of the ways you can make real the legacy of policy decisions and of political decisions is to try to understand what all of those decisions have meant to actual people in their lives,” Blitzer said.

“For me, the beginning and end of the story — the heart of it through and through — are people. They are our guides in every respect through what the moral stakes are, what the policy stakes are, what the political stakes are,” he said. “It’s the only measure I know of that brings things into the proper proportions and dimensions. For me, the way you can most meaningfully get into these knotty dense historical questions is to understand them in terms of people who were there and have lived directly the different aspects of this history.”

After his talk, Blitzer signed copies of *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here* during a reception in the Hesburgh Center. The following day he spoke with Master of Global Affairs students in “Forced Migration and Refugees: Laws, Policies, and Practice,” a course taught by Erin Corcoran, associate teaching professor, executive director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and a faculty fellow of the Klau Institute.

“We were thrilled to host Jonathan Blitzer for this timely discussion on immigration,” McAward said. “His reporting from the U.S.-Mexico border offers important perspectives to help us understand the human experience, and the issues of human dignity, related to migration.”

The event was co-sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies, Institute for Social Concerns, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, and the Gullivan Program in Journalism, Ethics, and Democracy. 🔥

VIDEO

Watch the full conversation with Jonathan Blitzer, “Getting Beyond the Border: How Immigration Became a Political Crisis,” on the Klau Institute’s YouTube channel.



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Jonathan Blitzer signs copies of his book, *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here*, at a reception in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Klau Institute and ND Law co-host Death Penalty Abolition Week

A powerful lineup of speakers confronts one of the most urgent human rights issues of our time.



convictions and capital punishment, including racial bias against defendants of color and the fundamental violation of human dignity.

In a criminal justice system that too often prioritizes finality over fairness, the death penalty remains deeply flawed — and legal in 27 states.

The Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights and Notre Dame Law School’s Exoneration Justice Clinic sparked critical conversations about capital punishment during the first annual Death Penalty Abolition Week, held March 24-27.

The four-day series of events featured speakers who shared firsthand accounts and examined the systemic issues tied to wrongful



Dr. Yusef Salaam, a Central Park Five exoneree and New York City councilman, offered a deeply personal reflection on his wrongful imprisonment.

At just 15 years old, Salaam was falsely accused of a brutal crime in Central Park, tried as an adult, and sent to prison at 16. During the event at Notre Dame, he held up a newspaper clipping showing Donald Trump’s infamous call for New York to reinstate the death penalty for the Central Park Five. It was an example, Salaam said, of how public figures can inflame popular sentiment and perpetuate a broken system.

Salaam described the case as a “love story between God and His people” — a story of deep injustice that ultimately revealed a miracle: the truth could not stay buried.

Salaam urged students to reject apathy, warning that unfulfilled dreams die in the graveyard of “someday.” Instead, he encouraged the audience to live with purpose and to see themselves as part of a long, generational fight for justice. “The dash between your birth and your death is a baton,” he said. “Your life and your example show what’s possible.”

Lamont Hunter and his attorney, **Erin Gallagher Barnhart ’05 J.D.**, (pictured above) shared the emotional and legal journey that led to his release from Ohio’s death row after being

convicted in 2007 in connection with the death of his 3-year-old son. Hunter was freed in 2023 after newly discovered evidence cast doubt on the original forensic conclusions, leading the state to vacate his capital convictions. He then accepted a plea deal to lesser charges and was released with time served.

Hunter spoke candidly about the emotional toll of incarceration and the decision to accept the plea deal — not for financial restitution, but for the sake of truth and family. He continues to rebuild his life and speak out against the flaws of a system that failed him at every turn, nearly costing him everything.

Barnhart, who walked Hunter out of custody on her birthday, reflected on the emotional weight of that moment. She emphasized the years of painstaking legal work required to challenge the original verdict and the importance of persistent advocacy in capital cases.

Syl Schieber ’72 M.A., ’74 Ph.D., shared a powerful testimony rooted in faith, forgiveness, and justice.



After his 23-year-old daughter, Shannon, was raped and murdered in 1998, Schieber and his wife, Vicki, made the difficult decision to oppose capital punishment for her killer — a decision grounded in their Catholic faith and belief in the sanctity of human life.

In the years since, Schieber has become a prominent voice in the movement to abolish the death penalty nationwide. “If you can’t stand by your principles when it’s difficult, then they’re not your principles,” he said.



VIDEO

Watch all of the events from Death Penalty Abolition Week on the Klau Institute’s website.



Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, spoke to a capacity crowd in the Law School’s McCartan Courtroom.

She shared the story that launched her decades-long mission to end capital punishment. It began when she volunteered to write letters to a man on death row, Patrick Sonnier. Their correspondence deepened, and she eventually became his spiritual adviser — not realizing that meant she would accompany him to his execution. “I came out after watching Pat be killed ... and the first thing I did was throw up,” she said. “But that’s also when the mission to talk to all of you about this issue began. I’m a witness.”

Sister Helen has become one of the world’s most powerful voices for death penalty abolition. She called the death penalty “an extreme physical and mental assault on someone who’s been rendered defenseless” and described the long wait on death row as a form of torture. “We make it legal, which means that we make it right, morally right,” she said, challenging students to consider the broader implications of the law. “The death penalty is about us. We should not identify a human being solely with the worst act of his or her life.”

