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*ATOP Meaningfulworld Newsletter, Fall Edition, 2014*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UN International Day of Peace

**Meet Patch Adams!!**

When

21 September, 6-9pm

Where

The Bronx Museum of the Arts  
1040 Grand Concourse  
Bronx, NY 10456



Patch Adams, "The most radical at anyone can commit is to be happ



Inamori Art Project

**Come celebrate UN International Day of Peace with ATOP Meaningfulworld.**

**Live music by The Inamori Art Project, Acclaimed Japanese Drummers; Nirvana Luci, Vocalist; Farah Chandu, of the Interfaith Women's Choir**

**RSVP & purchase your ticket now! Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.**

[For the pre-press release click here;](#)

[Event Details Here](#)

## **UPDATE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS**

**Civil Society Section  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

**United Nations Human Rights Council  
27th Session  
Opening Statement by  
Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein  
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Geneva, 8 September 2014**

The mandate of my Office encompasses all human rights, for all people. Its priorities span discrimination; the rule of law and ending impunity; poverty; violence; continuing efforts to improve international human rights mechanisms; and widening the democratic space. In recent months, OHCHR's concerns have been numerous. They have included severe acts of discrimination in many regions; widespread violations of economic and social rights due to failures of governance and other concerns; apparent violations of human rights in the context of counter-terrorism; sexual violence; attacks motivated by stereotypes and hatred of many kinds; over-incarceration; the death penalty, and many other issues.

But my first address to this Council takes place at a time when conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa regions, in particular, are escalating dramatically. In Syria, more than 190,000 identified persons were killed between March 2011 and April this year, according to an analysis released by OHCHR last month. According to UNHCR, more than 3 million Syrians have fled their country and 6.5 million more are internally displaced: in other words, almost half the people in Syria have fled their homes. Those wounded, orphaned, missing, detained, "disappeared", displaced, malnourished, deprived of healthcare and denied other critical services add to the incalculable human cost of this conflict.

The latest report by the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic brings fresh evidence that this ancient civilisation has devolved into a slaughterhouse, where children are tortured in front of their parents or executed in public, amid wanton killing and destruction. That report will be fully explored in the course of an interactive dialogue during this session.

Spreading outwards from its initial anchorage in the chaos of the Syrian conflict, the Takfiri or so-called ISIL group that currently in effect controls large swathes of northern Iraq has demonstrated absolute and deliberate disregard for human rights. The scale of its use of brute violence against ethnic and religious groups is unprecedented in recent times, as the Special Session of this Council made clear last week.

To read the complete version, [click here](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Commemoration of the Asia Minor Genocide and the Catastrophe of Smyrna

**When:** Sunday, September 14th

**Where:** 1pm St. George Greek Orthodox Church

1101 River Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854

**FREE admission- light lunch and refreshments will be served**

**Guest Speakers:**

**Panos Stavrianidis, Ph.D.** *"The history of Hellenism of Asia Minor- A Panoramic Journey of Glory and Tragedy"*

**Ani Kalayjian, Ph.D.** *"Ottoman-Turkish Genocide Against Christian minorities 1915-1923: Impact on Survivors and Generational Transmission"*

**RSVP:** [panos007@aol.com](mailto:panos007@aol.com) or **(732) 266-0348**

This event is co-sponsored by the Hellenic Federation of NJ, The Hellenic Asia Minor Society of NJ & The Hellenic Link of NJ



Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Psychology Professor

**Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture invites you to their Sunday Platform**

**September 28**

**11 am**

**PEACE BEGINS IN OUR HEART AND SOUL: THE 7-STEP INTEGRATIVE HEALING MODEL**

**Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Psychology Professor**

**[Click here for event flyer and details](#)**

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## 1st Annual International Conference on Ethnic And Religious Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding

### Conference Theme:

"The Advantages of Ethnic & Religious Identity in Conflict Mediation and Peacebuilding"

**Date:** Wednesday, October 1, 2014

**Time:** 9am - 5pm

**Venue:** 136 East 39th Street  
Between Lexington Avenue and 3rd Avenue  
New York, NY 10016, USA

**Dr. Ani to present on "Forgiveness, Integrative Healing Model, and a Film about Relief Work in Africa, the Middle East, and Haiti".**

[Click here to view Ani's Invitation to ICERM](#)

[Click here for a synopsis of the conference, paper proposal guidelines and registration](#)

[Click here to learn more about ICERM](#)

**"Fostering a culture of peace among ethnic and religious groups"**

For more information about this event, [click here](#)

