

*Toward a More  
Socially Responsible Psychology*



**PsySR's 2010 Conference**  
**July 15th-17th**  
**Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline**  
**& Boston Graduate School**  
**of Psychoanalysis**

## **Welcome!**

It's truly a pleasure to welcome you to PsySR's 2010 Conference "Toward A More Socially Responsible Psychology." My hopes are high that our three days together will engage and inspire us, and that we will depart invigorated in our individual and collective social justice efforts. I also hope that the conference will provide everyone with new friendships and colleagues with whom to share the joys and burdens of activist work in the years ahead.

We have designed the conference to encourage discussion; all of our sessions are intended to have a strong interactive focus. There are also receptions, community meals, and time between sessions to encourage continued conversation on issues that arise during the more formal programming. You can contribute to the conference's success by finding opportunities to share your ideas, your experiences, and your questions with others.

Conference activities will take place at two venues, just minutes from each other. Our Thursday afternoon workshops, Thursday evening reception, and Friday evening reception and poster session will be at the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (BGSP), 1581 Beacon Street. Our morning and afternoon sessions on Friday and Saturday, as well as our Friday luncheon and Saturday night banquet, will be held at the Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline, 1200 Beacon Street. Registration will be at BGSP on Thursday, and it will move to the hotel on Friday and Saturday.

Again, welcome to the conference and thank you for participating!

*Roy*

Roy Eidelson, PsySR President

## **PsySR's 2010 Award Recipients**

**Robert Jay Lifton**, recipient of the *Anthony J. Marsella Prize*, is recognized for his contributions to peace, including his explication of the illusions, myths, and defense mechanisms that characterize human adjustment to the threat of nuclear war and that help sustain nuclear weapon policies, with all the risks and absurdities they entail.

**Fran Contrino Schmidt**, recipient of the *Josephine "Scout" Wollman Fuller Award*, is recognized for her lifetime commitment to the teaching of peacemaking skills to children. Her work includes curricula on how to deal with bullies, manage anger, build a caring school environment, creatively mediate conflict, and practice family peacemaking skills.

# THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00-2:30 PM

## Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

### The Restorative Circle: An Alternative to Traditional Justice and Conflict Resolution

*Mikhail Lyubansky & Patrick Siebert*

This workshop will introduce the theoretical basis for restorative justice and demonstrate how to facilitate Restorative Circles via a training model developed by Dominic Barter. Attendees will experience the three stages of the restorative process from multiple perspectives, including the role of facilitator. **(Room 1)**



### "I Don't Really Follow Politics": The Challenge of Welcoming Students to the Commons

*Meghan Duff*

This workshop will focus on using psychological knowledge and class experiences to help students connect their own experiences to larger social issues to increase engagement in their studies and their communities. Service learning and community engagement examples will be provided. **(Room 2)**



Our two venues, the Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline and the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis (BGSP), are about a 15-20 minute walk from each other. They're only 5 minutes apart on the **Green Line Train (C Line)**, which runs above ground on Beacon Street. The train runs about every 8 minutes during the day and somewhat less frequently in the evening. The nearest stop to the Holiday Inn is St. Paul Street; closest to BGSP is the Fairbanks Street stop.

# THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3:00-4:30 PM

## Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

### **Earth Circles: Facing Climate Crisis in Community**

*Sarah Conn & Robert Ryan*

This workshop will explore the psychological aspects of facing climate change with a series of experiential processes and group conversations, designed to enable participants to move from immobility and despair toward positive action as psychologists and mental health professionals. **(Room 2)**



### **Civic Engagement As Critical Pedagogy: Challenging the Boundaries In Higher Education**

*Debra Harkins*

Service learning courses can provide transformational opportunities for students when seeking to help others. Participants in this experiential workshop will learn how civic engagement can be a powerful teaching tool for challenging existing perspectives of social justice. **(Room 4)**



### **Human Rights, Peer Support, and Ethical Codes in Mental Health: A Discussion**

*Naomiruth Pinson, Pat Risser & Delphine Brody*

Studies show that mental patients die an average of 25 years younger than the general population. Yet the system that produces these results has little insight into its own culpability. Workshop leaders in the social reform movement will lead a discussion about these issues and how to address them. **(Room 1)**



