

# PEACE CAUCUS

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## Remembering 9/11

APHA Past-Presidents Barry Levy and Victor W. Sidel were among the list of prestigious contributors to the Lancet's September 1, 2011 issue which presented reflections on the events of 9/11, including research, review, and opinion pieces on the short-term and long-term physical, mental, and public health consequences of the attacks. The research papers report US domestic health effects and also some of the international consequences. In their article, *Adverse health consequences of US Government responses to the 2001 terrorist attacks*, Drs. Levy and Sidel assess such adverse health impacts as the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, violations of human rights in these countries, and the diversion of human and financial resources.

A survey of estimates by the *New York Times*, found the cost of the response to 9/11 to be \$3.3 trillion, or about \$6.6 million for every dollar Al Qaeda spent planning and executing the attacks. The *Times* article notes that while not all of the costs have been borne by the government -- and some are still to come -- this total equals one-fifth of the current national debt. See: Cox A. *A 9/11 Tally: \$3.3 Trillion*. *NY Times*, September 11, 2011. You can find the complete 9/11 issue of Lancet at: <http://www.thelancet.com/themed-911>.

## Visit the Peace Caucus at the Physicians For Social Responsibility Booth 6096

APHA Public Health Exposition  
Washington Convention Center

### Special Session: In Honor of Jack Geiger

This session will celebrate Jack's work, which has been devoted to protection and promotion of health through combating poverty and racism, protecting human rights, and preventing war.

Sunday 2:30 to 4:30 PM  
WCC 101.



### Should APHA encourage the U.S. to cease the practice of recruiting military enlistees in public high schools?

If you would like to help in writing or supporting a resolution to do just that, or, if you have concerns, please contact Amy Hagopian, International Health Section: [hagopian@uw.edu](mailto:hagopian@uw.edu) 206.616.4989. Learn more and share your opinion at the Peace Caucus Roundtable on Tuesday at 4:30 PM WCC 145

### Promoting Peace and Health in the Middle East: What Can Public Health Workers Do?

There are two extraordinary opportunities at APHA to hear first-hand reports from physicians about the human and environmental health impacts of war and occupation in the Middle East and the role of public health workers in prevention.

The first is on Tuesday, November 1st at 6:30 PM, when Allam Jarrar, MD, of the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, will speak on *Palestine and the Role of the BDS Movement*. Dr. Jarrar's presentation will be at the Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church 900 Massachusetts Ave, (across the street from the WCC entrance on Mt. Vernon Place) Room B102. Light refreshments will be served. Jewish Voice for Peace -- the largest US-based grassroots organization dedicated to promoting

full equality, democracy, and self-determination for both Israelis and Palestinians-- is sponsoring Dr. Jarrar's presentation and will be on hand to discuss We Divest, JVPs' campaign to stop TIAA-CREF, one the largest financial services in the US, from investing in companies that profit from the Israeli occupation. <http://wedivest.org/>

The second opportunity to learn more will be on Wednesday, November 2nd at 12:30 PM, when Dr. Jarrar and other physicians will discuss *Health and Human Rights in the Middle East: The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations*. (session 5200, please see p. 3 for details).

# Peace Caucus Program

## October 30 - November 2, 2011 Washington, DC

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### **SUNDAY (207.0)**

12:30 - 2:00 PM • WCC 101

**IN HONOR OF JACK GEIGER**

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### **MONDAY (3259.0)**

12:30 - 2:00 PM • WCC 147A

### **WAR, TERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

V.W. SIDEL, MD AND B. S. LEVY, MD, MPH, PRESIDERS

12:30 PM — War and Public Health: A 20-Year Perspective. B. S. Levy, MD, MPH; V. W. Sidel, MD

12:45 PM — Nuclear Weapons and Public Health: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Headed?  
R. Gould, MD; P. Sutton, MPH

1:00 PM — Human Rights and War: What Have We Achieved? L. Rubenstein, JD

1:15 PM — Civil Liberties. G. Annas, JD, MPH

1:30 PM — War or Health? Assessing Public Health Education and Training and the Potential for Social Change.  
S. K. White, MPH; B. Lown, MD; J. Rohde, MD

