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Thomas J. Ward, EdD. Chair, Master in Peace Studies



Dr. Thomas J. Ward serves as Chair of HJI's Master of Peace Studies program, and former HJI President. With a career spanning five decades, Dr. Ward has dedicated his life to peacebuilding and international development. He was the founding Dean of the University of Bridgeport's College of Public Affairs, a role he held for 18 years. Graduates from his college have gone on to serve in leading roles at the United Nations, UNESCO, UNICEF, the U.S. State Department, the Council of Europe, Save the Children, Teach for America, and other major organizations.

The Master of Arts in Peace Studies prepares students for impactful careers in diplomacy, peacebuilding, and conflict resolution. The program offers a rigorous exploration of the key developments in the field since World War II, with a particular focus on the role of religion and the distinctive theoretical and practical contributions of HJI's Founders.

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I've gained a deep understanding of the root causes of conflict and violence and practical tools and strategies for promoting peace and resolving disputes. The interdisciplinary nature of the program explores diverse perspectives and develops critical thinking skills. The supportive faculty and engaging coursework nurture my passion for peacebuilding.

Sancha Ogden Christian, USA



I deeply value the rich content of the courses, which provided me with a strong foundation in peace and conflict studies. Learning alongside many international colleagues also enriched my experience, as we often exchanged ideas and learned from each other's diverse perspectives.

Marlies Ladstaetter, Austria



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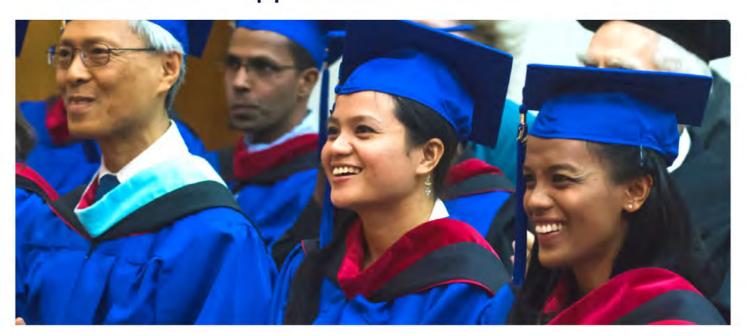


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