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"The more one contemplates the essential oneness of humanity, our common hopes and dreams on this smallish planet, so hopelessly divided racially, culturally, religiously, and politically, the more one hungers for moral leadership..."

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.



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From the Director



Friends,

Fifty years ago, in 1973, Fr. Ted Hesburgh founded the Center for Civil Rights at Notre Dame. I hope and trust that he would be proud to see how the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights has grown and the myriad ways in which it is now serving the Keough School, Notre Dame, the nation, and the world.

Of the many things we have accomplished this year, I am most proud of two: First, we launched an undergraduate Minor in Civil and Human Rights – a formal 15-credit academic program. Second, we celebrated the beginning of the Melsheimer Fellows Program. Thanks to the support of Tom and Miki Melsheimer, we will be able to expand education outside of the classroom by providing experiential learning opportunities for students. These two programs will be enduring ways in which the Klau Institute helps to form the minds and hearts of Notre Dame students.

We have much to celebrate and we are proud to share this Year in Review with you. Thank you, as ever, for your support of the Klau Institute.

In Notre Dame,

Jennifer Mason McAward

Jennifer Mason McAward
Director and Associate Professor of Law



Klau Institute Honored with Presidential Team Irish Award

The Klau Institute was honored with a Presidential Team Irish Award during the Notre Dame versus Clemson football game on November 5, 2022. Recognizing the Klau Institute's popular "Building an Anti-Racist Vocabulary" series, the award celebrated both the impact of the project and its expression of the University's core values.

Promoting Human Dignity for 50 Years

The Klau Institute marks its 50th anniversary in 2023. Over the course of our history we have striven to be a leader in advancing education, inquiry, and engagement on critical civil and human rights issues through academic programs, research and curricular development, and initiatives.

Founding a Civil Rights Center

In April 1973, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh made a case for the renewal of moral leadership. In a boldly articulated statement Fr. Hesburgh asserted that such leadership must be grounded in a deep concern for the powerless. That same year he founded the Center for Civil Rights at Notre Dame as a place of learning to advance justice and dignity for all people.

Promoting Civil and Human Rights

By 1976 the Center had begun to fully embrace the field of international human rights and new areas of research were being tapped. A dedication to studying and promoting the rights of all people, both in the United States and around the globe, had taken hold. By the early 1980's, the name of the center had begun to appear in printed materials as The Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Educating Human Rights Lawyers

In 1990, inspired by conversations between Fr. Hesburgh and Richard Goldstone, a prominent South African jurist concerned with ending apartheid, the Center began a master's program in international human rights law. With this new educational tool, the Center began training human rights lawyers from around the globe and sending them back to their homes to promote justice.

A Broader Scope

Throughout the next two decades the Center initiated projects to place interns at the International Tribunal for Rwanda, conduct research and advocacy on accountability for gross human rights violations worldwide, and expand the defense of economic, social, and cultural rights within the Inter-American human rights system.

A New Interdisciplinary Framework

In October of 2014 Notre Dame announced the creation of its first new school or college in nearly a century, the Keough School of Global Affairs. The Center became a constituent member of this new school, offering its expertise in justice and human dignity to help address the challenges of an increasingly interconnected world.

Fulfilling Our Mission

In 2018 the University of Notre Dame received a generous gift from the Klau family to endow the Center and assure its future growth, and in 2022 it became the Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights. With its own undergraduate minor in civil and human rights and innovative programs that offer intellectual foundations for the work of anti-racism, the Klau Institute continues to fulfill Fr. Ted's founding vision.

Initiatives



Making strides to connect with students, scholars, and peer institutions in the US and across the globe, the 2022-23 year saw growth in initiatives that forged meaningful collaborations around our core themes.



Workshop on Race and International Relations

The intersection of race and international relations was the focus of an intensive workshop sponsored by the Klau Institute on March 31, 2023. The workshop was an initiative of Zoltán Búzás, associate professor of global affairs at the Keough School.

