



PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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ELECTION RESULTS

Please join us in congratulating our new president-elect, Monisha Rios, and our new secretary, Gordon Lee. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to vote on this slate, and to express their views on whether or not PsySR should support the [Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement](#). Of those who responded, 87% supported PsySR endorsement of BDS. Please stay tuned for further updates and formal statement on this issue.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Submit nominations for

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

- Submit nominations by June 30, 2020
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Community Conversations

Hacker Response

PsySR's community conversation was hacked by a white supremacist on April 29th. The steering committee committed to increasing safety procedures during our community conversations to protect our spaces from future attacks.

Upcoming Conversations

What are YOU going to do? Inspiring hope through action.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

1 PM-3:30 HST// 4:00-5:30 PM PDT// 6:00-7:30 PM CDT // 7:00-8:30 PM EDT

Speaker: Garnadette Stuckey

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nTYryYiySu2elKSrqty_fQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Abstract: A complete education is essential and currently our educational system is lacking a very crucial ingredient...truth. Honesty really is the best policy and the truth has largely been hidden. An excellent example is the 2015 McGraw Hill text book incident. Mostly readings like Ta Nehisi Coats' The Case for Reparations is not required reading, but it should be.

Since January 20, 2017 and even before, blatant incidents of racial discrimination have been undeniable. As psychologists, social workers, educators, healthcare providers, and human beings, it is important work for us to minimize the blissful and willful ignorance and maximize the knowledge and awareness about such incidents for ourselves and our next generations. We have an opportunity to identify how cognitive dissonance enables those who are justifying police violence in our society and the countless acts of racial discrimination that disrupts the lives of minorities in our country. For this conversation, I will be defining racism as prejudice plus the power to oppress. This definition makes more sense to me especially when we consider other isms such as ageism, sexism, and classism. For the purpose of this conversation, our focus will be on the African American experience because of the disproportionality.

My study has to do with the sense of hopelessness in the black community pertaining to police violence and how to inspire hope. While many African Americans endure the weight of hopelessness, there are those who utilize tools such as learned-efficacy, serendipity, and positive racial identity to be hopeful.

Conversations about hope are also essential and could very well contribute to the consistent incidents of accountability for police violence that would significantly inspire hope. Working with PsySR inspires hope. Connecting with people who are unapologetic about our country's legacy inspires hope. Teaching and engaging the next generation of psychologists, social workers, educators, health care providers, and human beings in the truth via African American perspective inspires hope.

Providing children with a different educational perspective is the least we can do to teach our littlest human beings and the future of our country to have more awareness, empathy, understanding, and ability to identify and eradicate hate which also inspires hope.

Presenter Bio:

Garnadette Stuckey received her Master's Degree in Social Work from Loyola University Chicago and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Community Psychology from National Louis University. Garnadette is currently employed as a Forensic Social Worker at Elgin Mental Health Center in Elgin, Illinois. As a Forensic Social Worker, Garnadette 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 specializes in developing and implementing treatment plans for patients who are suffering from psychotic disorders including schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, and bipolar disorder with psychotic features. Garnadette is most expert in building rapport and developing therapeutic relationships with patients and being an advocate and change agent within the interdisciplinary team that includes a psychologist, psychiatrist, RN, and activity therapist. Garnadette previously worked with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) in various capacities. In 1995 Garnadette was employed as an office associate with DCFS and within six months of employment took advantage of the upward mobility program and for the next ten years earned an Associates degree, continuing on to earn a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Applied Behavioral Science, continuing on to earn a Master's of Social Work degree from Loyola University Chicago. In 2006 Garnadette promoted herself to a Child Welfare Specialist position working with intact families monitoring services to ensure the safety and well being of children and families involved with DCFS. In 2008, Garnadette again promoted herself to Child Protection Specialist responding to hotline calls to the Department. Garnadette was responsible for investigating allegations of abuse or neglect. Garnadette was the first responder to those allegations and was bound by Federal Mandate to ensure those children were seen and assessed within 24 hours. In some cases or emergency responses, children must be seen within no later than two hours. Currently Garnadette has research interests in addressing the lack of accountability in police brutality and how it facilitates a sense of hopelessness in the African American community. Research interests encompass using quantitative and qualitative mixed method of examination to understanding how to move from hopelessness toward hope. It is important incorporate a contextual framework in the implementation of plans of action towards hope along with using culturally responsive evaluation and participatory action research methods to determine effectiveness in capacity building and sociopolitical transformation.

