



PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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A Message from the President of PsySR

Dear PsySR community,

I hope this finds you safe and healthy. This has been a couple of very busy weeks. The PsySR leadership has been engaged in many conversations about our hopes and visions for PsySR. What is the role of our organization in this unprecedented pandemic, when millions of lives are at stake, and when particularly Black and Brown and poor people suffer the heaviest brunt of this global affliction. Now more than ever it is the time for all hands on deck. I know that PsySR is full of talent, knowledge and wisdom. How can we cooperate more closely, to help advance healing and liberation? What rapid response and mutual aid efforts can we support or start? I hope to talk with you about these questions in our next quarterly member call on Sunday May 3rd. It will be at 9 AM HST/ 12 PM PDT/ 2 PM CDT/ 3 PM EDT, and we will be sending a zoom link to all PsySR registered members. I hope you will join me.

With warm wishes,
Daniela

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Don't forget to send nominations for the Josephine "Scout" Wollman Fuller Award and the Anthony J. Marsella Prize for the Psychology of Peace and Social Justice!

[The Josephine "Scout" Wollman Fuller Award](#)

- **Submit nominations by April 30, 2020**

[PsySR's Anthony J. Marsella Prize for the Psychology of Peace and Social Justice](#)

- **Submit nominations by June 30, 2020**

Elections Reminder

Current PsySR members can vote in PsySR elections to endorse new members of the Admin team, and provide input to the PsySR decision whether to support the BDS movement. The deadline to submit your input is April 30.

<https://psysr.net/psysr-vote-2020/>

Welcome New Members of the Steering Committee

Hana Masud

Hana Masud, Doctorate degree in Community Psychology, National Louis University Chicago College of Professional Studies and Advancement (CPSA). Masud earned her Masters degree in Community Psychology from Birzeit University Occupied Palestine, and pursues her training in Narrative Therapy studies and practices from Adelaide Australia center, under the supervision of Palestine international certified expert. Her research focuses on the coloniality of mental health services and its impact on re-colonizing local resistance, and currently working on publishing her dissertation on Embodying de-coloniality and indigenizing psychology practices and pedagogy in Palestine. Masud is the co-chair of Racial Justice in Praxis, an initiative of Psychologists for Social Responsibility <http://psysr.org/>. Hana aims to build collaborative partnerships with communities in shared efforts to transform conditions of inequity towards wellness and justice; decolonial praxis with marginalized groups locally in Chicago and internationally primarily in Occupied Palestine. Serving with the Racial Justice Action group (RJAG) ignited a more acute understanding of decolonization in the global struggle for peace and justice, with that, the importance of sustaining our collective healing, prevent burn out while doing our part. Building relationships with mentors deepened my respect, commitment to our work and increased my involvement with the efforts against anti-immigrant policies, Islamophobia, and anti-BDS movement.

Gordon Crean

I am a US-born white settler, genderqueer cis man from an upper-middle class background. I am informed by growing up in a body and a context of privilege and oppression, experiencing from a young age a spiritual confusion and a knowing-feeling that something is deeply wrong, yet often being taught to

suppress it or individualize its origins. Holding on to that knowledge and struggling against the cultural currents of denial, greed, entitlement and escapism, and being told in so many ways that I am the crazy one, has often led me to isolation, depression and anxiety. I understand these as rooted in my body's refusal to adapt to a sick society, its attunement to violence and suffering and liberation.

As a budding community psychology scholar-activist, I am interested in supporting processes of psychosocial transformation: the interrelated processes of psychological transformation (e.g. development of a communal sense of self, healing of internalized oppression and the psychological impacts of oppression) and social transformation (e.g. building autonomous and consensus-based forms of governance, transformative systems of accountability, and other liberatory institutions/interrelationships). I aim to do research in service and partnership with grassroots organizers, cultural workers and healers who work to sustain communities of resistance, care and love: the sites where psychosocial transformation occurs.