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### **MONDAY (3448.0)**

4:30 - 6:00 PM • WCC 147A

### **WAR AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE: THE IMPACT OF ARMED CONFLICTS ON COMMUNITIES**

B. S. LEVY, MD, MPH AND V. W. SIDEL, MD, PRESIDERS

4:30 PM — Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan: The Adverse Effects on Communities of the Diversion of Human and Financial Resources. V. W. Sidel, MD; B. S. Levy, MD, MPH

4:45 PM — Impact of War and Militarism on Minority Communities. C. E. Allen, PhD, RN; C. E. Easley, PhD, RN

5:00 PM — Brooklyn for Peace. C. Phillips, MD

5:15 PM — Weapon Carrying, Physical Fighting and Gang Membership among Adolescents in Washington State Military Families. S. Reed, MPH, MSW, LICSW; J. Bell, PhD, MPH; T. Edwards, PhD

5:30 PM — An operational reserve: Is the concept still operative after a decade of war? S. K. Trynosky, JD, MPH

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### **TUESDAY (4231.0)**

12:30 PM-2:00 PM • WCC 147A

### **IN THE WAKE OF FUKUSHIMA, IS NUCLEAR ENERGY HEALTHY FOR COMMUNITIES?**

K. FAGAN, MD, MPH PRESIDER

12:30 PM — Environmental and public health impacts of nuclear power. R. Gould, MD

12:50 PM — Challenges of evacuating impacted populations In the event of nuclear reactor emergencies.  
A. S. Kanter, MD, MPH

1:10 PM — Nuclear power from the perspective of communities at risk. J. Patterson, MPH

1:30 PM — Discussion

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Kathleen Fagan, MD, MPH, and Patrice Sutton, MPH, Program Planners

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**TUESDAY (4403.0)      ADVANCING APHA'S 2009 POLICY "THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, ACADEMICS, AND ADVOCATES IN RELATION TO ARMED CONFLICT AND WAR"**

4:30 PM-6:00 PM • WCC 145A

P. SUTTON, MPH, PRESIDER

Roundtable discussions will provide an opportunity to learn the views of a wide range of APHA's constituents about how war and the prevention of war does or could impact their work. Session leaders will facilitate conversations with the goal of exploring opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration to broadly leverage the benefits of war prevention across a wide range of public health issues and priorities.

Table 1 — Table 1: Measuring Peace: Mechanisms for data collection, synthesis, presentation, dissemination, and communication. L. Rubenstein, JD; H. Zucker, MD, JD; A. Andrews, MPH, MPhil

Table 2 — Table 2: Health Worker Training, Education and Capacity Building for Peace.  
R. Gould, MD; C. McCoy, PhD

Table 3 — Table 3: Fostering International Partnerships Among Key Allies: The Arms Trade Treaty.  
A. Sinha; C. Habis, MPH

Table 4 — Table 4: Military Recruitment at Public High Schools. A. Hagopian, PhD;  
A. Hirschman, RN-C, FNP, MPH; G. Gorman, RN, PhD

Table 5 — Table 5: Building Capacity: Exploring the Potential for A Day-Long Training at APHA in 2012.  
K. Fagan, MD

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**TUESDAY (324.0)**

## PEACE CAUCUS BUSINESS MEETING

6:00 PM WCC 145A

EVERYONE WELCOME!

The Peace Caucus extends our congratulations to Leonard Rubenstein, JD, this year's recipient of the Sidel-Levy Award for Peace which is awarded to an APHA member who has made outstanding contributions to preventing war and promoting international peace. The ceremony will take place on Tuesday evening, November 1, 2011 in the WCC.

Check the final program for the exact time and location.

**WEDNESDAY (5200.0)**

## HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: THE ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

12:30 PM-2:00 PM • WCC 148

A. F. MEYERS, MD, MPH, PRESIDER

12:30 PM — Health and Human Rights in the Middle East: The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations. A. F. Meyers, MD, MPH

12:50 PM — A Toxic Tour of Gaza: The Impact of War and Siege on Human and Environmental Health. R. Grady, MD; G. Haynes, Nurse Consultant; S. Gilbert, PhD, DABT; L. Hart, MD

1:10 PM — Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-Israel). R. Marton, MD

1:30 PM — Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS). A. Jarrar, MD

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