COVID-19 Mutual Aid Fund For
Migrants in Matamoros

Psychologists for Social Responsibility (PsySR) & Bay Area Border Relief (BABR) are launching a Mutual Aid Fund in solidarity with asylum seekers impacted by the Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP) in the Matamoros Refugee Camp (across the border from Brownsville, TX).

All donations will be given to the Bay Area Border Relief (BABR) to distribute funds & tangible resources (food, water, masks, and sanitary products) directly to families in the camp.

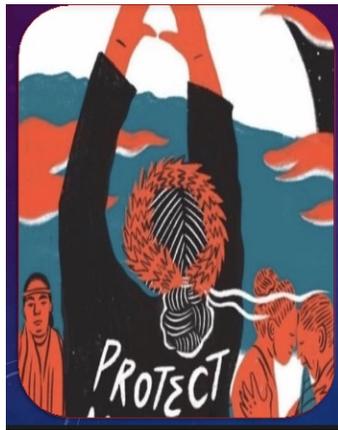
DONATE:
<https://tinyurl.com/MatamorosMutualAid>

families at the Matamoros Refugee Camp

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

**Facilitated by: Presenters: Monica Noriega, Daniella Navarete,,
Tenisha Hill and Annissa Baker**

At this very moment, millions of asylum seekers are awaiting their hearings in refugee camps and for-profit migrant prisons. This political administration's violent policies including the Migrant Protection Protocols (i.e. "remain in Mexico" policy) has placed millions of families at risk for death, assault, trafficking, and disease. In the wake of COVID-19, many asylum seekers have fallen ill and died in migrant prisons and on the US/Mexico border due to grossly insufficient access to medical care and personal protection equipment (PPE). Grassroots organizations such as Bay Area Border Relief (BABR) are on the front lines of providing life-saving supplies, legal support, and accompaniment to families in the Matamoros Refugee Camp. There is an immense need for psychologists to join grassroots organizations on the front lines, in the ivory tower, and on capitol hill in our collective struggle for migrant justice. In this community conversation, we will talk about the impact of COVID-19 on asylum seekers on the US/Mexico border and discuss ways that psychologists can mobilize in response to the atrocities facing asylum seekers in our local communities, US/Mexico border, and in migrant prisons. We will also be discussing the campaign for [Mutual Aid fund for Migrants in Matamoros](#), upcoming National Day of Action on Friday June 26th, and [PsySR statement](#) on the Treatment of Asylum Seekers and COVID-19.



Historic & Contemporary Hawaiian Patriotism, Resistance to Complicity by Proxy, & Protection of Sacred Lands

Wednesday, May 27

Facilitated by: Dr. Lana Sue I. Ka'opua PhD, DCSW, LSW and Dr. Richard Rothschiller, Psy.D.

Standing tall for the sacred mountain. Maunakea is genealogically linked to the native people of Hawaii. Maunakea is known as our kupuna, our ancestor, our teacher, our protector, our corrector, our guide. For the last 10 years, we have held off the project of building an 18 story telescope on top of our mountain... over our water aquifer and the source of water for much of this island. If we don't stand for the most sacred, what do we stand for? We are making a stand as not just Native people, but really as a worldwide community. In this community conversation, we ask How do Aloha 'Aina & Kapu Alona compare/contrast with PsySR's culture of peace, social justice, and social

responsibility? What are the ways to champion Indigenous issues in professional training and continuing education? In community and national conversations? What is Kapu Aloha and how have these constructs been used to resist Western hegemony?

Speaker Bio: Lana Sue I. Ka'opua, PhD, DCSW, LSW is retired professor of the University of Hawai'i-Manoa and the UH Cancer Center. She is passionate about social justice and health equity. She convenes the Social Work & Health Inequalities Network, a global organization and recently, served as editor of a special journal issue on the health and well-being of Indigenous Peoples. As health researcher and author, she partners with medically-underserved communities in Hawai'i, American Samoa, and the Pacific Basin. She is dedicated to active protection and preservation of Wahi Pana (Sacred Places). As part of the Maunakea Medics and Healers Hui, she coordinated Nā Leo Lokomaika'i, telephone support for protectors of Kahuku, Maunakea, and Waimanalo. She is inspired by the Samoan wisdom: "O le tele o sulu e maua se fagota, e mama se avega pe at amo fa'atasi." "My strength does not come from me alone but rather from the many working with each other...working as one."