During the past 4 years, I have been a part of a loose community of activists in the city of Worcester, MA, where I have been involved with community organizing and community-building related to racial justice, climate justice, transformative justice, and anarchism. During that time, I have enacted and witnessed barriers to effective organizing, including burnout and lack of resilience, exclusionary dynamics, and unhealthy relationship to conflict. These experiences have led me to more deeply appreciate the need for practices of collective healing inside of liberation, as articulated by the framework of healing justice. I am currently interning for Elevated Thought, a youth organizing, arts, and social justice nonprofit in Lawrence, MA, to support them in integrating healing justice practices into their work, and in beginning to offer mental health resources and programming for young people in Lawrence

Kelty Walker

Kelty is a Clinical Psychology PhD student at Pacifica Graduate Institute and works in the addiction treatment field in Los Angeles.

Social Justice Interests: The history of how indigenous peoples have been treated in the allegedly civilized world has a particular impact on my view of psychology. I'm interested in the subtleties of the dynamics of power and violence in society as well as the field of psychology, and in increasing awareness about how psychology may casually abuse its power in regards to vulnerable populations. There are ways in which psychology condones or perpetuates violence and systemic oppression in regards to indigenous peoples and others who are not in positions of power in our society.

Jack O'Brien

Jack F. O'Brien is a graduate student in DePaul University's Masters of Science in Psychology program and a research assistant with the Oxford House Research Team at DePaul's Center for Community Research. He graduated from DePaul with a BA in Psychology with a Community concentration in 2018. His research interests include substance abuse recovery with an emphasis on recovery residencies; Community Psychology education; and advocacy for ethical practices in psychology. I am particularly interested in accessibility as a value in terms of social justice in practice. I think housing is a primary concern and a growing one with each day; oftentimes we have programs aimed toward a more equitable distribution of resources, especially to those experiencing homelessness, but we miss the basic

necessity of needing a roof over one's head to even take advantage of any offered resources. Psychological ethics and national security is also a concern of mine, which I believe is of concern given the turnover in APA counsel (meaning there are members who are unaware of the PENS/Hoffman Era in our history and could fall prey to those who would see psychologists back in abusive settings) and the current administration's political leanings. Finally, access to education is important to me; the freer and easier to find the better

La'Shawn Littrice

La'Shawn Littrice (Lit-treese) received her PhD in Community Psychology from National Louis University. La'Shawn was born and raised on the Southside of Chicago in the Englewood Community. When she opened an accounting firm and became a full-time business owner, she became concerned about the community and those affected by the lack of equal opportunities, violence and incarceration. She and her husband opened a non-profit organization, where they assisted youth who wanted to go to college by teaching them entrepreneurial skills as well as help men who were returning from prison, reintegrate into society by creating employment opportunities for them.

La'Shawn operated her accounting firm for almost 20 years and then she developed a passion to advocate for those affected by incarceration. She returned to school at NLU and graduated in 2015 with her Master's in Public Policy. She co-founded an organization called Black Lives Matter Women of Faith as well as Protect the Frontline where she works in the community to address systemic issues like demanding a quality education for our youth, racism, homelessness, poverty, and violence at the hands of law enforcement against African Americans. She continued to pursue her studies to become a Doctor of Philosophy focusing on *The Intergenerational Separation and Movement Toward Reunion: A Mixed Quantitative and Qualitative Methods Examination of Parents, Incarceration and Relationships with Their Children*, where she explored African Americans parents and the relationships with their children after incarceration. She has been appointed as the Regional Director of Mass Incarceration, Criminal Justice Reform and Restorative Justice by the National Congress on Faith & Social Justice. She is the co-founder of Black Lives Matter Women of Faith and co-founder of Protect the Front Line. She is an entrepreneur, starting Collaborative Community Consulting, Inc. and Sivad Consulting, Inc. in which she operates with her husband. She is committed to fight for change in the lives of those who are disenfranchised and will always stand for equality.

