

INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE WITH THESE NUCLEAR BAN TREATY PROPONENTS

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: Co-President International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. ICAN speaker at the Oslo and Nayarit conferences on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, and chaired the Humanitarian Impact Session at the UN Open Ended Working Group meeting that led to the UN vote to commence negotiations for the TPNW.

Perspective: *I would speak to the medical consequences of nuclear war, the growing danger of nuclear war and the urgent need to secure the elimination of these weapons before they eliminate us.*

Dr. Hideko Tamura-Snider, hibakusha

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US Pacific Standard Time

Affiliation: Peace Ambassador for the city of Hiroshima - appointed by Hiroshima Assembly 2013; Chair, One Sunny Day Initiatives (registered NPO 2007)

Perspective: *I lost my childhood Universe when the sun and the earth melted by a nuclear explosion and my loved ones could not come home 75 years ago. The TPNW is the first step to keep it from happening to any other humans or to our planet before it becomes TOO LATE.*

Seth Shelden

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: United Nations Liaison for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN); Board Member for the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy.

Perspective: *Was actively involved in the UN conference to negotiate the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and has assisted governments in signing and ratifying the TPNW, helping to bring about the treaty's entry into force.*

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Affiliation: Physicist and co-director of Princeton University's Program on Science and Global Security, part of the School of Public and International Affairs. Recipient of the American Physical Society's 2019 Leo Szilard Award "For promoting global peace and nuclear disarmament". Involved in the negotiations of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and is working on the implementation of treaty after it enters into force.

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Affiliation: Policy and Research Coordinator, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Conducts and coordinates ICAN's research on nuclear weapons and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Has published over 100 articles, editorials and reports on nuclear weapons.

Perspective: *Contributing author to **Schools of Mass Destruction**, ICAN report on involvement of US universities and colleges in US nuclear weapons production activities.*

Ray Acheson (she/they)

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: Activist and writer working to abolish violent structures and build peace and justice. Director of Reaching Critical Will, the disarmament programme at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the world's oldest feminist peace organisation. Steering group of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).

Perspective: *Actively involved in the process to develop, negotiate, and achieve the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Author, forthcoming book from Rowman and Littlefield in June 2021 on this process, **Banning the Bomb, Smashing the Patriarchy.***

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Susi Snyder

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Affiliation: Coordinator, Don't Bank on the Bomb

Perspective: Expertise on nuclear weapons, with over two decades experience working at the intersect between nuclear weapons and human rights. Contributor to a number of recent books on the issue of nuclear weapons and the private sector, including **A World Free from Nuclear Weapons** (2020), **Sleepwalking to Armageddon: The Threat of Nuclear Annihilation** (2017) and **War and Environment Reader** (2018). For more information: <https://www.dontbankonthebomb.com/our-team/>

Perspective: *Susi recognizes that the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) means a number of the activities currently conducted by companies like Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Boeing and Airbus (among others) are now prohibited under international law.*

Dr. John Burroughs

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: Senior Analyst, Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, www.lcn.org. Served as an expert on two panels at the 2017 negotiations hosted by the chair of the negotiating conference, Ambassador Elayne Whyte Gomez. Wrote an article about the negotiations in the June 2017 issue of Arms Control Today, **Key Issues in Negotiations for a Nuclear Weapons Prohibition Treaty | Arms Control Association.**

Perspective: *I can talk about the significance of TPNW entry into force for reinforcement and development of international law applying to all states, including those not party to the treaty, notably regarding the threat and use of nuclear arms.*

Jacqueline Cabasso

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US Pacific Standard Time

Affiliation: Executive director, Western States Legal Foundation, an affiliate of the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA). She participated in the TPNW negotiations, making a presentation on behalf of IALANA. Cabasso is also North American Coordinator of Mayors for Peace and has worked with the United States Conference of Mayors to adopt resolutions in 2018 and 2019 calling on the U.S. to reverse its opposition to the TPNW and embrace its values and goals.

Tina Cordova

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US Mountain Standard Time

Affiliation: Co-founder of the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC).

Perspective: *As Downwinders we have experienced firsthand the death and destruction associated with exposure to radiation as a result of nuclear weapons and on top of that have experienced the intentional lack of support for us as we battle the disease and death.*

Christian N. Ciobanu

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: Policy and Advocacy Coordinator of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, served as an advisor for the Marshall Islands' Mission during the negotiations on the TPNW. Co-chair of the Global Youth Forum on the TPNW.