While race and racism long have impacted international relations, they have received insufficient attention among scholars. Búzás saw an opportunity to draw the various strands of the field into conversation, marking out a unique space for the Klau Institute to have an impact. "The community of international relations scholars researching race and racism has been thinner than I would have liked," Búzás noted. "The recent uptick in relevant work and the support of the Klau Institute provided an opportunity to come together to not only give each other useful feedback, but also try to strengthen that community."



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Fourteen scholars of international relations and related fields gathered at Notre Dame to discuss recent works in progress. Topics covered a wide range including racial tropes in foreign policy, international intervention, immigration, political economy, and more. During discussion, differing research methodologies and disciplinary biases became rich material for critique and learning.

Central to Búzás's vision for the workshop was to allow potentially isolated scholars to share, learn, and discover possibilities. Participant Andrew Rosenberg, University of Florida, remarked on this opportunity. "One of the exciting things about this workshop is that I can see a way forward, where people who have different perspectives can make positive contributions towards our understanding of international politics that go beyond familial disputes within the field."



Building an Anti-Racist Vocabulary

The third year of our popular weekly lecture series drew upon topics as far-ranging as racial biases in the media, stigma around traditional hairstyles, and inequities in maternal healthcare. In addition, the series entered new territory by exploring the Canadian system of native schools and the historic sources of Haiti’s crushing poverty. This year’s speakers included:

Kathleen Belew, Associate Professor of History at Northwestern University
The White Power Movement

Esau McCaulley, Associate Professor of New Testament at Wheaton College
Systemic Injustice

Kirt von Daacke, Assistant Dean and Professor of History at the University of Virginia
University Research on Racism

Eric Deggans, TV Critic for National Public Radio
Race and the Media

Alvin Tillery, Associate Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University
Leading Change Around DEI

Ambrose Carroll, Founder of Green the Church
Greening the Church

Wendy Greene, Director of the Center for Law, Policy, and Social Action and Professor of Law at Drexel University
The CROWN Act

Rick Hasen, Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of California Irvine School of Law
Voting Rights

Inas Mahdi, Vice president of the Equity-Centered Capacity Building team at the National Birth Equity Collaborative
Birth Equity

Kaila Johnston, Supervisor of Education, Outreach, and Public Programming at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
Canadian Truth and Reconciliation

Catherine Porter, Canada Bureau Chief for The New York Times
Haiti’s Double Debt



Featured Building an Anti-Racist Vocabulary Speaker

Wendy Greene, director of the Center for Law, Policy, and Social Action and professor of law at Drexel University



As an African descendant or Black woman, I can attest to the intergenerational ritual that Black women commonly experience throughout our girlhood, having our virgin or chemically untreated hair braided for endless hours at the knees of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and cousins. My curly Afro puffs would be transformed into perfectly symmetrical braids by the parting of my hair with a fine-tooth comb, the smoothing of my hair with a hairbrush and hair grease, and the twisting of my hair in three parts by determined rhythmic fingers.

Like my brown skin, my Afro puffs and braids constituted an integral, almost inherent part of how I perceived and identified myself and how others in this world would view me. Though I felt liberated, beautiful, joyful, and empowered even at a young age, whenever I wore my virgin hair and Afro puffs and braids, I would later learn that I’ve lived in a world wherein my hair texture and hairstyles, which were completely natural and normal to me, or what I lovingly call my free hair, would likely not be met with the same appreciation by members of broader society.

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And in turn, my free hair would be marked potentially as extreme, unprofessional, unkempt, and unauthorized to wear in workplaces and other spaces in the United States and around the world. Federal courts have boldly declared that when an employer denies an African descendant a job because she adorns an afro, the employer engages in unlawful race discrimination. However, the moment she twists, locks, or braids her hair and suffers adverse treatment on those grounds, the employer’s discrimination is deemed lawful. Consequently, employers are essentially free to demand that African-descended men and women either cover or cut off their natural hairstyles as a condition of employment.

