

# PEACE CAUCUS

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## Primary Prevention of War Group Needs Your Support !

The Public Health Working Group on Primary Prevention of War (PH-PPW) is growing in numbers – and is looking for your support! The group grew out of the APHA annual meeting in 2011, following a Peace Caucus session where a paper was delivered documenting the general dearth of coursework available on war and armed conflict within Schools and Programs of Public Health (SPPHs). Based on a content analysis of curricular offerings of the top 20 SPPHs, the paper demonstrated that the narrow set of courses offered on war tend to be reactive, rather than advancing the concept of primary prevention. This tipped off the creation of this international, interdisciplinary Working Group of scholars and practitioners organizing to promote the primary prevention of war.

The PH-PPW Working Group meets every other month by conference call and has undertaken a number of activities, all aligned with APHA's Policy Statement, The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics and Advocates in Relation to Armed Conflict and War (1). In 2013, the group published its findings on SPPH curriculum in Public Health Reports (2). In 2014, the group published a framework for public health prevention of war in AJPH, including a set of

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**2014 Victor W. Sidel and Barry Levy  
Award for Peace**

**Recipient - Nancy Stoller, PhD**

Please join us in honoring Dr. Stoller for her tremendous contribution to peace and health for all

Tuesday 6:30 PM

APHA Public Health Awards Reception and  
Ceremony (Session 322.0)

## Film Festival: "Within the Eye of the Storm." Monday at 6:30 and 8:30 PM

The Medical Care Section is sponsoring showings of "Within the Eye of the Storm" at 6:30 and 8:30 pm (session 3356.1) <http://withineyeofstorm.com/>. The film runs about 1 hour and tells the real-life story of two men – one Palestinian and one Israeli – each previously dedicated to fighting a faceless other, and each of whose daughters were killed in the conflict, who then committed to work together to humanize the enemy and interrupt the vicious cycle of retaliation. Each showing of this inspiring film will be accompanied by a discussion to which the director, Shelley Hermon, has been invited. Check the program for the location.

## PEACE CAUCUS PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY 10:30 AM 3171.0 Public health, peace and conflict in the Middle East MCC, 220

MONDAY 12:30 PM 3272.0 Resistance to war and building peace MCC, 220

TUESDAY 12:30 PM 4253.0 Distinguishing health study findings from public policy goals promotes peace, justice and health MCC, 223

TUESDAY 2:30 PM 4352.1 Integrating competencies for the prevention of war into public health curricula: Primary prevention of war work group roundtable MCC, 243

TUESDAY 6:00 PM 320.0 Business meeting MCC, 241

WEDNESDAY 10:30 AM 5133.0 Peace to end all war MCC, 223

## Are you a member ?

Please join or renew your membership today!

Send a check made out to the "Peace Caucus" for \$10 to \$ 250 (sliding scale) to: APHA Peace Caucus c/o SF Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility, 2288 Fulton Street, Suite 307, Berkeley, CA 94704

# Peace Caucus Program

## November 15 - 19, 2014 New Orleans, LA

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### **MONDAY (3171.0) PUBLIC HEALTH, PEACE AND CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

10:30 - 12:00 PM NANCY STOLLER, PHD, MODERATOR  
MCC, 220

- 10:30 AM — Exploring Social Justice Across Cultures and Professions  
Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, Corey Shdaimah, PhD, Roni Strier, PhD, Susan Leviton, JD and Jody Olsen, PhD
- 10:45 AM — Voices Through Walls: How Walls Undermine Human Rights, Humanity, and Peace  
Steven Gilbert, PhD, DABT and Saherea Bleibleh, PhD
- 11:00 AM — Politics of Deteriorating Health in Palestine  
Dima Qato, PharmD, MPH, PhD
- 11:15 PM — Conflict, Peace, and Public Health in Syria: Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis  
Noah Gottschalk, Meredith Larson and Sarah Kalloch
- 11:30 AM — Academic researchers' and publishers' role in addressing health issues in Palestine  
Amy Hagopian, PhD, MPH
- 11:40 AM — Discussion

**Endorsed by:** LGBT Caucus of Public Health Professionals, Public Health Nursing, Socialist Caucus **CE Credits:** Medical (CME), Health Education (CHES), Nursing (CNE), Public Health (CPH), Masters Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES)

### **MONDAY (3272.0) RESISTANCE TO WAR AND BUILDING PEACE**

12:30 -2:00 PM ROBERT GOULD, MD, MODERATOR  
MCC, 220

- 12:30 PM — Health Care Access and Host-Refugee Relations in Uganda  
Joshua Rodd, MPH, MS, PhD (ABD)
- 12:42 PM — Afghan peace volunteers: Nonviolent resistance to war in Afghanistan  
Patrick Kennelly, MLS and Emily Malloy, RN, CNM
- 12:54 PM — From theory to practice: Public health practitioners, academics, and advocates in relation to armed conflict and war  
Emily Malloy, RN, CNM, Geraldine Gorman, RN, PhD and Ellen Kennelly, BS, RN, FNP
- 1:06 PM — Health pathway across all levels after the Gulf War  
Charles W. Cange, PhD, MSc
- 1:18 PM — Using music to create peace  
Barry S. Levy, MD, MPH and Victor W. Sidel, MD
- 1:30pm — Discussion

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### **TUESDAY (4253.0) DISTINGUISHING HEALTH STUDY FINDINGS FROM PUBLIC POLICY GOALS PROMOTES PEACE, JUSTICE AND HEALTH**

