



**September, 2007**

- **Event:** Exit or No Exit? Morality & Withdrawal from Iraq, September 18, 2007, Fordham University, New York (live streaming video: <http://mediaserver.ihets.org/UNDExitIraq>)
- **Event:** Conference on the Future of Catholic Peacebuilding, April 13-15, 2008, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- **Event:** Faith Forward: Exploring Religion, Culture, and Conflict, March 12-15, 2008, Trinity Western University, British Columbia
- **Education:** Masters of Arts in Peace Studies, The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- **Job Opening:** Governance & Civil Society Senior Technical Advisor, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, MD, USA
- **Fellowship:** 2008-2009 Senior Fellowship Competition, United States Institute of Peace
- **Resource:** Center for Strategic and International Studies Report: "Mixed Blessings: US Government Engagement with Religion in Conflict-Prone Settings"

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**Exit or No Exit? Morality & Withdrawal from Iraq, September 18, 2007, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Fordham University, Pope Auditorium, New York. This event will be available live on streaming video: <http://mediaserver.ihets.org/UNDExitIraq>**

To stay or to leave? After four years of war in Iraq, that is a political question, a military question—and a moral question. In September, in the wake of the Bush Administration’s report on the results of the “surge,” a panel of distinguished ethicists will examine the moral principles that should govern when and how the United States disengages from Iraq.

Panel:

Michael Walzer, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

Sohail Hashmi, Mount Holyoke College

Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago Divinity School

Gerard Powers, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

Moderator, Trudi Rubin, Philadelphia Inquirer

Cosponsors: Fordham Center on Religion and Culture and the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame. The event is free and open to the public; R.S.V.P. [Religculture@fordham.edu](mailto:Religculture@fordham.edu) or 212-636-7347.

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**Conference on the Future of Catholic Peacebuilding, April 13-15, 2008, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, USA**

The conference will provide an opportunity, twenty-five years after the U.S. bishops' peace pastoral, for scholars and practitioners, at all levels of the Church, to reflect on the theological, ethical and practical dimensions of the Church's work on conflict prevention, conflict management, and post-conflict reconciliation. More specifically, the conference will be the final part of a multi-year book project on the theology, ethics, and praxis of Catholic peacebuilding and will serve as a capstone to the Catholic Peacebuilding Networks conferences in the Philippines, Burundi and Colombia over the past three years.

In addition to the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, the conference will be co-sponsored by Boston College's Department of Theology; Catholic Relief Services; Catholic Theological Union's Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry; Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs; Notre Dame's Kroc Institute, Program on Catholic Social Traditions, and Graduate School; Pax Christi International; the Sant Egidio Community in the United States; and the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute.

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**Faith Forward: Exploring Religion, Culture, and Conflict, March 12-15, 2008, Trinity Western University Religion, Culture & Conflict Research Group in partnership with RogersOmni Television, British Columbia**

Paper proposals are sought on the main themes of the symposium. Please consult our webpage <http://www.hnet.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=157519> for the call for papers. Interested individuals should submit a 150-word abstract of your paper with a cover letter indicating contact information including e-mail and regular mailing address by October 1, 2007. Paper presenters selected will be notified by early December.

For information on the conference contact: [paul.rowe@twu.ca](mailto:paul.rowe@twu.ca) and go to the link: <http://www.twu.ca/sites/rcc>

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**Master of Arts in Peace Studies, The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies,  
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, USA**

The Kroc Institute seeks outstanding students who have demonstrated a serious commitment to international justice and peacemaking for the Master of Arts in Peace Studies. The two-year multidisciplinary program offers:

- Rigorous academic coursework taught by distinguished faculty.
- An international student body that forms a vibrant cross-cultural community.
- Theory and practice integrated through a five-month internship in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, or the United States.
- Financial aid in the form of scholarships and stipends.

Students are prepared for careers in peacebuilding, including research and teaching at colleges and universities, leadership in government and nongovernmental organizations, diplomacy, conflict resolution, and social action. Students accepted to the program join a network of hundreds of Kroc-trained peacebuilders from 90 countries around the world.