In June we will be moving to biweekly conversations. SAVE THE DATE for the next conversation on June 10, topic TBD> Please send topic and speaker suggestions to psysr.ac@gmail.com This is a great opportunity for PsySR members to showcase their work and uplift their causes.

MEMBER POSTS

Monisha Rios, President-Elect Psychologists for Social Responsibility

Colleagues,

Those of you who could attend the recent community conversation on hybrid warfare may remember that one of our guests was a leading member of a peace and solidarity group from Venezuela, a sovereign nation that has consistently been under attack by the U.S. government, even before the current administration. We were asked to be in solidarity with the people of Venezuelan people who are suffering the most from the inhumane and illegal acts of aggression that Jovanni, Camilo, and I described.

Given the cruelty with which the U.S. government has deployed hybrid warfare against the Venezuelan people along with recent escalations of violence in the ongoing attempt to replace their democratically elected president and government with a U.S.-controlled proxy - and given our industry's culpability in these acts - it is appropriate for us to actively demonstrate our solidarity now.

Jovanni, Camilo, and I discussed the three of us drafting a statement and inviting our respective groups (About Face: Veterans Against the War and PsySR) to sign on. Another idea is to draft it together with PsySR as another collaborative effort between psychologists and veterans.

My best,

Monisha

- If interested in collaborating please contact Monisha at monisharios@gmail.com

Mark Pilisuk

- Sanctions have become a new face of war, harming and killing the most vulnerable population. A real opportunity for congressional action to remove sanctions is also offered by the fact that sanctions markedly worsen efforts to fight the coronavirus. Significant congressional support is growing for adding removal of sanctions to the major legislation re the COVID 19 virus. Many organizations are adding their voice to this effort. The time line is very short. One opportunity for organizational sig- on is below.
- Please see a copy of the letter below. To sign on to endorse the letter please contact psysr-steering@googlegroups.com

Dear (Member of Congress/Senator),

We, the undersigned California-based humanitarian, research, peace building, faith-based, human rights, and civil society organizations and community leaders very much appreciate your leadership during this global pandemic. We are writing to urge you to support a humane U.S. response to the COVID-19 pandemic by including desperately needed sanctions relief in the next coronavirus stimulus package.

Please note that so far 45 Democratic Senators and members of Congress have written to President Trump and Secretaries Pompeo and Mnuchin asking for the lifting of sanctions in light of the worldwide pandemic. In addition, there is precedence for lifting sanctions under Bush (2003) and Obama (2012) on humanitarian grounds.

We have serious concerns for the health of people in the nations under the most severe economic sanctions, including Iran, Venezuela, Syria, Cuba, North Korea, Palestine (Gaza and West Bank), and Yemen among others. It is well documented that the sanctions have resulted in thousands of deaths in the past few years among the most vulnerable populations of the poor, elderly, and those with chronic diseases in these nations due to the obstacles placed on their ability to import and purchase vital medications and medical equipment.

Unless we take action to lift the economic sanctions, many millions more will face additional risk of infection, death, as well as severe economic hardship. Unless the sanctions are lifted, it will cripple the capacity of these countries to deal with the pandemic and adequately control its spread. In the case of Iran, inadequate resources to fight the virus will lead to risk of spread to other countries in the area, many of which are considered American allies. Many Americans in Afghanistan and throughout the Middle East may be affected.

We support UN Secretary-General António Guterres' recent call "for the waiving of sanctions that can undermine countries' capacity to respond to the pandemic".

We also support his call for a global ceasefire, because what is required for the peace, security, and health of all nations is cooperation and sharing of resources.

The U.N. High Commissioner on Human Rights has stated that in the context of this pandemic, sanctions that undermine the efforts of any one country to control the virus creates a higher risk for all countries.

We ask you to support or introduce legislation, whether as part of the coronavirus stimulus package or separately, to urge the administration to take the following humanitarian steps:

Create a clear general license authorizing specific medications and medical equipment to facilitate international relief efforts. This license would aid in the donation or sale of items including testing kits, respiratory devices, personal protective equipment and medicine.

