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This virtual conference sponsored by the International Section of the New York State Bar Association will bring together thought-leaders, policy-makers, and experts – from the UN, other domestic and international governmental agencies, think-tanks, NGOs, and academia – for a comprehensive examination of this still grave but often overlooked subject. The program includes panels on the present facts and policies about nuclear weapons, international law, including present and proposed treaties, the role of the UN and other organizations, and how to both increase public awareness of the continued threat of nuclear weapon and create new, more stable international norms of conduct and policy.

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AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Introduction

Prof. Charles J. Moxley, Jr., Professor (Adj.), Fordham Law School; Chair,
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Prof. John D. Feerick, Professor and Dean Emeritus, Fordham Law School

Scott M. Karson, President, New York State Bar Association

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International Section of the New York State Bar Association

Ariana N. Smith, Executive Director, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

Jonathan Granoff, President, Global Security Institute; Senior Advisor,
Permanent Secretariat of the World Summits of Nobel Peace Laureates

9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Panel 1: Overview: Nuclear Weapons Risks, Consequences and Responses

Addresses the facts, policies, and history as to nuclear weapons and the consequent risks.

MODERATOR:

Prof. Charles J. Moxley, Jr.

SPEAKERS:

Prof. Osamu Arakaki, Professor of Law, International Christian University, Japan

Hon. Bonnie Jenkins, Founder and President, Women of Color Advancing Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation; Former Special Envoy and Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs, U.S. Department of State

Hans M. Kristensen, Director, Nuclear Information Project, Federation of American Scientists

Prof. Scott Sagan, Caroline S.G. Munro Professor of Political Science, Stanford University, and Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Keynote Address

Hon. Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

Introduction by **Ariana N. Smith**

11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Panel 2: The Role of the United Nations

Addresses the multi-faceted role of the United Nations in relation to nuclear weapons, including the Secretary-General's 2018 disarmament agenda, *Securing Our Common Future*; International Court of Justice cases; the 2017 adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; a 2018 comment of the UN Human Rights Committee; and functions of the UN General Assembly and the Conference on Disarmament.

MODERATOR:

Ariana N. Smith

PANEL:

Hon. Izumi Nakamitsu

Dr. John Burroughs, Senior Analyst, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

Allison Pytlak, Programme Manager, Reaching Critical Will, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

12:20 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Lunch

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Remarks

Patricia Lee Refo, President, American Bar Association

A Special Conversation on Responding to the Greatest Threats to Humanity

Hon. Jerry Brown, Former Governor, State of California; Executive Chairman, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and **Jonathan Granoff**

1:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Panel 3: The International Treaty Regime Applicable to Nuclear Weapons and Further Treaties That Have Been Proposed

Addresses treaties, norms, policies, and practices concerning nuclear weapons.

MODERATOR:

Jonathan Granoff

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Dr. Christopher Ashley Ford, U.S. Ambassador, Assistant Secretary for International Security and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State

Hon. Thomas Graham, Jr., Former Special Representative for Arms Control, Nonproliferation and Disarmament; Former General Counsel, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

Dr. Gloria C. Duffy, President and CEO, The Commonwealth Club of California; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Break

2:50 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

Panel 4: International Law and Threat and Use of Nuclear Weapons

Addresses the legal status of use and threat of use of nuclear weapons under the international law of armed conflict (international humanitarian law) and the UN Charter, with reference to law of war manuals of the U.S. armed services, commentaries of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and other sources.

MODERATOR:

Dr. John Burroughs

SPEAKERS:

Prof. David A. Koplow, Professor, Georgetown University Law Center; Former Special Counsel for Arms Control to the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Defense

Kathleen Lawand, Strategic Adviser to Director of International Law and Policy, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); Former Head of Arms Unit, ICRC

Prof. Charles J. Moxley, Jr.

4:10 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Panel 5: Approaches for Advancing the Rule of Law and Morality as Concerns Nuclear Weapons

Addresses approaches for advancing the rule of law and morality as concerns nuclear weapons, including considerations as to litigation, defense of protesters, shareholders litigation, shareholders resolutions, FOIA requests, civic advocacy, universal jurisdiction, election of proactive prosecutors, civil engagement, the work of major faith groups, and other approaches.

MODERATOR:

Prof. Charles J. Moxley, Jr.

