

Remarks for the inaugural Bruce Blair Memorial Lecture  
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Thank you, Zia, Frank, and Princeton's Program on Science and Global Security for this celebration of Bruce's ideas and vision. It is a dream come true for me to have this Memorial Lecture established, and I am thankful beyond words to Bob and Ellie Meyers and John and Jessica Fullerton for joining me in establishing this tribute to the extraordinary scholar, policy analyst, activist, and revolutionary that was Bruce. It is to Bob that I have the greatest gratitude. When Bruce died so suddenly in summer 2020, it was Bob who called some months later in his wonderful way to say, "We gotta do something!" The timing was perfect, and together with his wife Ellie, and with John and Jessica stepping forward to join us, we worked with Zia and the Program to fund a lecture series in Bruce's honor.

Today is a wonderful joining of the many parts of Bruce's life, including the Program on Science and Global Security, which he considered his intellectual home, with Frank Von Hippel as his inspiring mentor throughout his career; to Global Zero, Bruce's signature effort to do nothing less than change the world by launching a movement against the very existence of nuclear weapons; to his professional colleagues from Brookings and elsewhere; to family and friends. Welcome all. Let us now celebrate Bruce together with refreshments. Cheers!