Monica Noriega

Monica Noriega is a doctoral candidate (PsyD) at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, California and a predoctoral intern at Providence Saint John's Child and Family Development Center, Early Childhood Assessment and Treatment Program (ECAT) in Santa Monica, California. Monica has extensive training in the assessment and treatment of complex trauma in young children and immigrant populations in hospital and community mental health settings. Monica is also an experienced grassroots organizer and is an active member of Af3irm (Association of Feministas, Filipinas, Fighting Imperialism Re-feudalization and Marginalization) San Francisco Bay Area Chapter. Monica and AF3irm SF Bay Area have organized protests, campaigns, and workshops around various issues including migrant prisons, DACA, TPS, sex trafficking, and sexual harassment. Monica also collaborates with humanitarian organizations such as Bay Area Border Relief where she supports in the organization and execution of campaigns such as #QueridaAmerica that focus on upholding the rights of asylum seekers on the US/Mexico Border. Monica has also collaborated with Bay Area Border Relief to provide direct service to asylum seekers at the migrant camps in Matamoros, Mexico to raise awareness around and demand the abolition of the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) or "Remain in

Mexico Program.” Monica is also a core member of Healers 4 Abolition, a network of engaged, mobilized, and conscious healers committed to creating community-based alternatives and pathways for healing justice.

Garnadette Stuckey

Garnadette Stuckey is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Community Psychology at National Louis University. Garnadette earned her Master’s of Social Work degree from Loyola University Chicago. She is currently employed as a Forensic Social Worker at Elgin Mental Health Center in Elgin, Illinois. Garnadette previously worked with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) in various capacities ranging from Child Welfare Specialist and Child Protection Specialist

As a Forensic Social Worker, she provides individual and group counseling to mentally ill patients who have been adjudicated to be “Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity” (NGRI) or “Unfit to Stand Trial” (UST). Garnadette excels in building rapport and developing therapeutic relationships with patients, and being an advocate and change agent within interdisciplinary teams that include psychologists, psychiatrists, RNs, and activity therapists.

Garnadette’s current research focuses on addressing the lack of accountability in police brutality, and the ways in which that lack of accountability facilitates a sense of hopelessness in the African American community. She is utilizing quantitative and qualitative methods of examination to understand how the community can move from hopelessness toward hope.

And we thank **Judy Roth** and **Mark Kane** who are leaving the Steering Committee for their valuable contributions to PsySR. We will miss you and wish you all the best!

Healing Justice

PsySR Statement on the Treatment of Asylum Seekers and COVID-19

Please endorse the **statement** as an individual, organization, or institution
National day of action of June 26, 2020 on International Day in Support of
Victims of Torture

Please email psysr.endmassincarceration@gmail.com if you would like to support this effort.

Healers for Abolition

Please consider joining Healers 4 Abolition!

Healers 4 Abolition (H4A) is a collective of healers of all disciplines who are committed to the struggle for liberation for all oppressed, incarcerated, and detained people. H4A is a network of engaged, mobilized, and conscious healers committed to creating community-based alternatives and pathways for healing justice. We are a community committed to using our collective resources to dismantle the pillars of white supremacy, capitalism, patriarchy, and colonization as they exist within our respective disciplines. We are here to build something new. We envision a world where systems of care are driven by the needs and values of the community, rather than the interests and greed of capitalists. We fight for a world where black, brown, indigenous, disabled, trans, unhoused, undocumented, and queer bodies are valued, respected, and protected both within and outside of the medical system. We advocate for a world where survivors can access care without fear of being pathologized. We

mobilize for a world where healing in all of its radically authentic and holistic forms is legitimized and accessible to all. We intervene and dismantle through direct action, internal reflection, research, education, training, and coalition building. Our praxis is rooted in the voices and experiences of the communities most impacted by structural violence, US imperialism, and the prison industrial complex. As Healers 4 Abolition, we know that true healing cannot be achieved until the ashes of every prison wall, ICE detention center, and border wall are returned to the earth. Our work is guided by abolitionist, decolonial, and liberation teachings that have taught us that none of us are free until all of us are free.