SPEAKERS:

Laurie Ashton, Of Counsel, Keller Rohrback; Member of Legal Team for the Marshall Islands in Its Nuclear Disarmament Cases in the International Court of Justice; Counsel for Marshall Islands in Its Nuclear Disarmament Case in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Jacqueline Cabasso, Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation; North American Coordinator, Mayors for Peace

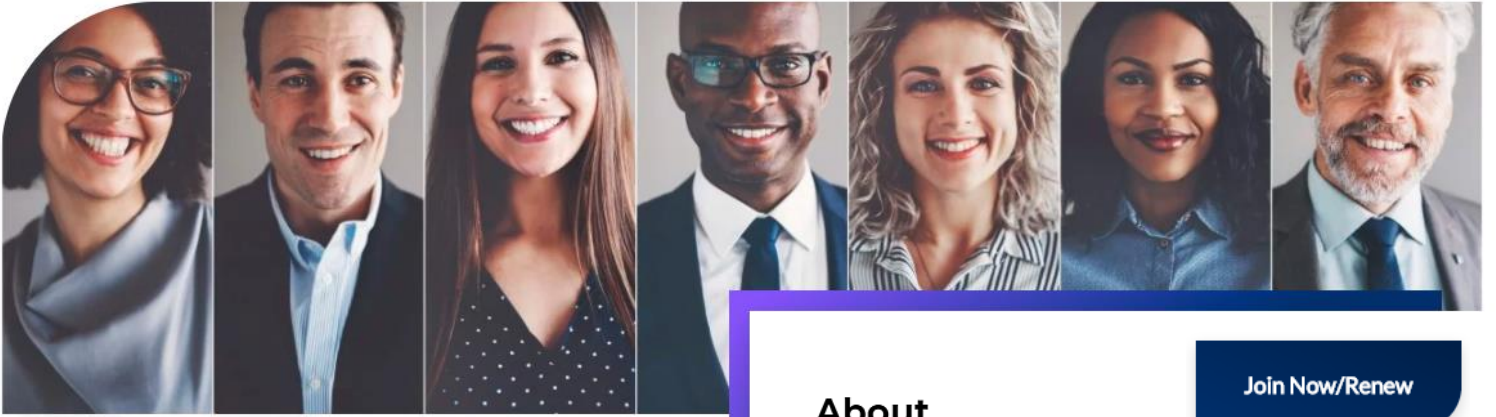
Rev. Drew Christiansen, S.J., Ph. D., Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Human Development, Walsh School of Foreign Service, and Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University

Tom Z. Collina, Director of Policy, Ploughshares Fund, and Co-author, with William J. Perry, *The Button: The New Nuclear Arms Race and Presidential Power from Truman to Trump* (BenBella Books, 2020)

Audrey Kitagawa, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Parliament of the World's Religions