The CROWN Act, which stands for “Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair,” is a law that prohibits race-based hair discrimination, which is the denial of employment and educational opportunities because of hair texture or protective hairstyles including braids, locs, twists or bantu knots.

International Working Group on Human Rights Education

Founded in 2023 to promote institutional collaboration and learning, the International Working Group on Human Rights Education brings together Catholic universities across the globe who share a commitment to human rights education at all levels.

Embedded in our work on the Vatican’s Global Compact on Education, the initiative encourages dialogue around pedagogical approaches to human rights education. In addition, the working group provides a platform to develop opportunities for international learning experiences for students. Founding members of the Working Group include:



University of Notre Dame
Jennifer Mason McAward
Associate Professor of Law
Director, Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights



Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
Marco Velasquez Ruiz
Professor, Faculty of Legal Sciences



Universidad Catolica del Uruguay
Paula Grant
Professor of Law



Universidad Catolica Silva Henriquez
Nathalia da Costa
Researcher, Dignity and Human Rights



Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná
Rodrigo de Andrade
Planning and Extension Manager

ND Votes

In the 2022-23 academic year the Klau Institute was pleased to welcome ND Votes as a student project. Dedicated to non-partisan voter registration and education, this longstanding Notre Dame initiative found strong institutional support on projects including a midterm debate and monthly “Pizza, Pop, and Politics” events.



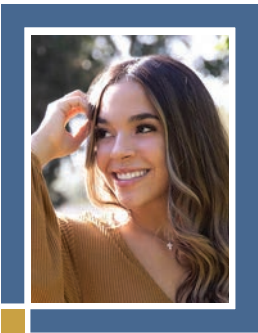
With Voices True

In its fourth year, our project to collect stories of race and belonging continued to engage the Notre Dame community. Of note in 2022 were themes of mixed or fluid racial identity, as individuals found themselves struggling to resist or break stereotypes. In stories ranging from “Not American Enough” to “Measuring Blackness,” our community continued to share their sometimes-difficult experience of race.



Featured With Voices True Narrative

Madison Chambers, Notre Dame sophomore majoring in neuroscience and global affairs



I have older sisters, who are my half-sisters, so they’re fully white, and they always had their hair dyed blonde. And if I think about my race and growing up, literally, all I can remember is just wishing I looked like them and wishing I was blonde and wishing I was white. And I had all these thoughts about how I couldn’t be pretty; that was such a big part of me growing up, was that I was so different from everybody and I didn’t feel like I could ever be pretty to anyone, which shouldn’t matter. But unfortunately, when you’re a little girl, it’s pretty important.

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I’m definitely more white presenting, which I think in a way saves me from discrimination. But one thing I noticed when I got to Notre Dame was that people would almost discriminate against me for my lack of Blackness. I in no way receive the same type of or the same amount of discrimination as other, blacker looking people. But I think I face discrimination in a different way, just because I feel like I don’t always fit into a box.

Once I had somebody blatantly argue out loud in class. Me and this girl were both half Black. We were talking about it ourselves together. And someone overheard, and he was like, “Oh, she’s way Blacker than you. Madison looks like she’s from a whole other country,” in class where everybody could hear. And I felt like that just summarized how I feel people see me here, which is really frustrating, because I don’t know why that matters to anyone. It doesn’t change what I’ve felt or experienced, and it doesn’t change my family’s history, or what we’ve experienced from our Black culture, my culture runs just as deep. And it shouldn’t be measured like that by students who don’t even have anything to do with it.

Academics



Providing opportunities for engagement with civil and human rights to every student remained the Klau Institute's primary focus. From offering a full academic minor to funding research and supporting student activities, our mission to cultivate a well-informed student body found expression in a wide variety of activities in 2022-23.