To learn more about H4A and to join our next call please email Monica at healersforabolition@gmail.com

Community Conversations

We are excited for the success of our community conversations! Every week we have had 25+ participants on our zoom calls. To give us time for proper follow through, we are changing the frequency of the community conversations to biweekly with planned conversations on May 6 and 20. We welcome suggestions for future topics and speakers.

Check out all of our community conversations [on PsySR on Vimeo!](#)

Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BDM) movement



On Wednesday April 15 we had a passionate conversation about the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement (BDM) movement with Sunaina Maira, PhD and Hana R. Masud, PhD. If you are interested in continuing the conversation about how to practice radical solidarity with Palestinians and how to support the BDS movement please visit <https://bdsmovement.net/> or <https://usacbi.org/>

PsySR will be releasing a statement on BDS soon! If you would like to get involved please contact daniela.kantorova@gmail.com

The Impact of Climate Change



On Wednesday, April 22nd, Susan Spieler led a conversation about the impact of climate change on humans and other species and the ways it has affected different communities across the country in honor of Earth Day. Participants shared the challenges and successes of environmental justice activism across the U.S. Participants also discussed environmental justice issues and identified obstacles to actively resisting ongoing environmental racism in the era of COVID-19.

Upcoming Conversations



A Dialogue on Hybrid Warfare

Wednesday, 4/29/2020

4pm PDT / 6pm CDT / 1:00pm HST/7pm EDT

Facilitated by: Monisha Rios, Camilo Mejia, & Jovanni Reyes

What is Hybrid Warfare and how is the U.S. Psychological industry involved? We'll explore these questions and more in our next PsySR Community Conversation as Army veterans Camilo Mejia, Jovanni Reyes, and Monisha Rios deepen the dialogue they started in World BEYOND War's recent webinar on Hybrid Warfare.

Camilo Mejia

In 2003 Camilo became a war resister and conscientious objector when he refused to return to duty in the Iraq war. He was court martialed, imprisoned for nine months, and subsequently recognized as a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. He has been closely following U.S. regime change events all over the world, including in his native Nicaragua. 2.

Jovanni Reyes

Jovanni is the member coordinator for About Face: Veterans Against the War. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1993 and deployed to the Balkans in 1996 as part of NATO's first ever military intervention, which culminated in the dismemberment of Yugoslavia into six statelets. By 2002, in the run up to the war on Iraq, he was no longer moved by the pretexts and false narratives cheerleading for war. He resigned from the military in 2007 and began to work for peace. Jovanni holds a Masters in International Relations with a focus on Global Studies.

Monisha Rios

Monisha is a Gulf War Era Army Veteran and a Doctoral Candidate in Liberation Psychology. Her research focuses on the militarization of psychology in the United States. Her work is geared towards building a grassroots movement to conduct a peoples' inquiry into the U.S.'s use of psychological warfare against the peoples of the world, including its own citizens, and to amplify the voices of those who are most impacted by U.S. wars, centering the voices of colonized Peoples.



Coalition for Work with Psychotrauma and Peace

Wednesday, May 6

2pm PDT / 4pm CDT / 11am HST/5pm EDT

Facilitated by: Charles Tauber

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic there was an enormous shortage of people carrying out psychological assistance for vulnerable groups, particularly in areas undergoing conflict and in post-conflict areas. In 2007, a series of articles in *The Lancet* noted that more than 90% of people needing such assistance weren't getting it. This was reaffirmed in the same journal in 2018. The COVID-19 pandemic makes this situation even more serious, as we already are seeing severe psychological issues caused not only by the disease itself but by the isolation and social displacement. The CWWPP has found that, if well educated and well supervised, people without institutional training in psychology, particularly those from the community of the beneficiaries, can carry out front-line psychological work with their peers very well, sometimes better than the professionals.

