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### **A Greeting from PsySR President Daniela Kantorova**

Dear PsySR Community!

I would likely to warmly welcome new members, and thank everyone who has renewed the membership! Your trust and support for our organization is what keeps us going. I would also like to extend my invitation to active engagement to all of you. In this era of intensified struggle against racism in the USA and quickly deteriorating social conditions, the question that I am grappling with is how to be of service and contribute towards lasting change. Beyond the borders of this country, we also see intensifying crises. How can we be in solidarity? How can we build a community that stands strong and is able to engage in mutual aid, and uplift the most vulnerable amongst us? The uprising following the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor have significantly shifted the social discourse and brought topics such as abolition and defunding the police into the mainstream conversation. How can our organization contribute to this discourse and efforts? I am grateful for the labors of the anti-racist and APA advocacy/accountability working groups, and excited that our abolition working group is getting started. I invite you all to share with us stories about your projects and community organizing efforts.

Given the turmoil of the COVID-19 pandemic and US uprisings, the admin team is deferring the announcements of PsySR awards to the Fall. We are also taking a short break from PsySR community conversations, but we are working on an exciting line-up of presenters and facilitators in the fall. We aim to resume the conversations on September 16. Please stay tuned for more information.

I wish you a very happy start of the academic year to all of us who are students or work in academic settings!

Warm wishes,  
Daniela Kantorová, PsyD  
PsySR President

## Abolition Working Group Updates

### Demand justice for prisoners in San Quentin



San Quentin State Prison in California has become the site of the largest coronavirus outbreak in the country, overtaking the Marion Correctional Institution in Ohio. Twenty-two San Quentin prisoners have died from COVID-19. Over 2,200 prisoners and 260 staff have tested positive for COVID-19. This comes as advocates continue to pressure California Governor Gavin Newsom to grant mass release to halt the further spread of the virus inside prisons.

Source:

[https://www.democracynow.org/2020/8/7/headlines/san\\_quentin\\_state\\_prison\\_has\\_largest\\_coronavirus\\_outbreak\\_in\\_us](https://www.democracynow.org/2020/8/7/headlines/san_quentin_state_prison_has_largest_coronavirus_outbreak_in_us)

The abolition working group has started working on a statement on the topic of

decarceration and COVID-19.

Please take a moment to contact the California governor, Gavin Newsom, to demand the release of people from San Quentin.

<https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>

## Solidarity With Lebanon



PsySR would like to extend our heartfelt expression of solidarity with the people of Lebanon and grief and rage over the losses experienced. We would like to encourage members to make donations to provide crucial aid and help rebuild the beautiful city of Beirut! The following is the list of trustworthy organizations vetted by our contacts in Lebanon.

- <https://www.supportlrc.app/donate/donate.html>
- <https://www.givingloop.org/offrejoie>
- [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lebanon-relief?utm\\_term=jE4Nkrgvz](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lebanon-relief?utm_term=jE4Nkrgvz)
- <https://chanceassociation.org/donate>

## Voices from the Border

- PROTEST THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO U.S. ASYLUM LAW
- Security Bars and Processing
- A Proposed Rule by the U.S. Homeland Security Department and the Executive Office for Immigration Review on July

9, 2020.



Adolfo Flores  
@aflores

A Guatemalan family who was put in the Remain in Mexico program and forced to wait at the border for their case to be completed couldn't stay any longer. MPP hearings have been postponed indefinitely. They went back to "The place that couldn't protect them," @Enrevolucion\_33



El Inmigrante @Enrevolucion\_33 · 8h

Maletas cargadas de sueños, La tristeza en mi corazón una familia de Guatemala que llegó conmigo hoy sus fuerzas no dieron más regresan al lugar que no los pudo proteger regresan porque no tenían más fuerzas ella con problemas de salud hasta luego guerreros.



Contrary to the recommendations of medical experts, the administration has proposed a regulation barring asylum seekers to the United States based on dubious public health claims which will block refugees facing persecution. Please send in your comments, so that your objections can be heard on the public record.

### **DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY? NEED SOME TIPS?**

Refer to the helpful background and suggestions compiled by Human Rights First: <https://humanrightsfirst.quorum.us/campaign/27995/>

### **Submit a public comment here:**

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/07/09/2020-14758/security-bars-and-processing#open-comment>

### **Donate to Bay Area Border Relief as they continue to support families at the Matamoros Refugee camp:**

Tax-deductible contributions to Bay Area Border Relief's efforts can be accepted via Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, EIN# 94-3136771

BY CREDIT CARD: [bit.ly/BABRatPVF](http://bit.ly/BABRatPVF) via Network for Good

BY VENMO: @Lilli-Rey

## **From the Margin to the Center**

Friend and comrade of PsySR, Joey Villarreal, was a panelist at our Healing Justice Conference in November 2019 in Berkeley, where we also exhibited his art.

Joey is a survivor of 10 years of solitary confinement in a notorious California prison, Pelican Bay, and was one the organizers and



participants in its historical hunger strike. Joey is a beloved community organizer and radio show host in the San Francisco Bay Area.

He was arrested on August 2nd on trumped up charges, and is being held in solitary confinement without bail. We urge you to contact the district attorney of Santa Clara County, and demand his release.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/da/aboutus/attorneydirectory/pages/default.aspx>

You can also contribute to Joey's legal fund via Poor Magazine Venmo account: @poor-magazine, and indicate that your contribution is for "JV legal fund" in the notes.



# FREE JOEY VILLARREAL!!

## URGENT REQUEST: LEGAL FUNDS NEEDED

 **venmo** poor-magazine & indicate "JV legal fund" in notes

Joey Villarreal, a revolutionary author, educator, artist, and activist has been detained and is being held without bail. He was passing out literature at the San Jose Flea Market when his friend was attacked. Joey swung a bookbag with a few books at the attacker. Police are calling this "assault with a deadly weapon." His mother and brother request assistance with a legal fund

**Please stand with Joey!  
He needs us now!**

Free Aztlan on  
[poormagazine.org/radio](http://poormagazine.org/radio) 96.1fm



# FREE JOEY VILLARREAL!

BELOVED KEXU RADIO AZTLAN  
HOST JOEY VILLARREAL  
WAS ARRESTED IN  
SAN JOSE AUGUST 2ND FOR  
TRYING TO HELP A FRIEND  
WHO WAS BEING ASSAULTED.



CONTACT DISTRICT ATTORNEY **JEFF ROSEN** AND  
TELL HIM TO PRACTICE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
REFORM PLATFORM THAT GOT HIM ELECTED.  
**DEMAND JOEY BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY!**



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A Call for Social Justice in the American Counseling Association (ACA) By Counselors for Social Justice

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Reflections and Results from the Intersections: Teaching and Learning the Praxis of Intersectionality in the Psychology Classroom by Jen Wallin-Ruschman, Cassidy Richey, Alyssa Case, Katie Carns

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Exploring Youth Participatory Action Research in Urban Schools: Advancing Social Justice and Equity-Based Counseling Practices by Amy L. Cook, Ian Levy, Anna Whitehouse

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Knowledge is Power: An Analysis of Counseling Professionals' Medicare Policy Proficiency by Matthew C. Fullen, Jordan Westcott, Julianna Williams

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