### **Calling Conflict Resolution Students!**

Please join us for our 3rd Annual Conflict Resolution Career Fair  
Columbia University

The Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity (AC4)

**Thursday, October 2, 2014 Lerner Hall  
(Broadway between 114th and 115th)4, 11am-1pm  
in Boone Arledge Auditorium of Alfred**

Over 30 organizations will be available and eager to connect with students to share opportunities for internships and other positions. Organizations include non-profits, NGO's, local and national government organizations, for-profits and universities seeking qualified candidates with an interest in conflict resolution. Organizations have diverse missions that include human rights, peace and sustainability, violence prevention, social justice, human rights, international development, alternative dispute resolution (ADR), arts, and community affairs.

**[Please go to the AC4 Conflict Resolution Career Fair webpage to Register and to view a full list of organizations.](#)**

*If you have questions, please contact Meredith Smith at [mms2258@columbia.edu](mailto:mms2258@columbia.edu).*



## New York Transit Health Conference

October 8th, 2014

10 am - 6 pm

NYC Transit Kingsbridge  
Depot- 4065 10th Avenue,  
Bronx, New York

**Keynote Dr. Ani Kalayjian**

***Transforming Stress and Conflict in the Workplace:***

**Healthy Communication, Forgiveness, and Mindful Acts of Kindness**



**R.I. Women's Health Inc. is proud  
to present: Dr. Ani Kalayjian**

She will address violence especially against  
women, its impact on family and the world  
community.

**When**

**Wednesday October 29th 6:30 PM**

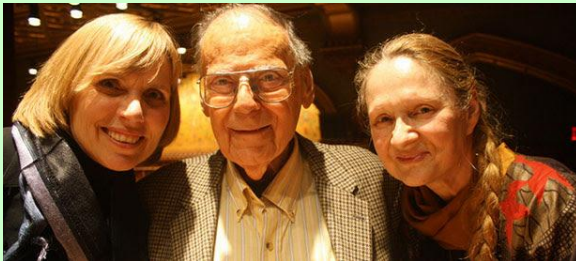
**Where**

**546 Main St. 12th Fl Community Room**

Light Refreshments will be served.

Men are invited to this special seminar and donations is suggested

For information kindly contact **Laila Amatullah: [kindredhear2@verizon.net](mailto:kindredhear2@verizon.net)**



**2014 Workshop on  
Transforming Humiliation and  
Violent Conflict**

representing the

**24th Annual HumanDHS Conference  
and the Eleventh Workshop on  
Transforming Humiliation and**

**Violent**

**Conflict**

**"Work that Dignifies the Lives of All People"**

**When**

**December 4-5, 2014**

**Where**

**Columbia University, Teachers College, 525 West 120th Street, New York City  
(subway 1, exit 116th Street), room 179 Grace Dodge Hall and Milbank Chapel**

Hosted by

The Morton Deutsch International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution (MD-ICCCR)



## Fourth Global Conference on Genocide Cape Town, 4-7 December

The International Network of Genocide Scholars is pleased to announce a new closing date of 30 September. For further information and the call for papers please consult the conference website at <http://inogsconference2014.org/> or the INoGS website at <http://inogs.com/>.

## Humanitarian Training Workshops

### Invitation to Register

### Upcoming Training Sessions:



Humanitarian Mission Training, May 2014, chakra balancing exercises

**27 September**

(Stage I)

**25 October** (Stage II)

**22 November** (Stage III)

**13 December Inter-faith pamper yourself holiday party**

**31 January**

(Stage I)

**28 February** (Stage II)

**28 March** (Stage III)

**25 April** (Stage I)

**16 May**

(Stage II)

**4 June 2015 Annual Mind-Body-Eco-Spirit Conference at the United Nations**

[Click here for the 2014-2015 curriculum](#)

## UPCOMING HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS

**India, November 21st- December 1st 2014**



We are excited to announce our plans to have an ATOP Humanitarian Mission to India this fall! The past decade has seen a tremendous amount of social and political unrest within India, particularly the escalation of crimes against women and children. Meaningfulworld is in talks with other NGOs as well as other universities within India regarding providing a venue for our outreach and workshops, and we are hopeful that they will partner with us to allow this mission to run smoothly. We will update you all with how this mission unfolds, until then keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we seek to help some of the world's most impoverished people.

