

Third Annual Jeremiah Sullivan Memorial Lecture

"The Growing Danger of Nuclear Weapons and How We Can Reduce It"

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Room 144 Loomis Lab
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Today's nuclear arsenals pose enormous risks for all humanity. Many agreements that reduced the threat of nuclear weapons have recently been abandoned, and some are advocating spending enormous additional resources on acquiring new nuclear weapons. The threat that nuclear weapons might be used has increased and we face a renewed nuclear arms race with potentially catastrophic consequences. Historically, scientists and especially physicists have played a critical role in helping citizens and decision makers understand the threat posed by nuclear weapons and what can be done to reduce the threat. I will explain the growing nuclear crisis and describe a new project sponsored by the American Physical Society to inform, engage, and mobilize students and faculty, especially physical scientists and engineers, to reduce the nuclear threat.