Remove barriers to financial transactions necessary in order to purchase needed items to fight the pandemic

Publicly address the “over compliance” phenomenon, where organizations and banks have been reluctant to engage in humanitarian trade and loans for fear of violating sanctions, and emphasize that participants in such trade will not face U.S. sanctions

Engage in collaborative efforts with other governments that establish humanitarian channels similar to the Swiss humanitarian channel to expand and facilitate humanitarian trade during the pandemic.

Raise the limits of or make exempt funds for humanitarian trade under General Licenses

Again, please include lifting sanctions and facilitating international humanitarian trade as part of the U.S. global response to the pandemic.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter. We look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely

Northern California Anti-Sanctions Campaign

Lawrence Gerstein & Pamela Valera

Hello! We are very pleased to announce that the current issue (Vol 11, 2) of the Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology (JSACP) is now available online. To view the entire issue, please visit: <https://openjournals.bsu.edu/jsacp/issue/current>.

- Challenging Definitions of Psychological Trauma: Connecting Racial Microaggressions and Traumatic Stress
- Kevin L. Nadal, Tanya Erazo, & Rukiya King

Advocacy-in-Action: Case Portrait of a Helping Professional Pursuing Positive Social Change for Transgender and Gender-Expansive Youth
Cortny Stark & Gene Crofts

Social Justice Pre-Practicum: Enhancing Social Justice Identity Through Experiential Learning
Samuel Sanabria & Leigh DeLorenzi

Process Evaluation of Training Model for School-Based Mental Health
Valeria Chavez German & Lia D. Falco

JSACP is an open access, free of charge journal that aims to highlight ‘engaged scholarship’ and the very important social change work done by professionals and activists that would not normally find its way into publication

in the form of empirical research. The journal attempts to break down the divide between theory and practice in one of the most critical areas of our work: social transformation toward social justice and peace. This journal features action-oriented articles, meaning manuscripts that discuss actual work (e.g., advocacy, activism, research, policy formulation and implementation, training, legislation) that has been conducted by the submitting author(s) and not proposed work or simple conceptualizations of issues.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

National Day of Action for Healing and Liberation on Friday, June 23rd, 2020

To get involved please email Monica from the PsySR ICE response team at noriegamonica2@gmail.com



Please consider donating to the COVID-19 Mutual Aid fund for Migrants in Matamoros [GoFundMe](#)

PsySR Student Chapter Updates

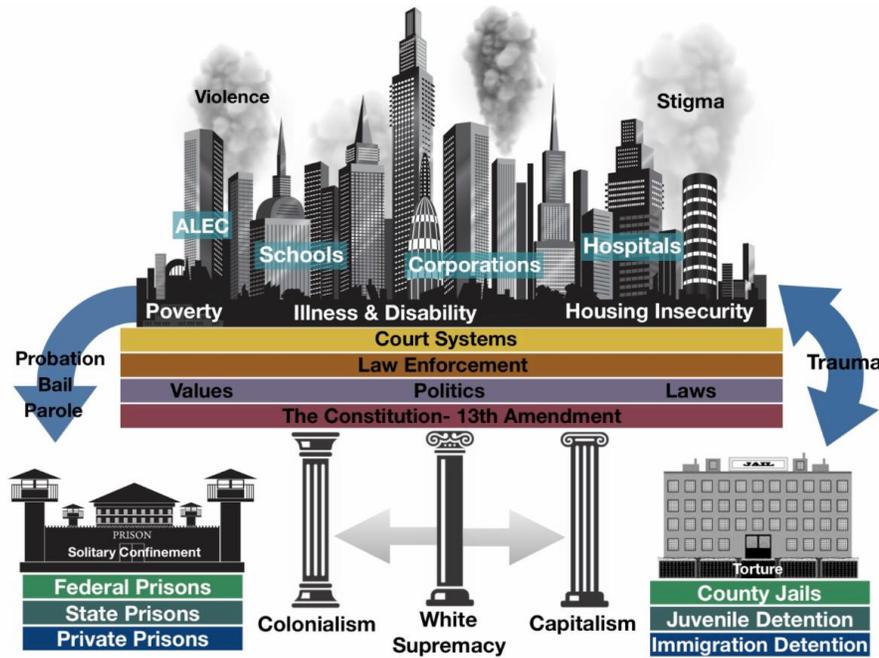
Updates from Kelsey Shogren, Maya Florsheim and Jenny Ross-Callahan the Wright Institute PsySR Student Chapter in Berkeley, California