## PAST EVENTS

### **Ambassador Graduation**

[Click here to see the Graduate program](#)

[Click here to read about the interns who graduated as Meaningfulworld Ambassadors this past June.](#)



### **World Humanitarian Day: Meditation in Central Park**

"The 19th of August has been selected by the United Nation as World Humanitarian Day, to recognize and remember those who face danger and adversity in order to help others. According to the UN, "World Humanitarian Day is also an opportunity to celebrate the spirit that inspires humanitarian work around the globe." What better day than this to offer a free meditation session?"... [Click here to read more of the press release.](#)



**Dr. Ani conducting meditation in Central Park**

## Middle East Mission

"Meaningfulworld Humanitarian Empowerment and Peace Building Mission is at its finale, I am in the airplane flying back home, although spiritually so enriched, I am feeling a deep sadness. Memories of my childhood growing up as an Armenian in Aleppo, Syria, had surfaced, Especially in this mission where we worked in Palestine, Jordan, and At the border of Syria, with Syrian refugees who sided with the Islamic extremists opposition..." [Click here to read the press release.](#)



ATOP MW in Jordan

[Click here to see a video recap of our 2014 Humanitarian Mission to the Middle East.](#)

## Haiti Mission

Haiti has been in a state of turmoil for decades. The problems the people of Haiti face on a day-to-day basis are enormous. According to reports from [globalissues.org](http://globalissues.org), Haiti is ranked as one of the world's poorest countries when it comes to economy, healthcare, and resource distribution (Shah, 2010). Even acquiring basic necessities such as food and untainted water is a daily struggle. Cholera has ravaged Haiti since the Earthquake back in 2010 and as many as 8,450 people have died from contaminated water (UN, 2014). These unresolved issues leave the people of Haiti in constant fear, unable to live their daily lives safely and in good physical and emotional health. [To continue reading the press release click here.](#)



Dr. Ani conducting relaxation exercises

[Pre-Press can be read here](#)

[Click here to see a video of our 2014 Humanitarian Mission to Haiti](#)

## JORDAN-SYRIA - OVER 450,000 SYRIAN REFUGEES LIVE OUTSIDE CAMPS IN JORDAN - WOMEN & CHILDREN - SURVEY NOTES HARDSHIPS



Full 87-Page Survey Report:  
Syrian Refugees Living Outside Camps in Jordan  
Home Visit Data Findings 2013  
[Click Here for Report](#)

[Middle East Monitor, Link to Related Article](#)

To visit the Women's UN Reporting Network [Click Here.](#)



## Armenia Mission

"The Mental Health Outreach Program (MHOP) is a humanitarian disaster relief project of the Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention (ATOP), Meaningfulworld, headquartered in New York and founded by Dr. Ani Kalayjian. MHOP delivered mental health trainings and assistance to Armenia since the earthquake there in 1988, and our latest mission was last year in 2013. Dr. Ani Kalayjian and psychotherapist Marian Weisberg will be working together on this mission..."

[To keep reading click here](#)



Diramayr Vocational School

## "Stop Bullying" Essay Contest



Association for Trauma Outreach & Prevention (ATOP) Meaningfulworld ANNOUNCES YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (YEP) ESSAY (POETRY, RAP, SKIT) CONTEST

Winners will be announced at the UN International Day of Peace event, which ATOP Meaningfulworld is

hosting at the Bronx Museum of the Arts on Sep 21st

[view the news flyer click here.](#)

[To](#)



## ATOP Meaningfulworld at the American Psychological Association 7 -10 August 2014

Presentation Topics:

7-Step Integrative Healing Model: A Journey for Healing, Happiness, and Peace

&

Two Decades of Humanitarian Rehabilitation Globally: The 7-Step Integrative Healing Model

[Click here to read about one students' experience](#)

## Dr. Ani Kalayjian's Garden Party



Heart-to-heart Circle of gratitude around desert table



Dr. Ani's Peace Garden

To read Dr. Kalayjian's article on peace gardens around the globe [click here](#).

## Dr. Kalayjian has been inducted in the Who's Who Worldwide of Strathmore's Who's Who 2014.



Acceptance is granted to individuals who have exemplified leadership and achievement in their occupation, industry or profession. [Click here to read what is included for Dr. Kalayjian.](#)

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**Welcome to our new Interns!!!!**

*Julien Burnett, Press and Media Committee*

*Mikaella Caruncho, Assistant Clinical Coordinator*

*Renoude Charles, UN Alternate Representative for ATOP Meaningfulworld.*

*Daria Diakonova Research Committee*

*Julia Fox, Grants and Research Committee*

*Nazia Fyazi, Grants and Research Committee*