About 100 people attended the What is War conference, held September 14-16, 2007, at the University of Notre Dame Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The conference was sponsored by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies along with the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Notre Dame Law School.

John Mueller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies at the Mershon Center, was one of the organizers of the What is War conference. He spoke as part of the panel of political scientists.
The What is War conference featured a panel of political scientists that included (left to right) George Lopez, Professor of Peace Studies at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; Mershon Center Director Richard Herrmann; Michael Doyle, Harold Brown Professor of International Affairs at Columbia University; and John Mueller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies at the Mershon Center.

Former Mershon Center Journalist in Residence Darrin Mortenson spoke about covering the Iraq War in the war correspondents panel at the What is War conference. Mortenson covered the Iraq War for the *North County Times* as a reporter embedded three separate times with Marines from Fort Pendleton, Calif.
Mary Ellen O’Connell (right), Robert and Marion Short Professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School, stands with Notre Dame President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh. O’Connell is a former Mershon Center faculty associate who organized the What is War conference with John Mueller.

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