Melsheimer Fellows Initiative

Thanks to a generous gift from Thomas and Michelle Melsheimer of Dallas, Texas, the Klau Institute created the Melsheimer Fellows Initiative in May 2023. This experiential learning fellowship will provide support for students pursuing internships, service-learning, and educational encounters with underprivileged and underrepresented communities in the United States and around the globe.



We hope to assist in creating the kind of moral leaders Fr. Hesburgh envisioned as being critical to a just, peaceful, and prosperous society.

"There is a continuing imperative for Notre Dame to be at the forefront of an issue that is a cornerstone of a just society—the advancement of civil and human rights at home and abroad," Melsheimer said. "We wanted to advance this cause by helping provide what we hope will be perspective-altering experiential learning opportunities for Notre Dame students in a broad array of contexts. In so doing, we hope to assist in creating the kind of moral leaders Fr. Hesburgh envisioned as being critical to a just, peaceful, and prosperous society."



Inaugural Melsheimer Fellow

Rising senior Abigail Lamm was named the inaugural Melsheimer Fellow. A supplementary major in global affairs at the Keough School, Lamm also serves as research assistant to professor Zoltán Búzás in his International Race and Rights Lab. During the summer of 2023 she participated in the Institute of World Politics' internship program in Washington, DC., where she assisted with civil and human rights-related research.

Minor in Civil and Human Rights

In its inaugural year, our new minor in civil and human rights met with an enthusiastic student response. Thirteen students declared the minor, representing fields of study ranging from Biology, Anthropology, Environmental Science, and Sociology to Global Affairs, Political Science, American Studies, and Music.



Student Profile: Grace Scartz

Grace Scartz, a senior studying global affairs and Arabic. She is also co-chair of NDVotes, a student-led organization that encourages voter education and participation.



How does your volunteer work at the Robinson Community Learning Center help build the community?

I value the chance to connect the Notre Dame community to the larger South Bend community, as I think both have as much to learn from and offer each other. I see tutoring as a way to build connections and work with students through struggles, forming authentic relationships across boundaries.

You participated in Study Abroad with the School for International Training. What was that experience like?

I studied in Morocco and learned about human rights in this context. I also had the chance to intern with an NGO to teach English, which taught me about communication and the sociopolitical influences of language. I learned so much from the people I met in Morocco and I am grateful for the chance to learn about the universality of justice and human rights across very different communities.

You are the co-chair of ND Votes. What are the group's goals?

Our goal is to increase civic engagement among students. We focus most on helping people register to vote and raising awareness, in a nonpartisan way, of the importance of voting. This relates to the Klau Institute's emphasis on human rights because voting helps all people find a voice and speak for what they believe in, ensuring rights for diverse groups and needs in society.

What advice would you give other students who want to make a difference in their community, their country, or the world?

I would advise students to focus on relationships and serve in a way that truly brings you joy. We do so much because we think it is the right thing to do, but I have found that I can offer the most to others when I am doing something I truly enjoy for its own sake.

2023 Graduates

The Klau Institute was proud to celebrate the graduation of seven undergraduates who concentrated on civil and human rights within the Keough School's supplementary major in global affairs. The 2023 graduates were:

