



NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION

Report to UN Secretary-General on NAPF Disarmament Education Activities: July 2018 – May 2020

Executive Summary

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation was founded in 1982. Our mission is to educate and train people of all ages and backgrounds to solve the most dangerous technological, social, and psychological issues of our time, and to survive and thrive in the 21st century. Our work is primarily focused on our Peace Literacy Institute, which provides a free curriculum to students of all ages and trains teachers in its effective use. Visit our Peace Literacy site (www.peaceliteracy.org) for more information. NAPF engages in numerous educational activities focused on international peace, from producing online and printed educational materials, lectures, and curricula for use in schools. Key activities include:

- Publications by NAPF staff David Krieger, Rick Wayman, and Paul K. Chappell
- Over 100 public lectures on the need for nuclear weapons abolition
- Engagement with students through NAPF's internships and Peace Literacy curriculum

Websites

www.wagingpeace.org

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's (NAPF) primary website, www.wagingpeace.org, serves as an educational and advocacy tool for the general public concerned about peace and nuclear disarmament issues.

Between July 2018 and May 2020, there were over 400,000 unique visitors to the site. The Waging Peace site covers current nuclear weapons policy and other relevant issues of global security. It includes information about NAPF's activities and offers visitors the opportunity to participate in online advocacy and activism. The site additionally offers a unique archive section containing thousands of articles and essays on issues ranging from nuclear weapons policy to international law and youth activism.

www.nuclearfiles.org

NAPF's educational website, www.nuclearfiles.org, details a comprehensive history of the Nuclear Age. By providing background information, an extensive timeline, access to primary documents and analysis, this site is one of the preeminent online educational resources in the field.

www.peaceliteracy.org

The Peace Literacy website highlights the message and work of Paul K. Chappell, NAPF's Peace Literacy Director, who advocates for a new way to understand peace, war and what it means to be human. The website has a peace literacy curriculum consisting of lesson plans and study guides for educators and community leaders to use with students of all ages.

Social Networks

NAPF actively engages with members of the public through the online social networking sites Facebook (www.facebook.com/wagingpeace), YouTube (www.youtube.com/nuclearagepeace), Twitter (www.twitter.com/napf) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/napfofficial/).

Additionally, our New York Division launched www.twitter.com/napfnewyork, Instagram (www.instagram.com/napfnewyork), and Youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdOb0yu-rcgVWmm4OAY7sFA>)

Through targeted use of these tools, NAPF has been able to reach new audiences with its educational and inspirational material.

Publications

A New Peace Paradigm

Informational Booklet

NAPF Peace Literacy Director Paul K. Chappell wrote this booklet to supplement the Peace Literacy curriculum. To gain a deep and practical understanding of extremism, trauma, and the nature of human happiness, and to solve our national and global problems in the twenty-first century and beyond, we need a realistic and pragmatic model of the human condition that helps us understand our human needs and the tangles of trauma.

Available online at:

https://www.wagingpeace.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/05/new_peace_paradigm.pdf

The World of Electric Light

Informational Booklet

In this Peace Literacy booklet, Paul K. Chappell discusses three life-changing experiences in the context of a new paradigm for understanding modern technology and the human condition.

Available online at:

https://www.wagingpeace.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/09/world_of_electric_light.pdf

Books

NAPF President Emeritus David Krieger has published two compilations on peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. "[The Fate of Humanity](#)" and "[Nuclear Weapons: New Modes of Thinking](#)" are both available as free PDF downloads.

The Sunflower

The Sunflower is NAPF's free monthly electronic newsletter provided to over 80,000 online

members. It provides summaries of current issues of global security, nuclear policy, disarmament, proliferation, energy, waste, missile defense, resources and action items, as well as current and upcoming activities. NAPF publishes 12 issues annually at the beginning of each month. Current and back issues can be found online at: www.wagingpeace.org/resources/sunflower.

Articles and Op-Eds

NAPF President Emeritus David Krieger and CEO Rick Wayman have had numerous letters to the editor and op-eds published during the reporting period. Media outlets publishing content about nuclear disarmament from Dr. Krieger and Mr. Wayman include *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Santa Barbara News-Press*, *The Hill*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Truthout*, *Counterpunch*, *Hiroshima Peace Media Center* and *Pressenza*.

Public Lectures

Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanity's Future

This endowed lecture is named for Frank K. Kelly, a co-founder of NAPF. The lecture focuses on hope and inspiration for a positive future for humanity, and is presented annually by a distinguished individual. Christine Ahn, the founder and international coordinator of Women Cross DMZ, delivered the 2018 Lecture. Elaine Scarry, Harvard University's Cabot Professor of Aesthetics and the General Theory of Value, delivered the 2019 Lecture.

Information about the lectures can be accessed at: www.wagingpeace.org/programs/public-events/kelly-lecture.

Empowering the Public

Internship Program

NAPF provides internship opportunities to select college students during the academic year to work with staff on current peace and security issues. Interns conduct research, write analysis of issues, work on the websites and gain valuable insight into the workings of a NGO.