**5:00-7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY EVENING RECEPTION**

**Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis**

***Please Join Us!***

# FRIDAY MORNING PLENARY SESSIONS

## Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline

**8:30-10:00 AM**

### **Keynote Address:**

## **Making the Link: The Inside Story of How Health Professionals Designed the U.S. Regime of Torture**

*Nathaniel Raymond, Physicians for Human Rights*

Nathaniel Raymond is the Director of PHR's Campaign Against Torture. Since 2006, he has led their investigation of the role of health professionals--particularly psychologists--in the design, supervision, and implementation of the Bush Administration's regime of physical and psychological torture of detainees in U.S. custody. He is also the lead investigator of the 2001 Dasht-e-Leili massacre of hundreds of prisoners by U.S. allies in Afghanistan. Raymond previously served with Oxfam America in Afghanistan, the Middle East, Ethiopia, and Sri Lanka. **(Whitney A & B)**



**10:30 AM-Noon**

## **Confronting the Realities of Poverty and Inequality**

*Diane Sullivan, True See Allah, Maria Amezquita  
& Roxanne Reddington-White*

It is not poverty per se that keeps one down. It's the hidden barriers, systems, and circumstances that seem to kick you in the face just when you think you've got a chance. Several local Boston residents will share their stories, discuss what needs to change, and challenge attendees to bring their skills and resources to bear on issues of social justice for the poor. This session is a collaboration between Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) and PsySR. **(Whitney A & B)**



**12:15-1:45 PM**

## **PSYSR LUNCH & MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline**

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00-3:30 PM

## Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline

### **New Directions for The Anti-Torture Movement**

*Stephen Soldz, Jess Ghannam, Nathaniel Raymond, Steven Reisner,  
Ken Agar-Newman & Dan Aalbers*

Panelists will discuss new directions for those who oppose torture and abuse. These include abuse investigations aimed at public understanding and accountability, new methods for monitoring the participation of health professionals in official abuses, and new ideas for changing public attitudes toward abuses. **(Whitney B)**



### **Social Health: Its Nature and Dynamics**

*Elena Mustakova-Possardt, John Woodall & Lynn Todman*

Panelists will explore processes underlying "social health" as they relate to equal opportunity and social adjustment and support. Topics include mindfulness and critical consciousness; identity in constructs of justice; and the impact of large-scale phenomena on mental health and psychological expertise in macro-level public policy. **(Whitney A)**



### **Disaster, Community Readiness, and Recovery: Contributions from Community Psychology**

*Judah Viola, Brad Olson, Jeannette Diaz-Laplante,  
Bill Berkowitz & Gil Reyes*

From Katrina to Haiti to oil in the gulf, human reactions to disasters depend on psychology. How do we use our skills toward community intervention, evaluation, and action to empower residents in their disaster response? Panelists will discuss the use of psychology to unite people, identify assets and needs, and build resiliency after disaster. **(Board)**



### **Creating Curriculum for Critical Community, Eco-, and Liberation Psychology for the 21st Century**

*Nuria Ciofalo, Anthony Marsella & Mary Watkins*

Presenters will discuss participatory, multicultural, liberatory curricula that are ecologically and globally conscious, with a goal of crafting a postmodern community psychology for the 21st century. Attendees are invited to bring curricular ideas, overviews, and sample syllabi to help create a much-needed mosaic of ideas and practices. **(State)**



## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 4:00-5:30 PM**

### **Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline**

#### **Saving the Planet and Us: The Psychology of Climate Change and Sustainability**

*Steve Shapiro, Susan Linn & Sarah Conn*

Human-caused climate change and our unsustainable behavior are imperiling our mental health and the planet. Attendees will explore the psychosocial implications of these environmental crises by assessing their tendencies toward denial, consumerism, and inequality. **(Whitney A)**



#### **Applying Social Justice Principles to Community Development Efforts**

*Jeannette Diaz-Laplante, Jennifer Rountree & Louis Boynton*

This session will offer a theoretical and practical perspective on creating psychologically-based social justice practice within developing countries. Panelists will present six central social justice principles and use them as lenses for discussing a Mayan community in Guatemala and a community mental health program in Jeremie, Haiti. **(State)**