Nick Crookston, Political Science and Global Affairs

Jacqueline Glago, Political Science and Global Affairs

Ronan King, Political Science and Global Affairs

Belen Riberas Orjales, Political Science and Global Affairs

Gabriela Rivera, Economics and Global Affairs

Claudia Rivera Alvarez-Tabio, Anthropology and Global Affairs

Grace Scartz, Arabic and Global Affairs



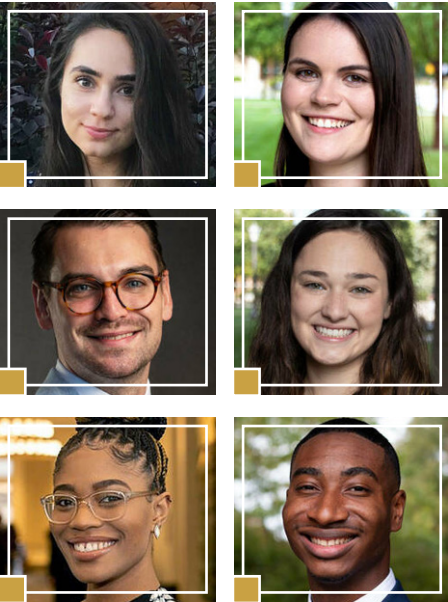
Rita Bahr Scholars

The Klau Institute is proud to administer the Rita Bahr Cari Memorial Fund, which supports human rights lawyers enrolled in the LL.M. Program in International Human Rights Law. The 2022-23 Rita Bahr Scholars were:

- Carlos Martinez Roca**, a Guatemalan human rights lawyer and advocate for mass atrocity victims in Guatemala.
- Faisal Yamil Meneses**, a Venezuelan human rights lawyer and assistant professor of constitutional law at Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, with practice and research interests in transitional justice and refugee law.
- Montserrat Camara Santos**, a Mexican human rights lawyer working as Vice-Principal at the Technical Secretary against Torture and Other Cruel and Inhuman Treatment in the Federal Public Defender's Office of Mexico.
- Josemaria Rodriguez Conca**, a Chilean human rights lawyer who served as head of the Department of Human Rights Protection Systems at the Chilean Ministry of Justice.

Klau Institute Summer Fellows

The Klau Institute provides support to Notre Dame law students working in public interest organizations that promote civil or human rights, and/or the enforcement of federal rights on behalf of underrepresented minorities. In its seventh year the program expanded to support more students than ever before. The 2023 Summer Fellows were:



- Maria Hatzisavas**, a second-year law student, served at Beyond Legal Aid in Chicago, Illinois.
- Alexandra Lesnik**, a second-year law student, served at Root and Rebound in Greenville, South Carolina.
- Adam Miller**, a first-year law student, clerked at the Innocence Project New Orleans.
- Allison Morcus**, a second-year law student, interned at Legal Aid Chicago.
- Ayanna Murphy**, a first-year law student, worked in the family law division of Ascend Justice in Chicago.
- Daryl Naquin**, a second-year law student, worked as a summer litigation intern at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York City.



Student Research Funding

The Klau Institute was proud to provide support to young scholars from a wide range of disciplines whose fieldwork and research broadened their understanding of human dignity and helped prepare them for careers that advance it.

- Adeela Firdous** – Field work in Kashmir examining the relationship between government suppression of academic freedom and human rights conditions.
- Benjamín Gracia** – Attendance at the National Day of Memory for Truth and Justice in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Perla Khattar** – Attendance at the 2023 Technology, Media, and Privacy Conference.
- Abby Lamm** – Internship at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, DC.
- Mayra Ortiz Ocana** – Presentation on ethical methodology in human rights at the Latin American Peace Science Society conference in Medellin, Colombia.
- Anna Romandash** – Presentation on the role of media in saving democracies at human rights conference in Costa Rica.
- Savannah Vetterly** – Presentation on healthcare disparities among the homeless at the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council Conference.

Student Profile: Davis Lovvorn

Davis Lovvorn, a third-year law student from Nashville, Tennessee.



When did you first develop an interest in law as a tool for helping the marginalized?

I was a Spanish instructor at a Title I school in Charlotte, North Carolina, through Teach for America. I worked with many children with immigrant backgrounds. I was dismayed at the lack of equitable opportunities my students received. I was inspired to pursue the field of immigration law to make not only an individual impact but to enact systemic change.

You worked with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Chicago as a Klau Institute Summer Fellow. What did you learn from the experience?

That the problems facing immigrants do not just begin or end with their experience in immigration court. Immigrants face real issues inside the United States as well that stem from systemic discrimination at so many levels. I only got to see and work with three - voting rights, employment, and education - but there are so many more areas that immigrants face discrimination in. It is important to acknowledge and address these systemic issues and work to rectify them.

