THEY CHANGED OUR WORLD;
The 75th Anniversary of World War II and the Use of Atomic Weapons Virtual Symposium

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  8:30AM-10:30AM & 10:45AM-1:00PM (MDT)

This virtual, thought-provoking event will provide an understanding of the Manhattan Project and its implications on the Pacific conflict and following Cold War issues. The panels of distinguished guests will consider current and future concerns and create a public dialogue regarding a path forward for our world and defense concerns.

Advanced registration required, and ticket prices are available at nuclearmuseum.org.

PANEL 1  8:30AM-10:30AM (MDT)

THE MANHATTAN PROJECT

The first half of the Symposium will be dedicated to the Manhattan Project and discussions of the legacy and history of the program that created, tested, and deployed the first atomic bombs and brought forth the start of the Atomic Age.

8:30-8:40AM  JIM WALTHER & CINDY KELLY
WELCOME
Founder and President of the Atomic Heritage Foundation, Cynthia Kelly, will be moderating all discussions and will be introducing our speakers and topics.

8:40-9:30AM  RICHARD RHODES
THE MANHATTAN PROJECT
Award winning author, Richard Rhodes, will be discussing the overall mission of the Manhattan Project as well as its impact on history, warfare, and the development of nuclear energy.

9:30-10:00AM  DR. JON HUNNER
THE MANHATTAN PROJECT IN NEW MEXICO
Former professor and author, Dr. Jon Hunner, will be focusing in on the long-lasting influence of the Manhattan Project on New Mexico.

10:00-10:30AM  CINDY, RICHARD & JON
QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE
Audience members will have the opportunity to ask our experts any questions you may have and generate further discussion of the Manhattan Project.

PANEL 2  10:45AM-1:00PM (MDT)

75 YEARS LATER

In the second half of the Symposium, we will be discussing the impacts of the Manhattan Project in the latter half of the 20th Century to today. We will delve deeper into discussions about why this topic is still so relevant.

10:45-10:55AM  JIM WALTHER & CINDY KELLY
WELCOME
Cindy Kelly will introduce our guests for the second session and moderate discussions.

10:55-11:25AM  GREGG HERKEN
THE COLD WAR
Professor and author, Gregg Herken, will lead a discussion on the longest global geopolitical conflict in the 20th Century.

11:25-11:55AM  RACHEL BRONSON
GLOBAL ENERGY, DOOMSDAY CLOCK
Rachel Bronson, will discuss the importance of global energy initiatives and her work with the Doomsday Clock in connection with the legacy of atomic science.

11:55AM-12:25PM  SIG HECKER
CURRENT THREATS & FUTURE CONCERNS
Professor Siegfried Hecker will explore the current threats that global expansion of nuclear energy and the threat of nuclear terrorism and conflict pose to the future.

12:25-1:00PM  CINDY, GREGG, RACHEL & SIG
QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Museum members and students receive a discount where one panel session is $15 or both panel sessions are $25. For more information on pricing, please visit nuclearmuseum.org.