



Responding to Religious Violence: Lessons from the Field

Monday, April 23rd, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Herman Room at the Healey Family Student Center

Lunch will be provided!

This panel explores CRS' integrated approach to peacebuilding and the key challenges and opportunities for transforming violent conflicts that manifest religious dimensions. Panelists will share their experiences of what works – and what doesn't – in engaging religious actors to address conflicts, as well as look to future prospects for creative and responsive interreligious programming. Speakers will also share practical examples of strategies for integrating peacebuilding and development as well as preventing and responding to religiously motivated violence.

Opening Remarks:

Katherine Marshall is a senior fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, where she leads the center's work on religion and global development, and a professor of the practice of development, conflict, and religion in the Walsh School of Foreign Service. She helped to create and now serves as the executive director of the World Faiths Development Dialogue.

Aaron Chassy is the Director of the Equity, Inclusion and Peacebuilding team at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) headquarters. Aaron currently provides technical and thought leadership in increasing the effectiveness of CRS' many development and humanitarian areas of programming through the integration of peacebuilding and governance.

Panelists:

Myla Leguro is Interreligious Peacebuilding Program Director at Catholic Relief Services. Myla is a trained peacebuilding and development practitioner with 28 years' experience in Mindanao, Philippines. Her engagement in peacebuilding involved supporting local groups and organizations in peace education, interreligious dialogue, grassroots peacebuilding, conflict resolution, peace governance and civil society peace advocacy.

Shamsia Ramadhan is the Program Manager for Capacity Building for Inter-Religious Community Action. She has been directing a multi-country project working with faith-based actors in West Africa, East Africa and North Africa. She has developed a handbook for interreligious action which contains peacebuilding aspects, faith-based values that can promote joint action by faith groups.

Nell Bolton is Senior Technical Advisor for Justice & Peacebuilding at Catholic Relief Services. Her global experience includes peacebuilding and governance programming in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, in addition to social justice initiatives in Louisiana. Nell holds Masters degrees in international peace studies and in theology, with a focus on the intersection of religion, gender, and peacebuilding.

Reflections by:

Rebecca Cataldi is a conflict resolution specialist and trainer, and serves as Senior Program Officer at the International Center for Religion & Diplomacy (ICRD), where her work has focused on facilitating conflict resolution and countering violent extremism (CVE).

Martine Miller, is the Director Asia (regional), Inclusive Peace (global) and Libya (lead), at the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers.

Logistics

Parking

The best place to park for this event would be the Southwest Garage, which is cash only. This is the closest garage to the Healy Family Student Center building, where the event will be held.

Getting to the Herman Room

Once you enter the Healy Family Student Center, there will be signs directing you to the Herman Room. There is also an information desk.