The Coalition for Work with Psycho-trauma & Peace (**CWWPP**) has been working with war victims and asylum seekers and refugees since 1995, and I have been doing that work since 1988. We have developed a methodology that we call Pragmatic Empowerment Training (PET), which is based on Carl Rogers' method of participatory education. In general, groups of 3-10 people get together for 1-2 hours weekly onsite or online to speak about their issues and to educate themselves, with the assistance of a facilitator who is educated in the appropriate fields. While there is a curriculum consisting of an introduction to working with people, self-care, communication, basic psychology and counseling, non-violent conflict transformation, civil society and human rights, the specific curriculum for the group, both over the longer term and in specific sessions, is determined by the participants. We have worked onsite and have done a considerable amount of work online. In general groups last for about a 12-18 months and frequently turn into supervision groups. Within the groups, a considerable amount of therapy by another name takes place. This method overcomes a large amount of stigma. Further,

beneficiaries, particularly those from traditional societies, accept counseling far better from peers than from professionals. Also, many cultural barriers are overcome, as beneficiaries work with people from their own cultural and demographic groups.

As mentioned, we see a very high demand for psychological work all over the world, and we see that demand increasing as a result of corona but not only for that reason. In many places in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, as well as in vulnerable groups in North America, there simply isn't the capacity to deal with the issues.

Thus, our aim for this meeting for us is to form a working group to modify the PET methodology to the extent necessary, to spread it and to amplify its reach, and to produce appropriate materials for it.

To get involved please email cwwppsummer@gmail.com



Mental Health Crisis and Police Terror in the Era of COVID Fascism Wednesday, May 20

Facilitated by: Monica Noriega and Daniela Kantorova

This conversation will be a discussion regarding police terror in the era of COVID-19. Presenters will discuss a recent case of police terror in San Leandro, California from a critical race, trauma, liberation, and healing justice lense. Presenters will also lead a discussion regarding alternatives for incarceration and police violence in addressing mental health crises in oppressed communities.

For more information on Healers 4 Abolition please email Monica Noriega at noriegamonica2@gmail.com or DM on instagram [@healers4abolition](https://www.instagram.com/healers4abolition)

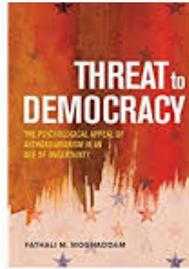
MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

Moya Atkins

- SWASC Memorandum and response by CEO of NASW and/or President Kathryn Wehrmann about leadership needed to act to release prisoners
- Martha Davis will have her video/webinar ready by mid-May.
- Terry Kupers has contributed his way of teaching about dual loyalty and solitary confinement - a bit unrealistic, he realized and will change it to support SWASC's push for the associations to give full support based on Physicians for Human Rights' Report on Dual Loyalty and Human Rights in Health Professional Practice

Fathali Moghaddam

- Dr. Moghaddam co-edited new book The "Psychology of Radical Social



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Moghaddam, F. M. (2019). *Threat to democracy: The appeal of authoritarianism in an age of uncertainty*. APA Press.

[Available on Amazon](#)
<http://fathalimoghaddam.com/>

Mary Watkins

I would like to share our new newsletter from Community, Liberation, Indigenous, and Eco-Psychologies. The students and faculty of the **Community, Liberation, Indigenous, and Eco-Psychologies M.A./Ph.D. Specialization** at Pacifica Graduate Institute would like to share their work around social and environmental justice. Each year such work is highlighted in an edition of *Hearing Voices*. Some of the work presented at PsySr's conference *Healing Justice* is also presented.



Community, Liberation, Indigenous, & Eco-Psychologies Pacifica Graduate Institute

Susan Spieler

- [Caring Bridge.org](http://CaringBridge.org)

- I'm writing to tell all of you of a great resource for people who are dealing with a complicated health problem. It is called CaringBridge.org. This organization enables people to set up a simple and helpful website to share with friends and relatives only. This enables patients to minimize and simplify their communication and updates with the people who care and are asking how you're doing. It's very tiring to answer the same questions over and over again. So posting them to all the people whom you want to update is very helpful and, it enables the friends and relatives to collaborate in supporting their shared friend/relative.