#### **U.S. Militarism and Exceptionalism: Transforming Beliefs about War**

*Brad Olson, Floyd Rudmin, Diane Perlman & David Adams*

Two core psychological problems linked to war are U.S. Militarism, the belief that peace can be best achieved through war, and U.S. Exceptionalism, the conviction that we know best where and how wars should be carried out. Using these frames, panelists will discuss Iraq, escalation in Afghanistan, nuclear proliferation, and the future of peace. **(Whitney B)**



#### **Troubleshooting the PsySR Psychology and Military/Intelligence Casebook**

*Jean Maria Arrigo, Stephen Soldz & Jancis Long*

This session will explore the humanitarian-military conflict in psychology by focusing on practical career, institutional, and political elements of psychologists' work in national security settings. Workshop groups will read and critique ethics cases in a readers theater format, on such topics as SERE training and military contract research. **(Board)**



**FRIDAY EVENING, 6:00-7:30 PM**  
**RECEPTION & POSTER SESSION**  
**Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis**

- The Role of Identity in the Shift to Non-Violent Activism: Studying a Joint Israeli-Palestinian Reconciliation Movement - *Chaya Rubin & Carl Auerbach*
- Views on National Security and Invasion in a Middle Eastern and a Western European Samples - *Manal Alabduljabbar*
- Modifications in the Unique Setting in Therapeutic Groups of Displaced from Gush-Quatif - *Sari Bar-On & M. Eshkar*
- Engaging Compassionate Attention through Surrealist Art - *Deanne Bell*
- Definitions of War and Terrorism in Western Europe - *Dylan Rose & Ashley Brown*
- How the Belief in Good and Evil Sustains Violence - *Maggie Campbell*
- Moral Disengagement and Engagement in Torture Responses - *Tristyn Campbell*
- Activism and Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs in an American, Australian, British, Canadian, and Northern Irish Sample - *Lauren Groves*
- Making Youth Participation Work: Sustainable Youth Development in the Republic of Moldova - *Sharon Hakim*
- Advocating for Vulnerable Populations: Institution Level Advocacy - *Lindsay Holbein & Darryl Graham*
- Flesh: Cultural Insights on Women, Consumerism, and Body Image - *Kimberly Howell*
- Contextual Factors Influencing Recycling Behavior: Multiple Levels of Affordances in New York City and Munich - *Tsai-Shiou Hsieh*
- African and South/Southeast Asian Responses to the Government's Right to Torture POWs - *Savreen Hundal*
- Think Before You Act and You Might Care More about Climate Change - *Katherine Lacasse*
- Women's Literacy Classes in Nepal: Illuminations from the Field of Psychology - *Susanna Pearce*
- The Insight Development Group: A Journey in Restoration for Inmates - *Maria Scanelli*
- Supporting Native Families in Northern Ontario: A Community Consultation Process - *Heather Schmidt*
- Western European Perspectives on Torture - *Alexander Stankiewicz*
- Breaking 60 Years of Silence: Psychologists' Role in Advocating for Women Survivors of Partition - *Sujata Swaroop & Amrita Uttamchandani*
- Judgments on the Acceptability of Torture - *Charikleia Tsatsaroni*

# **SATURDAY MORNING PLENARIES**

## **Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline**

**9:00-10:30 AM**

### **2nd Annual M. Brewster Smith Dialogue: Becoming a Socially Responsible Psychologist**

*Herb Kelman, M. Brinton Lykes, Trudy Bond,  
Melinda Montgomery & Anthony Marsella*

A multi-generational panel of PsySR members dedicated to advancing social justice and human rights will share reflections on formative experiences and influences, key challenges and choices, valuable lessons learned, and hopes and plans for the future. This special program is the second annual *M. Brewster Smith Dialogue on Peace and Social Justice*. **(Whitney A & B)**



**11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

### **Next Steps for PsySR**

This forum is designed to provide an opportunity for conference attendees to discuss together the important and timely issues, priorities, and strategies that might form the basis for PsySR's peace, social justice, human rights, and ecological sustainability efforts in the year ahead. **(Whitney A & B)**



**12:30-2:00 PM**

### **LUNCH "On Your Own"**

There are literally dozens of restaurants, diverse and reasonably priced, within a few blocks of the Holiday Inn. In particular, Coolidge Corner (circled on the map on a preceding page), is Brookline's major business district and home to many convenient places to eat.

