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JULY
30
7 PM ET

OPEN HOUSE
MAKING A DIFFERENCE:
THE VALUE OF A MASTER'S
DEGREE FROM HJI



HOST
Dr. Thomas Walsh
President



SPEAKER
Steven Boyd
Dean of Enrollment
Management & Student Life

Featuring a Student Panel!

Join HJ International Graduate School for an upcoming **Open House: Making a Difference – The Value of a Master’s Degree from HJI** on **Thursday, July 30 at 7 PM ET**.

Hosted by **Dr. Thomas Walsh**, President of HJI, with **Steven Boyd**, Dean of Enrollment Management & Student Life, this event will offer prospective students an opportunity to learn more about HJI’s master’s programs, the value of graduate study, and the meaningful difference an HJI education can make.

The evening will also feature a student panel, giving attendees a chance to hear directly from current students about their experiences, goals, and journey at HJI.

[Register to join HJI's Open House!](#)

THE SECOND ISSUE



INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR
PEACE AND PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

Announcing the 2nd Issue of International Journal for Peace and Public Leadership

We are pleased to share the second issue of our journal, featuring thoughtful reflections, meaningful updates, and contributions that highlight the ongoing work and spirit of our community. This issue continues to build on our shared mission by offering insights, stories, and perspectives that inspire connection, learning, and engagement. [Click to read more.](#)



The **HJI Press/CESNUR book**, *"Threats to Religious Freedom: Root Causes and Paths Forward,"* has been featured in the second 2026 issue of ***Voci di Pace***, published by UPF Italy and San Marino together with WFWP Italy. This issue, centered on the theme *"The Peace We Build,"* explores peace as a responsibility shaped by conscience, service, family, and community life. Alongside articles on the UN International Day of Conscience, environmental responsibility, youth, SDG 16, women's participation in peace-building, and global conflicts, the issue highlights religious freedom as an essential measure of human dignity. [See more](#)



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Dr. Walsh attends Biennial Meeting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)



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