Steve Kanofsky and Sharon Martinas

Dear colleagues,

I am aware that we are all getting flooded with requests and opportunities to support the communities we care so deeply about during these highly stressful times and that many of us are at or near our limits about adding anything new. Yet I want to let you know about an opportunity to develop a potentially lifelong meaningful and mutually beneficial relationship with a person from one of the communities Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ) has long advocated for, through developing a prison pen pal relationship. Through our connections with and mentorship from Sharon Martinas, a long time advocate for prisoners in California and around the country, a number of us on different SURJ committees have been corresponding with men who have been held in California prisons.

Most of these men have been long term organizers against the California prison system. This includes being leaders or closely involved with the hunger strikes within California prisons that have played a major role in calling attention to and improving the deplorable conditions and injustices within our criminal injustice system, including the cruel and tortuous use of solitary confinement. As a result of their courage and leadership in these protests, these men have often been punished and isolated further from their peers and denied parole despite taking full responsibility for past crimes and being exemplary members of the prison community. All the people whom you would be corresponding with are Black, elders (from about 45 to 70) and many have been imprisoned for much of their lives and/or have life without parole sentences.

Each of us who has developed pen pal relationships with these men, including me, has found it to be a highly rewarding, inspiring and even transformational experience. They have so much to teach us all about resilience and how to advocate for racial justice in the most oppressive of circumstance. Some of us have also been able to have telephone calls, email communication and in person visits with these men, which has allowed for further deepening of our relationships. We are now seeking several others to become prison pen pals with other such men who have been requesting this. To be an accountable pen pal, we would ask that you be willing to write or accept a 15 minute phone call with him every two weeks and to commit to this relationship for at least one year.

If you decide to become a pen pal, you will also be expected to join a support group that meets periodically (currently on zoom) to consult with each other about any questions or challenges that arise and to share the rewards of this work. If you are interested, please contact me or Sharon Martinas (sharonmartinas13@gmail.com). Sending wishes for health and well being to you and all those you care about in these most challenging of times,
In solidarity,

Steve Kanofsky, Ph.D., stevekanofsky@gmail.com

Ann Anderson

Fighting for Full Rights for Washington, DC

In yet another example of how the 700,000+ residents of Washington, DC, are often treated like a political football, in the recent CARES Act passed by Congress, DC was lumped in with territories to receive discretionary funds because, according to the authors of the bill, "DC is not a state." This action runs contrary to the usual Congressional practice

of treating DC as if it were a state when it comes to distributing block grants to states. As a result, DC was shortchanged, only receiving about \$750 million instead of the guaranteed \$1.25 billion going to every state, regardless of size. DC has more people than Vermont and Wyoming and is on par with several other states. DC also pays more federal taxes than 22 states, whereas, territories do not pay federal taxes beyond FICA. And, DC is working hard with Stay Home orders to contain the coronavirus outbreak in the region. Furthermore, this is part of a pattern to use DC to make political points, while costing DC lives. One the most egregious examples is all the years Congress prevented DC from running a needle exchange program to combat spread of HIV/AIDS infections. DC ended up with the highest rate of infections in the country, except for the years when needle exchange was allowed, when rate of infection fell 50%. If DC had been a state, there would have been 2 Senators standing up for the people of DC in this negotiated legislation. Instead, the authors, on purpose, chose to under-fund DC.

Anne has been working for DC Statehood since 1971 and is currently Chair of the Committee for Full Rights for DC Citizens of the DC League of Women Voters. She led an LWVDC webinar on April 14th (the day before Tax Day!) to explain how these kinds of things keep happening, why having full representation in Congress by becoming a state is essential, and where things stand in the current struggle.