During the summer, NAPF offers full-time paid internships through a competitive application process. Students come from all around the United States and abroad to work at NAPF's Santa Barbara office. During this reporting period, NAPF hosted 15 interns.

Peace Literacy Institute

NAPF's Peace Literacy Institute is led by Paul K. Chappell, a West Point graduate and Iraq War veteran. The program provides educators, students and activists with the skills they need to effectively wage peace every day. The program seeks to develop peace leadership that will achieve a world free of nuclear weapons through innovative training in leadership, interpersonal communication and conflict resolution.

Peace Literacy is a new approach to both peace and education, informed by three models:

- Literacy education in reading and writing
- West Point leadership training;

- Nonviolence strategies of Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi

Peace Literacy builds on the strengths of these three models:

- Viewing peace not simply as a goal, but as a skill-set
- Teaching a strategic approach to peacemaking
- Focusing on and integrating well-being at the personal, social, and political levels

The program has a comprehensive and targeted approach, providing lectures to high school students, colleges, veteran groups, churches and activist organizations throughout the United States and other countries and two-, three-, and five-day courses to foster leadership that promotes peace in our communities. Mr. Chappell works with a Peace Literacy National Committee, made up of eight volunteer educators, to develop a Peace Literacy curriculum for students of all ages.

Nuclear disarmament is a key component of the Peace Literacy curriculum, which is already being taught in schools around the United States and Canada. The curriculum is provided at no charge to all interested educators. For more information on the Peace Literacy Institute, visit www.peaceliteracy.org.

Educating the Next Generation of Global Leaders in New York

In New York, we have been actively organizing seminars at major universities and bringing young people to the United Nations. Christian N. Ciobanu, NAPF's New York and Youth Representative has spearheaded numerous youth initiatives. Ciobanu has formed a team of interns from significant universities that help co-plan the initiatives and engage in experiential learning by attending international conferences.

In 2019, he convened the following events:

1. Conference on the Nexus Between Climate Change and International Security

In September of 2019, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and NYU UN Initiative co-hosted a conference regarding the nexus between climate change and global security. Prominent experts and youth activists, such as Dr. Tara Drozdenko, Managing Director of Nuclear Policy & Nonproliferation of the Outrider Foundation; Lovely Umayam, Founder of Bombshelltoe; Seth Shelden, the UN Liaison of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN); and Amanda Simonsen, a Youth Representative of Peace Boat US, shared their views on these two existential issues. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation was represented on behalf of Christian N. Ciobanu, our New York and Youth Representative. Peace Boat US, Peace Action New York State, NYU International Relations Society, and NYU United Nations Initiative co-sponsored the event.

The report can be found here: <https://www.wagingpeace.org/conference-on-the-nexus-between-climate-change-and-international-security/>

2. Peace in the Nuclear Age: Humanitarian Perspectives

On October 17 of 2019, NAPF and Fordham University's Humanitarian Student Union hosted a special event entitled "Peace in the Nuclear Age: Humanitarian Perspectives."

Speakers included: H.E. Jamie Walsh of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament; Veronique Christory of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Delegation to the UN; Susi Snyder of PAX; and Dr. David Onazi of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Report can be found here: <https://reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmament-fora/1com/FCM19/FCM-2019-No3.pdf>

3. UPENN International Affairs Association: Annual Penn Peace Project

On October 21 of 2019, UPENN's International Affairs Association convened its annual conference with the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. The conference focused on the impact of nuclear weapons and climate change in the South Pacific. H.E. Dr. Prasad of Fiji, H.E. Teburoro Tito of Kiribati; H.E. Mr. Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia of Samoa; and Ms. Charlotte Skerten of New Zealand spoke at the event.

Report can be found here: <https://www.wagingpeace.org/upenn-international-affairs-association-annual-penn-peace-project-conference/>

4. Is the World Heading Towards a New Cold War?

On October 29 of 2019, the International Relations Society at NYU and the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation co-hosted a panel entitled "Is the World Heading Towards a New Cold War?" Quoted speakers include Eric Gomez, Director of Defense Policy Studies at the Cato Institute; Maggie Tennis, former Peace Fellow at the Arms Control Association; and Ankit Panda, Senior Editor of the Asia-Pacific news magazine, "The Diplomat."

Report can be found here: <https://www.irinsider.org/monthly-briefs-1/2019/11/8/nuclear-arms-panel-is-the-world-heading-towards-a-new-cold-war-1>

Experiential Learning

UNGA First Committee

In addition, the New York division has provided access to international meetings for young people in order for them to engage in experiential learning. For instance, in 2019, international youth were invited to attend the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) First Committee. One of the youth participants was given an opportunity to co-draft the Youth Appeal under the supervision of Christian N. Ciobanu. This opportunity enabled the youth participant to express her views on nuclear disarmament and connect her studies on humanitarian affairs to international diplomacy. The Youth Appeal was presented to the participants of the First Committee. The Youth Appeal can be found here:

https://reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmamentfora/1com/1com19/statements/18Oct_Youth-Statement.pdf

NY interns were further tasked with monitoring discussions on international security and peace at the UNGA First Committee.