What would you say are the biggest challenges facing young lawyers who aspire to put law in service of those most in need?

The first is recognizing that this kind of career can be emotionally draining - because we are working on very real, very emotional issues! - and working to reduce burnout in whatever way it is that a young lawyer might do. The second is to make this career path more affordable, through increasing entry-level staff attorney salaries and through programs where those who demonstrate this commitment to public service can have their loans substantially forgiven.



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Sr. Helen Prejean

Student affiliates were honored to share a private lunch conversation on March 24, 2023, with Sr. Helen Prejean, who spoke about her commitment to an activist life informed by her faith and concern for advocating for those most in need - particularly those incarcerated and faced with a death sentence.

Student Leadership Team

The Klau Institute student community reaches every school and college at Notre Dame. Spearheaded by program manager Erica Loding, the Klau Institute's new Student Leadership Team initiative engages highly motivated students in a substantive way, encouraging students from a diverse range of backgrounds to help design institute programming.

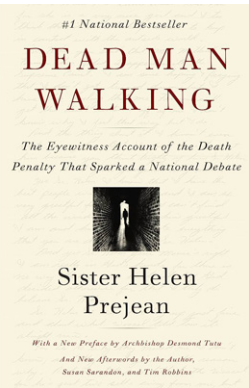
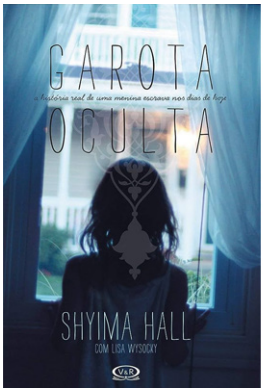
"Until the creation of the SLT, all events were planned and executed by staff," said Loding. "We saw an opportunity for students to serve as leaders - to build events around subjects they feel passionate about, to work collaboratively with their peers, and to have personal interactions with the scholars who present at events. For many students, Klau is a second home on campus."

Book Club

Offering students an opportunity to enrich their understanding of human rights topics through shared experience, we continued our book club in the 2022-23 year. Members read and participated in guided discussions of two books:

Fall 2022: Hidden Girl, a story of modern-day trafficking and household slavery in Egypt, by Shyima Hall.

Spring 2023: Dead Man Walking, the memoir of Sr. Helen Prejean's commitment to advocating for those on death row.



Events



Student-led initiatives and innovative research projects were highlights of the Klau Institute's event schedule this year, along with collaborative events that helped our community explore a broad range of important human rights issues.



April 21: 50th Anniversary Student Showcase

Kicking off our commemoration of the Klau Institute's 50th anniversary, a showcase of student affiliates and their work welcomed the Keough School community in the Jenkins Nanovic forum. Designed to complement the spring meeting of our Advisory Board, the showcase featured students representing a wide range of disciplines and research topics, and included projects undertaken by students at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels from across the university.