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Reception



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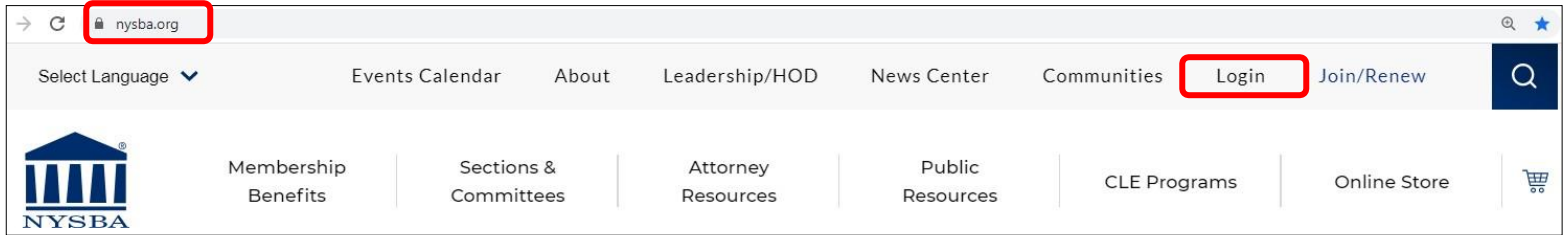
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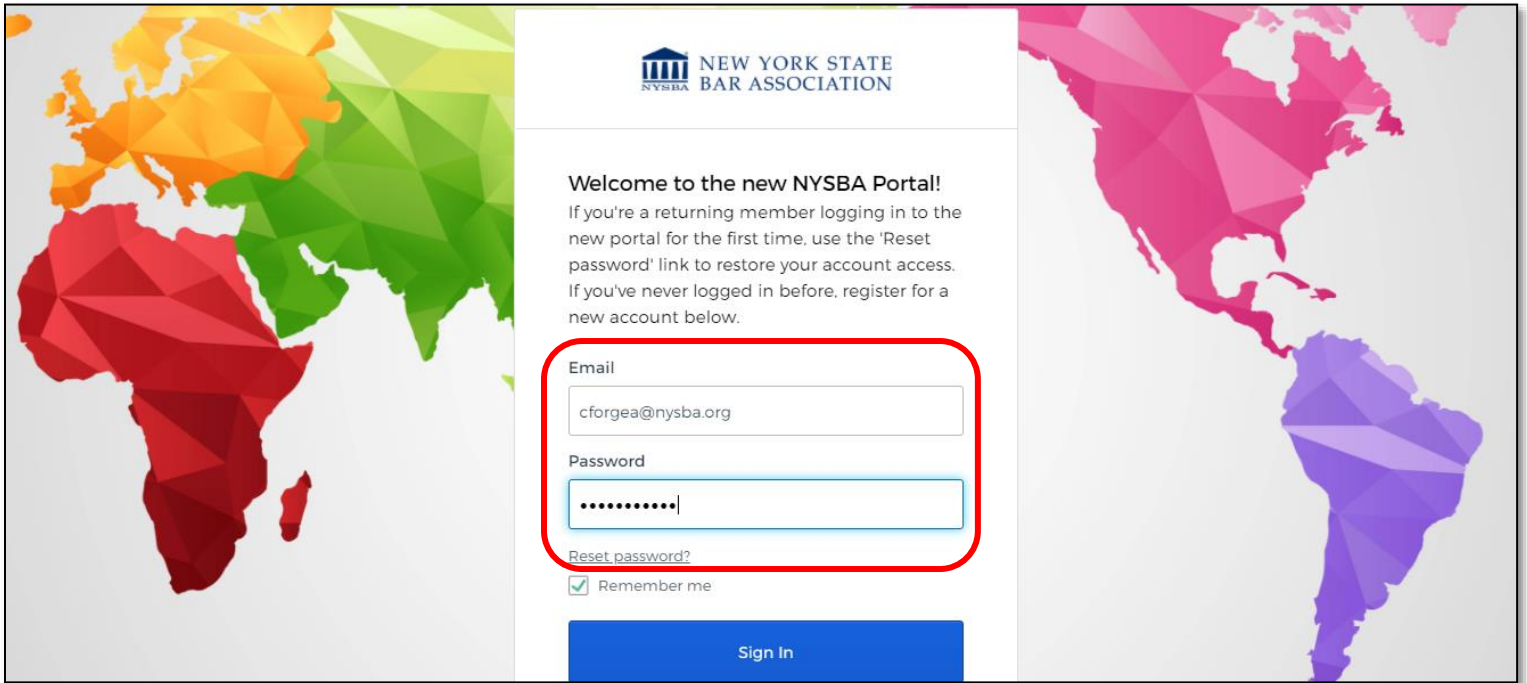
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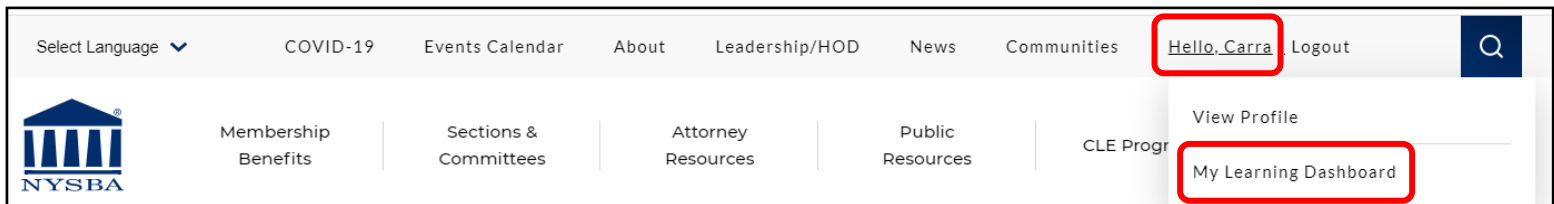
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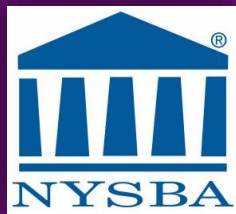
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