"In the first year of my graduate program, a group of students and I recognized a need for mental health professionals to be educated about the issues surrounding incarceration, and so, we created an independent study at the Wright Institute. Our work grew into a Forensic Psychology: Expertise and Advocacy in the Carceral System elective that was attended by 20 students (taught by Daniela Kantorová and Terry Kupers). As part of this elective, we attended a daylong program at California Medical Facility in Vacaville, where we talked to a number of individuals with life sentences about their experience being incarcerated. In August 2019, members from the independent study and I presented a poster at the APA annual convention entitled "Structural Competency: Collaborative Learning About Impacts of Incarceration" for mental health professionals working within the carceral system. Finally, our work

culminated in a community-based conference that we organized that was attended by over 200 people. For this event, I was one of the core organizers and the volunteer coordinator for 40 volunteers. Both the conference and the poster presentation gave us the opportunity to connect with important collaborators, including formerly incarcerated community members, policymakers, lawyers, psychologists, and others to explore what mental health professionals need to know about the impacts of systemic oppression on those who have been incarcerated and our communities. My dissertation will expand on this project by interviewing formerly incarcerated individuals with the purpose of raising their voices and learning what mental health professionals need to know about working within the carceral system. My dissertation chair is Daniela Kantorová.

Healing Justice: Ending Mass Incarceration Conference

The conference is focused on the role of psychologists and other mental health professionals in ending mass incarceration, following our [2016 statement on racial injustice and torture within the United States](#). Our conference is receiving unprecedented interest, and sold out in 12 days. Organizations such as Critical Resistance, Ella Baker Center, Dignity and Power Now, and Justice Teams Network will be participating."



"Connecting mental health professionals working to end mass incarceration." Contact psysr.massincarceration@gmail.com to get involved.

PSYSR INVITES YOU TO

PENAL ABOLITION: A CONVERSATION HOSTED BY DR. MICHAEL J. COYLE

MONDAY, MAY 18TH
6:00-7:30PM

In this discussion Dr. Coyle will present the case for penal abolition, arguing it is a common sense approach to creating healthy communities and moving away from using punishment as the way to solve social, behavioral and interpersonal problems.

**JOIN THE TALK -
DR. MICHAEL J. COYLE**

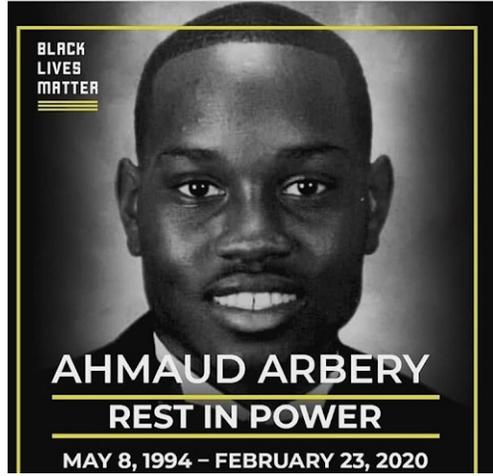
Dr. Coyle is an activist for human rights, with a teaching and research background in penal abolition, transformative/restorative justice, ethics, and theoretical, as well as methodological, inquiry. Through his work., Dr. Coyle examines language, everyday life, and public policy to expose the social construction of the excluded and discarded persons of our community (people of color, the underclass, the homeless, the imprisoned, and a variety of groups identified for their difference from promoted norms – who are characterized as “unlike us,” “dangerous,” or “punishment-worthy”).

Please email Annissa Baker abaker@wi.edu for more information

Voices from the Margins

Join Black Lives Matter in demanding justice for Ahmaud Arbery who was violently murdered by white supremacists while going for a jog in Brunswick, Georgia on February 23rd, 2020. Black Lives Matter is also seeking support in demanding access to racial data on Coronavirus and demanding the government do more to protect communities of color in the wake of COVID-19.

<https://blacklivesmatter.com/petitions/>



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