

Case For Investment

Center for International Peace and Security

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Taking a rights-based approach to the challenges of our times

In a rapidly changing world, with volatile political climates and ongoing violence in some areas, we need spaces like this that are dedicated to not only understanding but actively solving the challenges we face. We desperately need a center that will teach about and advance peace and security, as well as human rights and women's rights.

- Avery, 2L

The University of Cincinnati College of Law invites you to be a founding supporter of an innovative learning-by-doing student experience that will make the College a unique thought leader and a source of the next generation of leaders working for a more secure and peaceful world.

In August 2024, the College of Law established a brand-new International Peace and Security Initiative, which we are hoping ultimately to develop into a center with sufficient resources to be self-sustaining. With your support, the classroom and on-the-ground experience students will get through the Center for International Peace and Security will produce passionate prepared peacebuilders and advocates for rights-based and human-focused security who can join governmental, nongovernmental, and other organizations here and abroad where they are needed now more than ever.

The Center for International Peace and Security will instill a multidisciplinary understanding of the drivers of insecurity and paths to peace. Unique among law schools, it will differentiate the College of Law, attract students, and lift UC's visibility regionally, nationally, and globally.

The Initiative is led by Director Julie Leftwich, alum of the College of Law and the Urban Morgan Institute of Human Rights. She is a proven expert and leader who has long worked in, created, and led organizations globally. She has advised, trained, and published on many aspects of human rights and women, peace, and security.

The College of Law has dedicated startup funds to the International Peace and Security Initiative to develop the new Center. We are seeking a significant investment in its long-term sustainability. Its work is core to advancing the College's international and experiential programs.

This is the Center's plan that your founding donation will make a reality.



Need

The world is facing security threats and unprecedented displacement, massive human rights violations, gender-based violence, and technology-facilitated violence. There is increasing instability and insecurity due to extremism, cyber insecurity, health crises, and climate emergencies. And the tactics of war have changed. 90% of casualties in today's conflict are civilians, and 70% are women and children. We also see increasing instability, threats to democracy, and political violence in the U.S.

Nations cannot be secure if their people are not secure.

Today's conflicts are not just about protecting governments and borders and winning wars. *Human* security is critical to prevent and resolve conflict and achieve global stability. It is also imperative to change traditional power structures and address the root causes of conflict. Human focused processes that include women are proven to have a better chance at sustainable peace.

True peace requires understanding what conflict means beyond wars, what security means beyond the State, what peace means beyond lack of violence, and what effective strategies are for peacebuilding at home and abroad.

Your support will increase that understanding widely and help make peace a reality.

Impact

The Center for International Peace and Security will focus on **practice** and **impact**. It will:

- Provide thought leadership
- Offer real world learning opportunities for students
- Expand opportunities for students to directly support the work of global partners
- Support women peacebuilders
- Teach conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and social cohesion strategies with lessons learned from peacebuilders around the world
- Increase student exposure to government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions
- Engage students in policy
- Foster student leadership
- Provide internship opportunities
- Increase post-graduate employment opportunities in the field
- Connect students regionally, nationally, and globally and foster cross-cultural education
- Engage legal professionals, businesses, and the community

It will not only focus on global instability and foreign conflicts but will create a network and learning environment in which peacebuilding success abroad can be understood and adapted to address challenges that exist here in the U.S and in our communities.

Vision and Innovation

NEXT LIVES HERE. The Center for International Peace and Security will break boundaries, boldly imagine, and create the NEXT generation of advocates, leaders, and peacebuilders, transforming the way students, faculty, and community look at peace and security.

Taking a rights-based multidisciplinary approach, the Center will foster an understanding of the drivers of insecurity, conflict, and displacement; the laws and policies to address them; effective peacebuilding strategies; and a framework for changing the traditional paradigms of peace and security to better reflect the challenges of today's world. It will also center women in peace and security. Transforming theory into practice, it will give students the opportunity to engage in some of the most challenging issues facing the world – and our communities - today. It will also engage the broader community in important conversations.

Collaboration

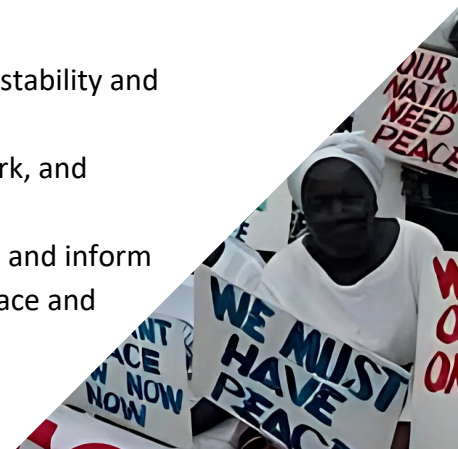
Collaboration is an important strategy for success. The Center for International Peace and Security will work in close collaboration with the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights and the Cincinnati Center for the Global Practice of Law to advance the College of Law's international programs. It is being developed in partnership with UC's School of Public and International Affairs and will ultimately engage other departments throughout the University. It will also collaborate with regional universities and global academic partners, with leading national and international governmental and nongovernmental entities, and with the private sector.

Investment Opportunity

By investing in building a Center for International Peace and Security, you will have significant impact throughout the University, our community, within the U.S., and globally, supporting partners who are working every day to build peace and preparing our next generation of leaders. You will advance the College of Law's strategic priorities and increase the international experiential learning and programming available to students.

As a founding supporter, you will:

- **Fund programs** that help students understand the multiple and diverse drivers of instability and how to overcome the challenging obstacles to achieving global peace and security
- **Support career development** through practicums, fellowships, internships, field work, and programs that help advance students as leaders
- **Invest in research, publication, and resource sharing** to provide thought leadership and inform advocacy, policy, and practice to bridge existing gaps in the field of international peace and security
- **Help convene** important community conversations



In 2025 the International Peace and Security Initiative will have a small cohort of students to pilot the program, ensuring that the future center is developed with student engagement and leadership. It will also establish a UC Chapter of the Student Consortium on Women, Peace and Security, convene initial community conversations, host or co-host awareness raising events to introduce work, educate the community, and celebrate important anniversaries in women, peace and security.

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.

-Eleanor Roosevelt



Thank You

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