The webinar was recorded and can be found [Here](#)

There are several ways to help

- Ask your Congressman and Senators to fully fund DC in the next bill.
- Sign a petition to support DC statehood [by clicking here](#)
- Please direct any questions to Anne Anderson atlwvdc1920@gmail.com
- Anne Anderson: mobileanne@comcast.net

Michael Knox

Militarism and COVID 19

- During the coronavirus pandemic, the inadequacies of our healthcare and public health systems and the shortages of equipment, supplies, and hospital beds underscore the fact that military-related activities are the highest priority of the U.S. government. Its 2020 military budget is \$738 billion. That's over \$84 million an hour for war. That's where our tax dollars go and that's where the resources are—spread around the world to intimidate and do harm, rather than good.
- In a culture that funds and esteems war-making, we must find a way to teach respect for peacemaking. A national monument to courageous peacemakers can help do that by creating role models and sharing what they do in behaviorally specific terms. It can change our cultural mindset by making it no longer acceptable to label those who speak out against war as un-American, anti-military, disloyal, or unpatriotic.
- The US Peace Memorial Foundation provides education about living antiwar activists, and our nation's long history of brave citizens who have actively opposed U.S. wars. The memorial will help decrease the social barriers that Americans must overcome before they publicly oppose a war. This is important because active public opposition is one of the most effective ways to end war and militarism. Although it may take years to fund, design, and build the physical structure in our nation's capital, all elements of the memorial currently exist online:

- The Idea: [US Peace Memorial Foundation](http://www.uspeacememorial.org)
- Quotes: www.uspeacememorial.org/Quotes.htm,
- Peace Prize: [US Peace Prize](#)
- Registry: [US Peace Registry](#) and
- Organizations: www.uspeacememorial.org/Organizations.htm.
- Please join us at [How To Donate](#).
- Michael D. Knox, PhD, Chair
- US Peace Memorial Foundation
- JOIN US: www.USPeaceMemorial.org/Donors.htm
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- (202) 455-8776



Daniela Kantorova

[Coalition for Work with Psychotrauma and Peace](#)

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Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Newsletter contributions must be received by 5 PM Pacific/ 7 PM Central/ 8 PM Central each Friday to make it to the next Friday's newsletter. Please keep the contributions to 1-2 paragraph length (with links to longer posts if needed). We welcome updates about your local PsySR activities, about member projects, books, articles, or presentations. We do not accept any commercial posts or advertisements.

Call for Abstracts/ Articles: Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology

Curriculum Development and Training in Social Action and Social Justice among Counselors, Mental Health Practitioners, and Psychologists

- A growing body of literature has emerged on how to train counselors, mental health practitioners, and psychologists to engage in social action and social justice activities (e.g., practice, research, policy formulation, and implementation, advocacy). While there are some conceptual articles available, empirical and implementation research of social action and social justice work is scant. [The Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology \(JSACP\)](#) is leading this type of empirical evidence on social action and advocacy. Because the need for our field to perform social action and social justice work has increased, more considerable attention has been paid to develop core competencies. As such, it is critical that we develop the necessary scholarship on how to prepare our professionals, and establish best curricula and training practices. Further, there is a need to disseminate and evaluate current social action and social justice models already implemented in graduate programs and also in the field. This special issue will begin to accomplish these goals.
- We welcome abstracts of empirical studies and/or actual implementation of curricula and training linked to preparing counselors, mental health practitioners, and/or psychologists in social action and justice work.
- Abstracts should be emailed to Drs. Lawrence Gerstein and Pamela Valera Co-Editors-JSACP) at editorjsacp@bsu.edu by **May 15, 2020**. The abstract should be 500 words or less, and in APA format in accordance with the [journal's guidelines](#)

- A review of abstracts will occur after that and invited authors will be asked to submit a full-length manuscript by October 15, 2020. These manuscripts must be uploaded to the journal's [online portal](#) no later than October 15, 2020. Submitted papers will be sent for peer-review. Once the reviews are complete, we will render a decision about the suitability of an article for publication. We anticipate completing the entire submission and revision process in March 2021 and publishing this special issue in the summer of 2021.
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