**“NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOWADAYS:**

**What You Can Know and Do”**

**This FREE 4-session course is informative and fascinating!**

***Sign up now to take the course in JULY 2021.***

***Sign up now to take the course on your choice of Tuesdays or Saturdays.***

**We use Zoom video, so people everywhere take our course.**

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The bipartisan Cold War ended three decades ago, but nuclear weapons remain a threat to the world, regardless of which party runs the Congress or the Executive Branch. Many recent and current actions by the U.S. government have sharply increased the danger of nuclear war in the “new cold war,” so now the “Doomsday Clock” is the closest to midnight it has ever been, since it was devised in 1953. Also, the U.S. is spending more on nuclear weapons than ever before – even more than at the peak of the Cold War!

However, most Americans do not want to think about nuclear weapons. This course provides necessary information for people who are new to the issue – and people whose knowledge is out-of-date. Much has changed recently, and dangers are increasing in several ways, but politicians and mainstream news media are failing to inform the public about what people need to know.

This 4-session course (2 hours per session) presents the serious information in a supportive environment and also lifts up some positive ways people can solve the problems. We go far beyond “doom and gloom” to actually empower people to support positive solutions.

This course was designed and is presented by four persons who have long been studying nuclear weapons and organizing for peace. The four presenters trade off within each session so you’ll enjoy a mix of voices and areas of expertise in each session. The course provides much fresh information. People who do not yet know much about nuclear weapons learn a lot and understand the information. People with decades of experience add significantly to their knowledge.

**Topics include:**

* The evolution of science that led to nuclear weapons
* How nuclear weapons – and the policies for using them – have changed over the years
* New dangers since the 2016 election – and the long-standing bipartisan support for nuclear weapons since the 1940s and continuing after the 2020 election
* Impacts of nuclear weapons testing on innocent people
* Decades of grassroots organizing to stop the arms race and abolish nuclear weapons
* International efforts to prevent nuclear war, including the very exciting Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
* Our own feelings and values related to nuclear weapons
* Efforts in Congress to reduce the likelihood of nuclear war
* The power of nonviolent resistance

Nuclear weapons are frightening, but **ordinary people can learn what they need to know and can take smart actions to reduce the dangers**. Instead of feeling overwhelmed by hard, scary realities, **this course helps people learn and also empower themselves to support the positive efforts that are happening at the global, national and local levels**.

The course is presented by four well-informed persons from the Olympia WA area:

* Glen Anderson is chair of the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (OCANW)
* Mark Fleming is the secretary of the Rachel Corrie Chapter #109 of the Veterans for Peace in Olympia
* James Manista is a peace activist who recently faced federal charges for resisting the Trident nuclear submarine
* Joanne Dufour has extensive experience with nuclear weapons, international humanitarian law, and other issues

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 **for either Tuesdays or Saturdays in July 2021 🡪**

**🡪 Here is how to sign up:**

The presenters are offering the course **twice a week during July** 2021, so you may choose whichever schedule is better for you. We conduct each class session twice **each** week, so if you have a scheduling conflict any day, you may catch that session on that week’s other day.

**To take the 4-session course in JULY 2021, choose either:**

* **Tuesdays:** Pacific Time 5:00 (sharp) to 7:00 pm **July 6, 13, 20 and 27**.
(If you’re in another time zone, please adjust for your local time.)
* **Saturdays:** Pacific Time 10:00 a.m. (sharp) to 12:00 noon **July 10, 17, 24 and 31**.
(If you’re in another time zone, please adjust for your local time.)

🡪 Send Joanne Dufour an e-mail to **jduf234@gmail.com** with this subject line:
**OCANW course on Nuclear Weapons**. Or you may phone Joanne at (206) 550-1841.

**Please provide your name, email address, home mailing address, and phone number.
Specify whether you want TUESDAYS or SATURDAYS.**

**She will e-mail you the Zoom video link so you can join our course.**

Also, we will e-mail each participant a number of readings and videos that flesh out the topics of each of the four class sessions. These are not mandatory (like school assignments were), but we do encourage participants to read at least some of the readings and watch at least some of the videos, because they do provide important information and insights.

**We hope you will join us!**

For more information about the course or about nuclear weapons,
contact Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 glenanderson@integra.net
and see the “Nuclear Weapons” part of Glen’s blog, [www.parallaxperspectives.org](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org)

The direct link there is <http://parallaxperspectives.org/category/nuclear-weapons>