TEN YEARS OF WAR

For a decade the United States has been at war—longer than any other time in our national history. In response to terrorist attacks on September 11, we sent military forces to Afghanistan and later to Iraq. Thousands of our enlisted military men and women have been killed; tens of thousands have sustained a range of injuries: some disfiguring, some mentally disabling, and many that require intensive rehabilitation. Multiple and long deployments have stressed not only our servicemen and women, but also their families. Additionally, tens of thousands of Iraqi and Afghan citizens have died, been injured or displaced.

These wars have cost us billions of dollars, and may have contributed to our current economic crisis. And, these wars are not yet over. How do we assess the human, economic, political and moral impact of these wars? How do we measure the costs as well as the gains?

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011

9:45 a.m. Invocation
Rev. Rudy Vela, S.M., D.Min., Vice President for Mission and Identity

9:45 to 11 a.m. Bearing Witness to War: Personal Reflections
Angelica Radacinski, St. Mary’s Student
Amanda Crosby, St. Mary’s Student and President of the Muslim Student Society
Samer Alansari, St. Mary’s Graduate Student and Imam of the Muslim Student Society
Cyra Dumitrul, Visiting Lecturer in English and Communication Arts
 Moderator: Charles L. Carrell, Ph.D., President of St. Mary’s University

11:10 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Does National Security Make Us Secure?
Amber Aubone, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Science
Jason Hudson, Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Anne E. Ohlrich (J.D. ’98), Former Foreign Service Officer and Adjunct Professor of International Relations and Law
 Moderator: Larry Huford, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science

12:35 to 1:50 p.m. Fighting Far from Home: Psychological Impact on Individuals and Families
Dana L. Comstock, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of Counseling and Human Services
Maj. Douglas Wilbur (Army, ret.) (B.A. ’99, M.A. ’07), University of Texas at San Antonio Student
 Moderator: Cristal R. Rodriguez, St. Mary’s Student

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011

9:20 to 10:10 a.m. Returning Home Injured: Healing the Wounded Warrior
Sgt. James W. Ford (Army, ret.), St. Mary’s Student
Col. Mark Bagg, M.D. (Army, ret.) (B.A. ’81), Attending Surgeon at the Hand Center of San Antonio
 Moderator: Rosemarie Wahl, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences

10:20 to 11:10 a.m. Through the Eyes of Women: New Perspectives on Military Service
Donna Kelly (Army, ret.) (M.A. ’08), Rating Veterans Service Representative for the U.S. Department of Veterans Administration
Capt. Kathleen Longi (Army, ret.) (B.B.A. ’02, M.A. ’11), Former Chief Disbursing Officer at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Belgium
 Moderator: Maria Sipea, St. Mary’s Student

11:20 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. The Pen and the Sword: Higher Education and Service to Country
David Krause, Director of Financial Assistance
Maj. John W. Suprynówicz, Assistant Professor of Military Science
 Moderator: Livio Spiloto, St. Mary’s Student

12:20 to 1:10 p.m. Calculating the Cost of War
Leona Pallansch, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science
Steve Nivin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics and Director of the SABER Research Institute
 Moderator: Benjamin Butler, St. Mary’s Graduate Student

1:20 p.m. Memorial Prayer Service
Co-sponsored by University Ministry
5:30 p.m. Film Screening: Why We Fight
Co-sponsored by the International Relations Society

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011

9:45 to 11 a.m. The Technology of Cybersecurity
Robert “Sam” Galus, Security Engineer for IBC Bank and Adjunct Professor of Computer Science
Wenbin Luo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Computer Engineering
 Moderator: Pamela Fink, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Computer Science

11:10 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. In the Midst of War: Honoring the Human Person
Glenn Ambrose, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of the Incarnate Word
Susan Ives (Army, ret.), Communications Director for the San Antonio peaceCenter
Omar Shair, Imam of Masjid Bilal Ibn Ra’bah of San Antonio
 Moderator: Anastasia Zavala, St. Mary’s Student

12:35 to 1:50 p.m. Impact on the Global Common Good: Has It Been Worth It?
Andrew Getz, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology
Shera Theisen, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Aaron Tyler, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair of Graduate International Relations
 Moderator: Pablo Muñoz, St. Mary’s Student
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 University 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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