ICAN Paris Forum

In collaboration with New York Peace Action, Nuclear Ban.US, and the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, NAPF launched the Youth Activism on the TPNW (Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Program) As part of this program, the coordinators brought 15 students (11 from New York and 4 from Boston) to the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)'s Forum on How to Ban Bombs and Influence People. Christian N. Ciobanu served as one of the coordinators.

The report can be found here: <https://www.wagingpeace.org/youth-activism-on-the-tpnw-program/>. A special video featuring the youth participants can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfh0bS4-Cwc>

Adapting to the Covid-19 Epidemic

Championing Creativity and Advocacy in the Time of Crisis

Due to the postponement of major disarmament and nonproliferation activism, NAPF's NY Team convened a virtual webinar entitled "Championing Creativity and Advocacy Towards a Nuclear-Free World in the Time of Crisis" in late April of 2020. Bombshelltoe, Peace Boat US, and the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War co-sponsored the event.

Youth representatives of the Alaska Youth Congress for the Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, Youth Nuclear Peace Summit, and Nagasaki Youth Delegation delivered presentations about their campaigning and advocacy work to the participants. Peace Boat representatives provided a general overview about the Peace Boat, Hibakusha Project, and youth activism. Lovely Umayam of Bombshelltoe gave a virtual tour of her new online project, "Illuminating Radioactivity." Youth were also invited to engage in a creative writing exercise in which they shared their views on how young people can work together for a world free of nuclear weapons.

A recording can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_LKB3WgDT8&t=253s

World Conference 2020: Youth Assembly

NAPF was also active in the World Conference 2020: Youth Assembly, Christian N. Ciobanu, the New York and Youth Representative, served as a coordinator. More than 300 youth registered for the assembly.

A recording of the World Conference 2020 Youth Assembly can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atnT64O6qoo>

Awards and Contests

Swackhamer Disarmament Video Contest

NAPF has held a video contest annually since 2008 seeking short videos on specific topics related to nuclear disarmament. The 2018 contest received 55 entries on the topic “The Most Dangerous Period in Human History,” in which contestants discussed why this is such a dangerous time, and what can be done to take civilization back from the brink.

The 2019 contest received 35 entries in which contestants outlined creating a nuclear-free future and talked about the role of young people in making this a reality. Winning videos are available to view at www.peacecontests.org.

Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Awards

This annual series of awards encourages poets to explore and illuminate positive visions of peace and the human spirit. The Poetry Awards include three age categories: Adult, Youth 13-18, and Youth 12 & Under. NAPF has published a book of the winning poems for the first seven years of the Awards, *The Poetry of Peace* (2003), and a sequel containing the winning poems for the years 2003-10 entitled *Never Enough Flowers: The Poetry of Peace II* (2012).

Winning poems are available to read at www.peacecontests.org.

Distinguished Peace Leadership Award

The Distinguished Peace Leadership Award is presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated courageous leadership in the cause of peace. NAPF has, on occasion, also presented a Lifetime Achievement Award for peace leadership. The award is presented at the Annual Evening for Peace in Santa Barbara, California. Instituted in 1984, past recipients of the award include His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Captain Jacques Cousteau, Dr. Helen Caldicott, Jody Williams, King Hussein of Jordan, Walter Cronkite and Daniel Ellsberg. In 2018, NAPF honored Beatrice Fihn, the Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). In 2019, NAPF honored David Krieger for his decades of work as President of the organization.

Memberships

Abolition 2000

Abolition 2000 is a network of over 2000 organizations in more than 90 countries working for a global treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons. NAPF was a founding organization in 1995, and its CEO Rick Wayman, served on the Abolition 2000 Coordinating Committee in 2018. For more information, visit www.abolition2000.org.

Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

The Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA) supports over 30 member organizations and groups who are working throughout the United States to empower citizens to take action and to protest an opaque and mismanaged nuclear complex. ANA works to find solutions that can achieve a vision of a modern society that runs off renewable energy sources, has verifiably dismantled the world's nuclear arsenal, and has responsibly disposed of our nuclear waste. NAPF's CEO, Rick Wayman,

was a member of ANA's Board of Directors until 2019. For more information, visit www.ananuclear.org.

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

ICAN is a global campaign coalition working to mobilize people in all countries to inspire, persuade and pressure their governments to initiate and support negotiations for a treaty banning nuclear weapons. The Campaign was launched in 2007, and now has nearly 500 partner organizations in over 100 countries. ICAN received the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for its work to achieve the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a Partner Organization of ICAN. For more information, visit www.icanw.org.

Korea Peace Network

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is part of the Korea Peace Network, an informal collaboration among dozens of organizations in the United States, South Korea, and Japan working for peace on the Korean Peninsula. The network holds regular conference calls to discuss common strategies that all groups can participate in to move the peace process forward between the United States, the Republic of Korea, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.