# **SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00-3:30 PM**

## **Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline**

### **Toward a Psychology of Social Responsibility: Can We Develop It, Speak It Loud, and Speak It Proud?**

*Julie Oxenberg & Michael Basseches*

Why is psychology's voice so faint in public discourse on policy issues related to social justice, conflict resolution, and sustainability? This workshop will explore assumptions psychologists hold that influence their research, practice, knowledge base, and public assertiveness. Possibilities for amplifying our voice will be considered. **(State)**



### **New Social Roles: Engaging Social Responsibility in A Mental Health Framework**

*Andrew Phelps, Lynne Stewart & Frank Kashner*

PsySR is exploring opportunities for client/survivors and psychologists/clinicians to network and engage common social responsibilities, and to thereby carry the dialogue from "abuse in the mental health system" toward reconciliation. Panelists will report on their experience of working toward "common ground" and "common language." **(Whitney B)**



### **Maintaining Ethical Accountability in the Face of Moral Drift in Professional and Religious Institutions**

*Mary Pelton-Cooper, David Cooper & Luisa Saffiotti*

Panelists will discuss the relationship among systems of morality, codes of ethics, and professional practice in the context of a decision procedure used by ethicists. Examples of accountability involving clinical practice, higher education, and psychology applied to issues within the Catholic Church will be explored. **(Whitney A)**



### **Reconciliation and Its Alternatives**

*Paula Green & Jancis Long*

After violent community conflict, people suffer from psychological wounds and communities struggle with social disruption. Without movement toward reconciliation, alternatives include vengeance and exploitation from within and without. This workshop is based on Paula Green's fieldwork and teaching on peacebuilding around the world. **(Board)**



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 4:00-5:30 PM

Holiday Inn Boston-Brookline

### What Helps and Hurts Military Veterans: The Need to Transform "Treatment"

*Paula Caplan, Robert Dove McClellan & Sean Dinces*

Americans turn away from the emotional carnage of U.S. wars, labeling veterans "mentally ill," isolating them behind therapists' doors, and heavily medicating them. Panelists will examine this destructive approach and the importance of listening to veterans' stories and organizing community responses. **(Whitney B)**



### Tolerance for Torture and War: Understanding and Resistance

*Kathie Malley-Morrison, Charikleia Tsatsaroni, Tristyn Campbell, Alan O'Hare & Abram Trosky*

If psychologists are to be successful anti-war and anti-torture activists, they need to understand how people come to view inhumane behavior as moral. This panel will consider the contributions of Bandura and Lakoff to understanding the psychological bases of tolerance for and resistance to governmental aggression. **(State)**



### Researching Schizophrenia and Psychosis: A Social Justice and Human Rights Orientation

*Michael O'Loughlin, Marilyn Charles, Danielle Balzafore, Andrea Castelhana, Almas Merchant & Heather-Ayn Indelicato*

Appreciative of psychiatric survivor movements, this panel will discuss a project that seeks to depict the existential experience of persons designated psychotic or schizophrenic in ways that honor their voices and acknowledge cultural/socioeconomic contexts within which psychic impasses are produced. **(Whitney A)**



### Communities in Dialogue

*Mary Watkins & Paula Green*

This workshop will explore communal dialogue methods that facilitate mutual understanding, community transformation, and psychosocial healing. Such dialogues create social spaces where participants can manage contradictory perceptions, explore divides, and determine shared values and aspirations. **(Board)**



## SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:00 PM-MIDNIGHT

### CLOSING BANQUET

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## Who We Are

Psychologists for Social Responsibility (PsySR) is an independent, non-profit organization that applies psychological knowledge and expertise to promote peace, justice, human rights, and ecological sustainability. Our members, in the U.S. and around the world, are psychologists, students, and other advocates for a better and more humane future. Founded in 1982, PsySR develops resources and promotes policies for creative, non-violent, participatory responses to the most pressing issues of our time.



PsySR pursues its activism, advocacy, and education initiatives through projects in six inter-related programs: human rights and psychology; violence, war, and their alternatives; peacebuilding and reconciliation; social health, justice, and well-being; climate change, sustainability, and psychology; and education for social responsibility. Each member is welcome to sign up for the listserv of any program, to follow and take part in its projects. To sign up, visit [www.psysr.org](http://www.psysr.org) and follow the links to each program.

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