Perspective: *I can discuss how the positive obligations of the TPNW provide new horizons for victim assistance and environmental remediation. I can also share about disarmament education and my work on public awareness about the TPNW, especially to American youth and Generation Z.*

Ralph Hutchison

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: Coordinator, Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance

Hutchison has served on state and federal advisory boards and has been Coordinator of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance since 1990. OREPA works to stop nuclear weapons production at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, TN, where the US is currently constructing a new weapons production facility, the Uranium Processing Facility, to manufacture thermonuclear secondaries for a new generation of nuclear weapons.

Perspective: *Hutchison welcomes the TPNW as a new and critical tool in the toolbox of nuclear abolitionists. He believes the Treaty's moral power is even more compelling than its legal obligations.*

Principal Man Ian Zabarte

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US Mountain Standard Time

Affiliation: Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians, Treaty of Ruby Valley (Consolidated Treaty Series Vol. 127 1863), Secretary, Native Community Action Council

Perspective: *There have been many steps to prohibition of nuclear weapons spanning decades that include many unsung heroes working tirelessly to make our world nuclear free. The Shoshone people embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in the hope of relief from over 900 atom bombs tested by the US and the UK and their need to further test weapons of mass destruction upon the land and people of the Western Bands of the Shoshone Nation of Indians.*

Marylia Kelley

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US Pacific Standard Time

Affiliation: Executive Director, Tri-Valley CAREs; President, Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

Perspective: *36 years experience monitoring U.S. warhead design and attendant environmental issues at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and within the U.S. nuclear weapons complex. Represented Tri-Valley CAREs at the UN during the negotiations leading to adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; will be leading the group's public action highlighting its entry onto force.*

Jack Cohen-Joppa

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US Mountain Standard Time

Affiliation: Co-coordinator, the Nuclear Resister

Perspective: *Cohen-Joppa was first arrested for civil disobedience at the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant in Colorado in 1978. He now lives in Tucson, Arizona, and protests monthly at Raytheon Missiles & Defense, prime manufacturer of an all-new nuclear cruise missile. He speaks about people currently in prison in the United States for protesting nuclear weapons and 75 years of history of anti-nuclear protest and civil disobedience.*

John LaForge

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Timezone: CET (Hamburg, Germany)

Affiliation: Co-Director of Nukewatch

Perspective: *Citizens' nonviolent civil enforcement of treaty law; international law defense of nonviolent resistance to threatened use of nuclear weapons. LaForge has been involved in resistance to US nuclear weapons in the US and in Germany.*

Dr. Emily Welty

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: Director, Peace and Justice Studies, Pace University; Vice Moderator of the World Council of Churches Commission on International Affairs and chair of the Nuclear Disarmament Working Group

Perspective: *Emily's work focuses on the religious dimensions of peacebuilding and has been a primary ICAN liaison to faith communities. Emily is also a playwright.*

Robert N. Celestial

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Affiliation: President and founder of the Pacific Association for Radiation Survivors Guam, also Lojwa Base Camp Atomic Cleanup Veteran, U.S. Army Sgt, retired (DAV).

Perspective: *Presented case before the Board on Radiation Effects Research Committee at the National Academies of Science in Washington, DC. In 2005, the NAS report concluded that the residents of Guam received measurable fallout from the nuclear weapons testing from the Pacific Nuclear proving grounds (Marshall Islands) and should be included as Downwinders.*

Dr. Kathleen Sullivan

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: Director of [Hibakusha Stories](#), an education initiative that has brought atomic bomb survivors to some 45,000 students. Commissioned by ICAN to produce the campaign's first disarmament education material for high school and early college. Facilitator of *hibakusha* voices in conferences and UN fora on humanitarian consequences.

Dr. Matthew Breay Bolton

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US Eastern Standard Time

Affiliation: Associate Professor of Political Science, Pace University, New York City.

Perspective: *Worked on UN advocacy for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) since 2014 and was a member of the "Positive Obligations Team," which successfully advocated for inclusion of victim assistance and environmental remediation provisions in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). I conducted fieldwork on the impact of nuclear testing in the Pacific, including in Australia, Cook Islands, French Polynesia/Maohi Nui, Kiribati and New Zealand. Member of the New York Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (NYCAN), advocating for passage of legislation welcoming the TPNW and divesting City pensions from nuclear weapons.*

Marion K pker

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Affiliation: Nuclear Weapons Staff Speaker, German Branch of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation; "B chel is everywhere! Nuclear Weapons-Free Now" campaign spokesperson; International coordinator of DFG-VK against nuclear weapons; and Coordinator of the Nonviolent Action Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

Perspective: *Marion can speak about the German celebrations of the Entry Into Force of the TPNW and about ongoing campaigns to remove the remaining U.S. nuclear weapons from Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy and Turkey.*