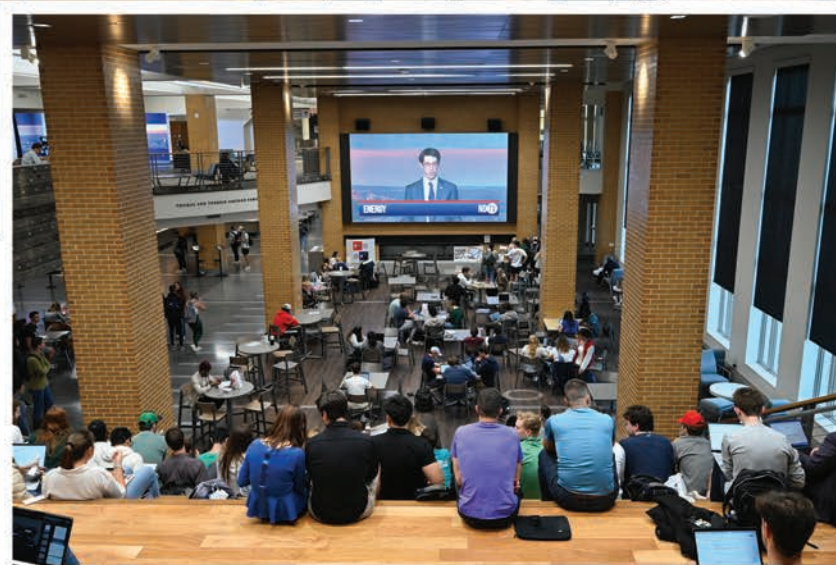


November 28: Race, Rights, and Great Power Politics

An innovative research project pursued by the International Race and Rights Lab, led by Zoltán Búzás with support from the Klau Institute, probes Chinese media to tease out how race and human rights are used to try to shape opinion. A team of student researchers shared its initial findings with the Keough School in the fall of 2022.

Seeking to tie attitudes toward race and human rights to a larger conversation about geopolitical power, Búzás noted that existing research fails to make the connections. "Studies of great power politics do a great job of emphasizing and engaging with aspects of economic competition and the military dimensions of great power competition. Studies of human rights and race offer great theoretical resources to understand that civil rights are not domestically confined. These two bodies of work are impressive individually, but they have not talked much to each other. We want to bring research in great power politics, and human rights and race, into conversation with each other."

Research assistants participating in the event included Nourhan Fahmy, a master of global affairs student at the Keough School; Matthew Ruff, a political science major; and Abby Lamm, a global affairs and political science student.



November 2: Midterm Debate

The Klau Institute provided support for the 2022 Notre Dame Midterm debate, a campus-wide project sponsored by College Democrats, College Republicans, BridgeND, Student Government, and NDVotes, a project of the Klau Institute. Before an audience at Duncan Student Center, College Republicans representative Shri Thakur and College Democrats representative Blake Ziegler sparred over inflation, abortion, and crime in a spirited debate ahead of the midterm elections.



March 2: Protecting All Women's Rights

The continued oppression of women's rights around the world and a call for change were the themes of this panel co-sponsored by Notre Dame Law School and the Klau Institute. Margarette May Macaulay, the newly elected president for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, spoke about continued violence against women and young girls and the lack of women in influential civic and legal positions. "It is vitally important to recognize that human rights must begin by ensuring that all women, in all stages of life and diversity of races, are included in every discourse, policy making, and the amending and framing of the law, said Macaulay. "We must demand this as a right."

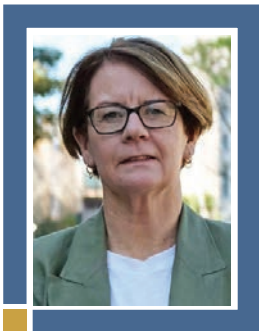
In closing remarks, Klau Institute director Jennifer Mason McAward asked the audience to consider an important question. "How are each of you during your time at Notre Dame going to grapple with these questions," asked McAward. "How do these questions form you into a graduate of Notre Dame and prompt you to do something to advance the rights of women and children?"

Human Rights Lunch and Learn Talks

Our lunch and learn talks, in which LL.M. students explore human rights issues in their home countries, continued in the 2022-23 academic year with stories that reached from Guatemala to Sri Lanka and covered a broad range of concerns.

- November 17:** Ana Rivero (Overcrowded prisons in Argentina)
- December 1:** Pavithra Rajendran (Sri Lanka: Untold Stories of the Upcountry)
- February 7:** Faisel Meneses (Sanctions and Human Rights in Venezuela)
- February 17:** Carlos Martinez Roca (Human Rights Defenders in Guatemala)
- April 3:** Yin Yin Win (The Right to Education Under Attack in Myanmar)

April 13: Labor, Exploitation, and the Environment: Fast Fashion and Global Supply Chains



Justine Nolan, director of the Australian Human Rights Institute and a professor of law at the University of New South Wales Sydney, engaged via Zoom with a student panel. Nolan shared her expertise at the nexus of labor justice, consumption, and climate change. The event was conceived and managed by the Klau Institute Student Leadership Team.