12:30 -2:00 PM MADELEINE SCAMMELL, D.Sc, MODERATOR  
MCC, 223

Discussants: Madeleine Scammell, D.Sc. and David Tuller, DrPH

- 12:30 PM — Assessing the public health impacts of industrial farm animal production (IFAP) - Steve Wing, PhD
- 12:45 PM — Exposure to ionizing radiation from Fukushima: The collision of science and public policy - Robert Gould, MD
- 1:00pm — War, public health and institutional conflicts of interest - Shelley White, PhD, MPH and Wesley Epplin, MPH
- 1:15pm Discussion

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Patrice Sutton, MPH and Eleni Tolma, PhD, MPH Program Planners

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## TUESDAY (4352.1)

### INTEGRATING COMPETENCIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR INTO PUBLIC HEALTH CURRICULA: PRIMARY PREVENTION OF WAR WORK GROUP ROUNDTABLE

2:30 PM-4:00 PM  
MCC, 243

MODERATORS: GERALDINE GORMAN, RN, PHD AND NEIL ARYA, MD

In 2009 the APHA adopted the policy “The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics, and Advocates in Relation to Armed conflict and War.” This was one of 35 related policies the APHA has adopted, including those advocating the banning of specific types of weapons, criticizing military budgets, and opposing military recruiting in public schools. Some of those policies, including the 2009 policy, have specifically recommended that schools of public health develop curricula on war and peace and prepare students to address the causes of war. However, research has shown that schools of public health include little about the prevention of war in their curricula. Therefore, in June of 2014 an article to initiate that curriculum development, written by the Working Group on the Primary Prevention of War, an outgrowth of the Peace Caucus of APHA, was published in the American Journal of Public Health. The article delineated 60 competencies in five domains (Militarism, International Peace Work, Peace Advocacy, and Peace Research) for use in developing courses, incorporation into existing courses and conducting workshops to prepare public health workers in the prevention of war. The Working Group disseminated information about the competencies to Deans of schools and programs of public health to help initiate adoption of the competencies and stimulate greater faculty involvement. In addition to the appendices to the AJPH article, the Working Group also has resources available on two Web sites to assist faculty in developing course content. Participants in this roundtable will discuss additional ways to foster the integration of the competencies into the public health education curriculum. Individuals from schools of medicine, nursing, allied health, and the behavioral and social sciences, in addition to faculty and students of schools and programs of public health, are encouraged to participate in the roundtable.

Session Objectives: To identify ways to foster the integration of the competencies about the prevention of war into the public health education curriculum.

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## TUESDAY (320.0)

### PEACE CAUCUS BUSINESS MEETING

6:00 - 7:00 PM  
MCC, 241

*Please note: We will have a brief business meeting beginning at 6 PM and at 6:30 PM we will go to the APHA Awards ceremony in order to celebrate Nancy Stoller as the recipient of the Victor Sidel and Barry Levy Award for Peace.*

## WEDNESDAY (5133.0)

### PEACE TO END ALL WAR

10:30 PM-12:00 PM  
MCC, 223

ANN HIRSCHMAN, RN-C, FNP, MPH, MODERATOR

- 10:30am — Military events leading to the Christmas truce (July-December 1914): The start of a military revolution  
Stephen Trynosky, JD, MPH, EMT, MMAS (cand.)
- 10:42am— Lasting Legacy of War - Susan Schnall, RN, FACHE
- 10:54am— Right to Heal - Maggie Martin, MA
- 11:06am— Community Based Rehabilitation Model for Individuals with War-Related Disabilities: Could This Work in the United States? - Carole Baraldi, Ed.D, RN
- 11:18am— Legacy of War: What is it Good For?  
Paul Cox, Civil Engineer, Vietnam Veteran, Board Chair Swords to Plowshares

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**2014 Health Activist Dinner!**  
**Sunday November 16, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m**

Hoshun Restaurant 1601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar  
(1.2-mile walk or 5-minute taxi from New Orleans Convention Center)

The Health Activist Dinner is a 30+ year tradition that celebrates activism for social justice in the field of health with an event that brings together progressive physician leaders and health activists from across the country.

Register at: <http://activistdinner.eventbrite.com> \$55 (Students: \$35)

Registration at the door: \$60 (Students: \$45)

Sponsoring Organizations: American Medical Student Association, APHA Peace Caucus, APHA Socialist Caucus, Committee of Interns and Residents/SEIU Healthcare, Doctors Council SEIU, Doctors for Global Health, Health-Begins.org, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, National Physicians Alliance, Physicians for a National Health Program, Physicians for Human Rights, Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Project for Nuclear Awareness, and RxDemocracy.



**Tuesday November 18, 8 PM- 12 midnight**  
**Occupational Health Section Dance Party!**

Fund Raising Social, Party, and Dance  
All welcome!!!!

Location: The Attic at Lucy's



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teaching and learning competencies (3).

The group is also developing website content that will compile faculty resources for teaching on war and health (4). This year, the group has been doing ongoing advocacy targeting the IOM's recent report "Preventing Psychological Disorders in Service Members and their Families," which made no mention of preventing war itself. There will be a presentation at APHA on the IOM report, titled "**War, public health and institutional conflicts of interest**" (#4253, Tuesday 12:30).

The group has also recently reached out to Deans of SPPH to alert them to the group's work and encourage expanded curricular offerings, as well as to recruit interested faculty to join the group's efforts. At the upcoming APHA meeting, the PH-PPW will be holding a session "**Integrating Competencies for the Prevention of War into Public Health Curricula**" (#4352.1, Tuesday 2:30) that will focus on the competency framework recently published in AJPH. This working round table session will engage all attendees in visioning expanded curricular offerings and academic strategies for promoting the primary prevention of war. We invite all to contribute! For those not attending and interested in learning more about this Working Group, please contact Shelley White at [mlwhite@bc.edu](mailto:mlwhite@bc.edu).

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