



## The Peace, Justice, and Human Rights (PJHR) Program at John Carroll University

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### From the Director's Desk

*Love. Study. Struggle.* [These are the three words that African-American scholar Robin Kelley has taped inside his desk drawer.](#) I love his order of priority; it reminds me of the wellspring of labor toward a more just and peaceful world. Love is the source that gives us life and hope, when studying and struggling can be so hard and dispiriting. For Robin Kelley, "the struggle" is not just the struggle of survival, or of making a life; it's the greater political struggle for justice and liberation. In his words, "To love all is to fight relentlessly to end exploitation and oppression everywhere, even on behalf of those who think they hate us. This was [James Baldwin's] point—perhaps his most misunderstood and reviled point. To love this way requires relentless struggle, deep study, and critique. Limiting our ambit to suffering, resistance, and achievement is not enough. We

must go to the root—the historical, political, social, cultural, ideological, material, economic root—of oppression in order to understand its negation, the prospect of our liberation. Going to the root illuminates what is hidden from us, largely because most structures of oppression and all of their various entanglements are simply not visible and not felt."

As I begin my tenure as Director of the Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Program, after six years of foundational leadership from Dr. Rich Clark, I want to keep Kelley's words before me, and before each of us: Love. Study. Struggle. This is our work. It is the work of people who provide light in a dark world, who show courage in the face of fear, who can think critically and imagine passionately, who act with wisdom and hope.

**Feel free to forward this email along to people who might want to read it. Also, I welcome any student, faculty, or staff-members who have projects, speakers, or issues related to PJHR that they would like to bring to John Carroll. Drop me an email ([pmetres@jcu.edu](mailto:pmetres@jcu.edu)) or come by to O'Malley 219. I look forward to our journey together, to make this campus, and our world, a place of hope. *Love. Study. Struggle.***

Philip Metres

## Advancing Tribal Sovereignty Today: Through Arts and Education lecture

On November 7th, Dr. **Craig Howe**, founder of [Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies \(CAIRNS\)](#), delivered an evening address to 65 people at John Carroll, sponsored by the Peace, Justice and Human Rights Program, the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion, and Campus Ministry. Dr. Howe gave an overview on his efforts to promote the sovereignty of Ojibwe nations (known by some as Sioux). I was particularly struck by Howe's recounting of the history of U.S. colonization through the 1877 Dawes Act and the 1883 Court of Indian Offences, and how the reservation system and outlawing of Lakota religious practices has caused over a century of economic dependency and loss of cultural knowledge. CAIRNS seeks to raise cultural literacy among Lakota citizens through its programs of education and arts. One poignant anecdote involved a little Lakota child coming up to Howe after his talk on tribal capitals and flags, and said, "you mean we have a capital?!" Howe was amazed by the sense of pride that the knowledge of a capital gave to the little boy.

Howe's lecture was preceded earlier in the day by a lunch session with a group of 15 students, staff, and faculty, focusing on the challenges facing organizations who want to help reservations; these students will visit Pine Ridge Reservation in spring 2017 on a Campus Ministry Immersion program. Howe shared a powerful story about his great-great-father's witnessing the hanging of 37 Dakota men in 1862, a memory that still haunts him.

Thanks to PJHR major Karen Posner for suggesting Craig Howe and driving him all over Cleveland!

[And congrats to the Ojibwe movement in opposing the use of tribal lands for the Dakota Access Pipeline Project!](#)



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## Immokalee Worker Oscar Otsoy and the Campaign for Fair Food

On November 10th, Oscar Otsoy and his translator Shelby Mack, representing the **Coalition for Immokalee Workers**, talked at the JCU post-election vigil outside the Chapel, where 60 people had gathered. Afterward, and in the Jardine Room, a small group of students heading to Immokalee learned about the work of the CIW to improve

working conditions for farm workers through the [Campaign for Fair Food](#). We also watched the video "[One Penny More.](#)" where we learned that for every pound of tomatoes picked, a worker earns 1.4 cents, or 45 cents for a thirty-pound bucket of tomatoes. Thanks to Sean Freeman for laying the groundwork for this to happen.



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## PJHR in the News

PJHR major Tatyana Atkinson was in the news this summer, representing Black Lives Matter at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland this past summer. [You can hear here interviewed here.](#)



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## PJHR Graduate Spotlight

PJHR alumna ('15) Claire Grega, a former World Food Programme fellow, is completing a couple years working in the White House, first as an intern and then as an Analyst. More from Claire in our next issue!



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## Welcome to Our New Majors & Minors!

We've revised our minor, reducing the number of required courses and making the internship and capstone optional. And now, thanks to our Meet Your Major event, word of mouth, prospective emails, and coordinating with Malia McAndrew and the Arrupe Scholars Program, we have quadrupled our majors and minors! Welcome to Mackenzie McNaughton

and KTB English (now majors) and new minors Sami Rafidi, Lauren Isherwood, Amy Kato, Catherine Looby, Caitlin Matthews, Katie Burns, Anna Masica, Alec Bryson, Kaleigh Wagner, Kaylee Quanbeck, Maya Hermelin, and Rachel Lefebre. Let's keep growing...!



Mackenzie McNaughton



KTB English



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Lauren Isherwood



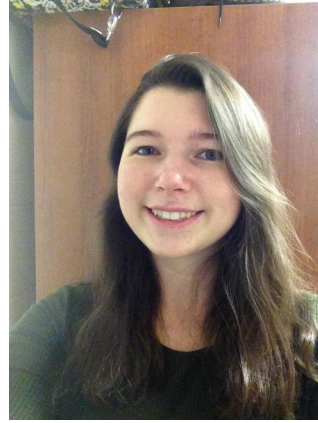
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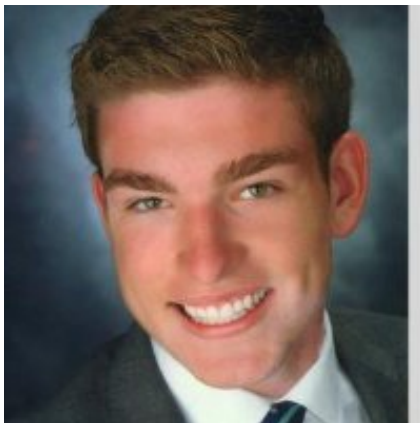
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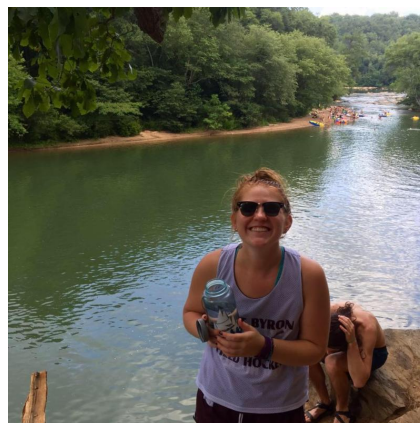
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## Mark Your Calendars!

On **January 24, 2017 at 7pm in Rodman A**, **Dr. Kristen Tobey** will present a talk called "Activism as Vocation: Religious Resistance in the Nuclear Age." It will be based on her book [Plowshares: Protest, Performance, and Identity in the Nuclear Age](#) (2016), which explores the religio-political world of radical Catholic anti-nuclear nonviolent activists. She will address what lessons the Plowshares might teach us about nonviolent action today.