By co-sponsoring Death Penalty Abolition Week, the Klau Institute invited the community to engage deeply with one of the most urgent human rights issues of our time, said Jennifer Mason McAward, associate professor of law and the institute’s director. “This powerful week of events brought focus to wrongful convictions and systemic flaws in the criminal justice system, and spurred reflection on faith, justice, mercy, and human dignity,” McAward said. 🔥

BRIEFS

The Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights supported a wide variety of events during the 2024-25 academic year. These events called on faculty, students, and local residents to engage in dialogue around contemporary issues of civil and human rights with a focus on justice and human dignity.

PIZZA, POP AND POLITICS

ND Votes, a nonpartisan initiative of the Klau Institute that aims to foster conscientious engagement among students in political and civic life, hosted three "Pizza, Pop and Politics" events during the fall 2024 semester. Each event invited Notre Dame faculty members to share their expertise on a topic relevant to the current political landscape.

Professor of Law **Derek Muller**, a nationally recognized scholar in the field of election law, gave a presentation on voting rights and election administration on Sept. 23.

Luis Fraga, the Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science, and **Erin Corcoran**, associate teaching professor and executive director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in the Keough School of Global Affairs, discussed the border and the politics of immigration on Oct. 9.

Assistant Professor of Economics **Chloe Gibbs** spoke on Oct. 16 about the impact of the economy on the election.

ND Votes also held four voter registration events in the fall.

WALK THE WALK

Klau Institute Associate Director **Arlene F. Montevecchio** and **Steve Varela**, director of teaching and learning technologies at Notre Dame, facilitated a session on the Virtual Borders project during the University's Walk the Walk Week in January.

Virtual Borders is a project that aims to leverage the power of extended reality to serve as an inclusive technology that can transform perceptions and foster

deeper understandings of the complex experiences faced by Latin American and Mexican migrants.

At the session on Jan. 28 in the Hesburgh Library, the audience of students, faculty, and staff discussed media coverage and public discourse around migration and reflected on human dignity in the context of global migration issues.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Salina Kafle and **Mónica Nuño Nuño** — two students in Notre Dame Law School's LL.M. Program in International Human Rights Law — shared their research on enforced disappearances during the Klau Institute's Human Rights Lunch-n-Learn on March 4.

Kafle and Nuño spoke about enforced disappearances in their home countries of Nepal and Mexico, respectively. Similar patterns can be seen in both countries, with systems that resist accountability and families struggling for generations to find the truth about loved ones whose lives were stolen.

Their presentations revealed the need for stronger legal frameworks, but also highlighted the inspiring resilience of victims' families and human rights defenders who are working to prevent and address enforced disappearances.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

The Klau Institute hosted an interdisciplinary panel discussion, "People on the Move," on March 21 as part of the institute's Migration Research Initiative.

Luis Fraga, left, and Erin Corcoran speak at "Pizza, Pop and Politics" on Oct. 9.

Three Klau Institute faculty fellows — Assistant Professor of History **Emiliano Aguilar**, Associate Professor of Global Affairs **Abby Córdova**, and Teaching Professor of Economics **Eva Dziadula** — presented their research on migration from the perspectives of different disciplines. The trio fostered cross-disciplinary dialogue while exploring key challenges and emerging trends in migration.

Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and author of "Just Mercy," speaks Oct. 15 at the Morris Performing Arts Center in South Bend. Read a recap of the event here:



CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

In addition to these highlights, the Klau Institute collaborated with numerous partners across campus to co-sponsor events. Here is a sampling:

- "What Can Immigrant Stories Teach Us?" with Javier Zamora, hosted by the Institute for Social Concerns on Sept. 20
- **Wrongful Conviction Day:** Exonerate Leon Benson, hosted by Notre Dame Law School on Oct. 2
- **2024 Rev. Bernie Clark, C.S.C., Distinguished Catholic Social Tradition Lecture:** Bryan Stevenson, hosted by the Institute for Social Concerns on Oct. 15
- "From Partition to Partnership: The Future of Ireland's Peace Process" with Emma DeSouza, hosted by the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies on Nov. 5
- 3rd Annual **Black Excellence Awards Dinner**, hosted by Notre Dame Student Government on Jan. 30
- Book talk, "**Bringing Ben Home: A Murder, a Conviction, and the Fight to Redeem American Justice**," hosted by Notre Dame Law School on March 19
- 2025 Asian American Distinguished Speaker: Helen Zia, "**A Life at the Intersection of Activism, Writing, and History**,"

hosted by the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies on March 19

- 2025 Catholic Social Tradition Conference, "**Signs of the Times: Interdisciplinary Responses to Religious Nationalism**," hosted by the Institute for Social Concerns on March 20-22
- "**A Case for Climate Reparations**," hosted by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies on April 1
- "**Building a Social Impact Career in Diplomacy, Human Rights, and Sustainable Development**" with Bennett Freeman, hosted by the McKenna Center for Human Development and Global Business on April 15
- **State of Refugee Resettlement** with Rachel Kessel of Church World Service, hosted by the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion on April 30



Professor of Law Jimmy Gurulé, left, speaks with "Bringing Ben Home" author Barbara Bradley Hagerty and Ben Spencer, a man who spent 30 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Watch a video of their fireside chat here:



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