For more information, and for instructions on how to apply, please visit the Kroc [website for prospective students](#) at [kroc-admissions.1@nd.edu](mailto:kroc-admissions.1@nd.edu). The deadline for applications is January 5, 2008 for students seeking to enroll in Fall 2008.

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**Governance & Civil Society Senior Technical Advisor, Catholic Relief  
Services, Baltimore, MD, USA**

CRS seeks to expand its programming in governance and civil society, promoting greater citizen participation in decision-making and good governance to achieve poverty reduction and political accountability for greater equity and social cohesion. The Governance & Civil Society Senior Technical Advisor provides leadership and technical support to country programs and regional program staff to ensure high quality program development and implementation and agency-wide learning. This includes external representation and networking to influence developments in the sector and keep abreast of emerging trends and best practices. For a job description and qualifications go click on the link: <https://sh.webhire.com/servlet/av/jd?ai=495&ji=1958195&sn=1>

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**The United States Institute of Peace, 2008-2009 Senior Fellowship Competition**

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan institution created by Congress to strengthen the nation's capacity to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict. Twelve to fifteen fellowships are awarded annually to scholars and practitioners from a variety of professions, including college and university faculty, journalists, diplomats, writers, educators, military officers,

international negotiators, NGO professionals and lawyers. The Institute funds projects related to preventive diplomacy, ethnic and regional conflicts, peacekeeping and peace operations, peace settlements, democratization and the rule of law, cross-cultural negotiations, nonviolent social movements, U.S. foreign policy in the 21st century, and related topics.

This year the Institute is especially interested in topics addressing problems of the Muslim world, post-war reconstruction and reconciliation, and responses to terrorism and political violence. Projects which demonstrate relevance to current policy debates will be highly competitive. Fellows reside at the Institute in Washington DC for a period of up to ten months to conduct research on their projects, consult with staff and contribute to the ongoing work of the Institute. Books and reports resulting from fellowships may be published by the USIP Press. The fellowship award includes a stipend of up to \$80,000, travel to Washington for the fellow and dependents, health insurance, an office with computer and voicemail, and a half-time research assistant. The competition is open to citizens of all nations. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. All application materials must be received in our offices by September 17, 2007. In addition to materials requested in the application, please include a current CV. For more information and an application form, please visit the Institute's website at [www.usip.org](http://www.usip.org), or contact the Jennings Randolph Program, U.S. Institute of Peace, 1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011, USA. Phone: 202 429 3886, fax: 202 429 6063, email: [jrprogram@usip.org](mailto:jrprogram@usip.org)

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### **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Report: "Mixed Blessings: US Government Engagement with Religion in Conflict"**

For more than a year, the Post Conflict Reconstruction Project, with support from the Henry Luce Foundation, has been surveying U.S. government approaches to religion abroad and considering ways for government resources and energy to account for religion's various roles in improved ways. Project staff examined policies and programming across the U.S. foreign policy bureaucracy, focusing on the Executive Branch agencies, in Washington and abroad. The report can be found on the CSIS Web site at: [http://www.csis.org/component/option,com\\_csis\\_pubs/task,view/id,3972/type,1/](http://www.csis.org/component/option,com_csis_pubs/task,view/id,3972/type,1/)

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***The Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) is a voluntary network of practitioners, academics, clergy and laity from around the world which seeks to enhance the study and practice of Catholic peacebuilding, especially at the local level. The CPN aims to deepen bonds of solidarity among Catholic peacebuilders, share and analyze "best practices," expand the peacebuilding capacity of the Church in areas of conflict, and encourage the further development of a theology of a just peace. While it is a Catholic network, the CPN believes that authentic and effective Catholic peacebuilding involves dialogue and collaboration with those of other religious traditions and all those committed to building a more just and peaceful world.***

***If you have information on Catholic peacebuilding that you would like to share with the Network, please contact:***

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