​​***Race, Peace, and the Pursuit of Social Justice***

*Race, Peace, & the Pursuit of Social Justice is a one-day peace symposium, hosted by The Karson Institute for Race, Peace & Social Justice, designed to create spaces for high school and college students, professors, activists, and community members to examine and discuss the ways in which race and peace can be used as a lens to understand social justice, from our communities to our campuses.*

**Saturday, April 30th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST**

**Loyola University Maryland Evergreen Campus**

**Location: Knott Hall**

**Schedule**

8:00a.m. Check-In

Location: Outside of Knott Hall Room B03

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**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Opening Keynote Conversation**

Location: Knott Hall Room B03, and Livestream

*The Ongoing Debate about Critical Race Theory, From the Courtroom to the Classroom*

Discussants

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**10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Karson Cookies, Coffee, & Casual Conversation**

Location: Outside of Knott Hall Room B03

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**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Morning Sessions**

**Session I: *Stony the Racial Road We Trod***

Location: Knott Hall Room 004

*An open conversation outlining and exploring the ways in which racism,inequities, and activism intersect within America’s educational system.*

Discussants

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**Session II: *Peace, Protest, and Politics***

Location: Knott Hall Room 007

*An open conversation exploring the unique ways that democracy (and our understanding of it) and protest shape conversations, movements, and political decisions.*

Discussants

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**Session III: *Social Justice as the Moral Arc of the University***

Location: Knott Hall Room 009

*An open conversation on the ways in which the teachings of social justice activists and leaders can be used to model and teach social justice within our communities, in our school, and on our campuses.*

Discussants

Bishop Van Gayton, Th.D. D Min

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**12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m. Lunch Break**

Location: Outside of Knott Hall Room B03

Grab your box lunch and join Dr. Lopez and Dr. Whitehead for a conversation about the connections between the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and The Karson Institute for Race, Peace & Social Justice.

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**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mid-Day Keynote Conversation**

Location: Knott Hall Room B03, and Livestream

*Creating Spaces to Explore Peace and Pursue Social Justice: the ongoing work to achieve international and domestic peace*

Discussants

George Lopez, Ph.D.

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies

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**1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Afternoon Sessions**

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**Session IV: *The Power of the Pen and Your Voice: Slam Poetry as a Lens for Social Activism***

Location: Knott Hall Room B01

*Join the high school students from City Neighbors High School in Baltimore City as they write and perform poetry that reflects their lived experiences.*

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**3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closing Comments**

Location: Knott Hall Room B03

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**4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Karson Cookies, Coffee, and Casual Conversation**

Location: Outside of Knott Hall Room B03

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