President's Peace Commission
Mission Statement

The President's Peace Commission fosters an ethical commitment to participate in the establishment of world peace and social justice. The Commission encourages respect for human rights and dignity of all people. The Commission annually hosts symposia that offer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to grow in their active pursuit of peace and justice. Through the symposia and other activities, the Commission seeks to build within the St. Mary's community a greater awareness of the Roman Catholic and Marianist perspectives on peace and justice. The President's Peace Commission reflects the University community through student, staff, and faculty representatives appointed by the University President.

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Mark your calendars for the President's Peace Commission Fall 2003 Program
Tuesday, October 21 – Thursday, October 23

Cover art by Mike Phillips
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Tuesday, March 25, 2003
9:45 a.m. US Foreign Policy: History and Lessons?
Moderator: Leona Pallansch, PPC
James Schneider, PhD, History, UTSA

11:10 a.m. The War on Terrorism and Beyond
Moderator: Dottie Laster, PPC
Jeffrey J. Addicott, JD, Law, StMU
Morgan Liddick, US Government Program Officer, Retired

12:35 p.m. Portrayal of Foreign Policy by US and International Media
Moderator: Aaron Cotrell, PPC
Elijah Akhahenda, PhD, Communication Studies, StMU
Dominic Janes, PhD, Director of Academic Programmes, Foundation for International Education (London)

Wednesday, March 26, 2003
9:20 a.m. Gender and US Foreign Policy
Moderator: Antonia Castañeda, PPC
Sussan Siavoshi, PhD, Political Science, Trinity University
Marta Ojeda, Executive Director, Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras

10:20 a.m. Human Rights in US Foreign Policy
Moderator: Minita Santizo, PPC
Larry Hufford, PhD, Political Science & International Relations, StMU
Rev. Charles H. Miller, SM, SSL, SThD., former Rector/President, Ratisbonne Pontifical Institute, Jerusalem

11:20 a.m. The United States in the Global Economy
Moderator: Heather Albright, PPC
Thomas J. Bellows, PhD, Political Science & Geography, UTSA
Prasad Padmanabhan, PhD, Finance, StMU

12:20 p.m. The United States in International Organizations
Moderator: Aaron Cotrell, PPC
Andrew J. Hill, JD, Interim Director, Service Learning Center, StMU
Presentation of StMU PeaceMakers by
Ray Leal, PhD, Criminal Justice & Criminology, StMU

Thursday, March 27, 2003
9:45 a.m. Weapons Proliferation
Moderator: Patrick Simeroth, PPC
Tom Fletcher, Emergency Management Coordinator & Program Manager for Bioterrorism, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
J. Philip Rogers, PhD, Political Science, San Antonio College

11:10 a.m. “Why Do They Hate Us?” The Roots of Terrorism and International Perceptions
Moderator: Andrew J. Hill, PPC
Robert F. Gorman, PhD, Political Science, Southwest Texas State University
Larry Hufford, PhD, Political Science & International Relations, StMU

12:35 p.m. What Can the US Offer the World Today?
Moderator: Ymelda Rivera, PPC
O.P. Garza, Diplomat-in-Residence, UT-Austin, US Ambassador to Nicaragua
Eugene Scassa, Former Diplomat-in-Residence, StMU, Former Ambassador to Belize

Fifth Annual Art of Peace Award Recipient:
Sr. Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI, PhD, Religious Studies, UIW

Alice Franke Feminist Award Recipients:
Ana Novoa, JD, Professor, Law, StMU, and Acting Director of Clinical Programs
Lee Terán, JD, Law, StMU, Co-Director, Immigration and Refugee Rights Project, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of Texas