Observing the 10th anniversary of the Rana Plaza disaster, in which a clothing manufacturing facility in Bangladesh collapsed, killing over 1,000 workers, Nolan remarked, "The question for us today is, could the same thing happen again now, despite the advances that we've seen in the last decade? And I think the answer is yes, because we still have multiple issues in global supply chains, and particularly in the fashion sector."

While the need for global change is unquestionable, Nolan is guarded in her optimism. "The whole human rights mechanism is built on having a global standard, which is often quite broad, and not necessarily enforceable, which then filters down to local level," she said. "I have more faith in domestically based local laws and change. That pressure then helps change governments."

Additional Events

- September 22:** Voices from Ukraine: A conversation with Ukrainian students at Notre Dame (co-sponsored with Nanovic Institute for European Studies)
- September 23:** Wrongful Convictions and the Death Penalty in America: A Fireside Chat with Sister Helen Prejean (co-sponsored with Notre Dame Law School's Exoneration Clinic)
- October 10:** The Uyghur Genocide & Threats to Religious Liberty: A Conversation with Commissioner Nury Turkel (co-sponsored with Notre Dame Religious Liberty Initiative, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, and Department of Political Science)
- October 11:** Film: Watchers of the Sky
- November 17:** An Evening with Ericka Huggins (co-sponsored with Center for Social Concerns, Department of Africana Studies, Department of American Studies, Department of Education, Schooling, and Society, Initiative on Race and Resilience, Transformational Leadership Program)
- January 17:** Walking in the Spirit of Truth: Charting the Pathways to Racial Justice (co-sponsored with Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies)
- January 31:** Film: BOYCOTT (co-sponsored with Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies)
- February 10:** The Housing Continuum of Care: Enhancing Low-Barrier Shelter and Supportive Housing Options (co-sponsored with University of Notre Dame, Our Lady of the Road, and Housing Matters)
- February 28:** Healing a Wounded World: Baha'i (co-sponsored with Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies, and Department of American Studies)
- March 8:** Unlocking Potential: International Perspectives on Education in Prison (co-sponsored with Center for Social Concerns and Nanovic Institute for European Studies)
- March 9:** The Weaponization of Law (co-sponsored with LGBT Legal Forum)
- March 24:** "Respecting All Life: Innocent and Guilty" with Sr. Helen Prejean (co-sponsored with Center for Social Concerns)
- April 20:** Struggle for the Country's Soul: Christian Nationalism in a Changing America (co-sponsored with Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, Hesburgh Program, and LGBT Legal Forum)

Faculty Fellows

Ellis Adjei Adams, Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Policy
Zoltán Búzás, Associate Professor of Global Affairs
Paolo Carozza, Professor of Law, Affiliated/Concurrent Faculty, Department of Political Science
David Cortez, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Diane Desierto, Professor of Law and Global Affairs, Faculty Director, LL.M. Program in Human Rights
Erika Doss, Professor of American Studies
John Duffy, Professor of English
Dan Groody, C.S.C., Vice President and Associate Provost, and Associate Professor of Theology and Global Affairs
Jimmy Gurulé, Professor of Law
Matthew Hall, Director, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, Professor of Political Science
Anna Haskins, Andrew V. Tackes Associate Professor of Sociology
Julia Kowalski, Assistant Professor of Global Affairs
David Lantigua, Assistant Professor of Moral Theology/Christian Ethics
Veronica Root Martinez, Professor of Law, Robert & Marion Short Scholar
Maria McKenna, Associate Professor of the Practice, Department of Africana Studies Education, Schooling, & Society Program
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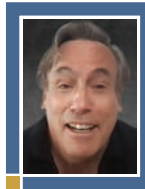
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