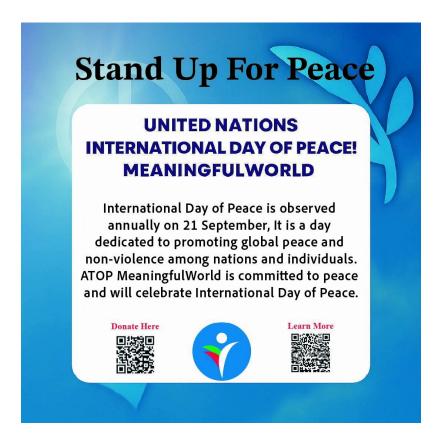


Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention (ATOP) Bulletin, September 2025

Upcoming Events





Join us to #STANDUP4PEACE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2025

™ Sunday, 21 September 2025
① 11:00 am - 12:00 pm EST

Hybrid Yoga and Soul-Surfing Class
Optional Group Hike afterward (weather permitting)

My Celebrating Dr. Ani's Birthday, healthy

Celebrating Dr. Ani's Birthday, healthy snacks, & social media coverage

DONATION: \$15 https://meaningfulworld.com/getinvolved/donation

Location: Bergen County, NJ

Email: info@meaningfulworld.com
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Sunday 21 September 2025, International Day of Peace 2025 Theme: Act Now for a Peaceful World

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See Past Events

Sunday 21 September 2025, #STANDUP4PEACE Hybrid Yoga & Soul-Surfing Class with Dr. Kalayjian. Wear comfortable clothes to stretch. After class with Dr. Kalayjian, celebrating her birthday and Independence of Armenia

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September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

According to the United Nations WHO more than 720,000 people die due to suicide every year. More than 50% of these are younger than 50 years of age.

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Meet MeaningfulWorld's New Interns

Narod Taslakdjian, Fundraising & Outreach Intern

Narod is an undergraduate at the University of Toronto double-majoring in Psychology and Nutritional Sciences. Her interests center on child and adolescent mental health, eating disorders, and trauma-informed care. She is certified by the Canadian Red Cross in Psychological First Aid (Self-Care and Caring for Others). On campus, Narod mentors students registered with Accessibility Services. Beyond campus, she volunteers as a frontline crisis responder with Kids Help Phone's national text/chat line, providing immediate support to youth across Canada. She has also tutored Syrian refugees in Lebanon. At SickKids, Narod gained experience in the SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) program, where she learned the importance of trauma-informed care and sensitivity when supporting vulnerable children and families. As Director of Philanthropy for Kappa Kappa Gamma, she has organized fundraisers for

Lida Asilyan, M.Ed. Grant Coordinator and Research Assistant

Lida Asilyan is an early-career education professional from Ijevan, Armenia, with experience in education coordination, oral history research, and human rights documentation. In 2025 she completed her master's degree in education policy and analysis at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where she focused on global and comparative education and examined how education systems can respond to trauma, conflict, and displacement. Lida has worked with the U.S. State Department-funded programs supporting students from Armenia's border regions, contributed to documentation efforts with the Center for Truth and Justice and the University Network for Human Rights, and collaborated with the Rerooted Archive on oral history preservation. These experiences have shaped her commitment to rethinking how history education in Armenia can support identity development, critical thinking, and collective healing. At ATOP MeaningfulWorld, Lida serves as Grant Coordinator and Research Assistant, where she supports fundraising efforts, contributes to peace and healing-focused research, and assists in proposal writing and program development. She is also engaged in a short-term initiative with the Information Systems Agency of Armenia, helping launch an education policy blog and Community of Practice that connects local and diaspora experts. Outside of her work, Lida enjoys hiking, photography, and writing - creative outlets that help her process and reflect. She continues to explore her next steps in both research and practice, with the longer-term goal of contributing to education reform in Armenia.

Learn More About Our Team

Celebrating our 2025 Graduates of Meaningful World Global Humanitarian Ambassador Carmen Velez!



Celebrating our 2025 Graduates of Meaningful World Global Humanitarian Ambassador Diana Shipman!

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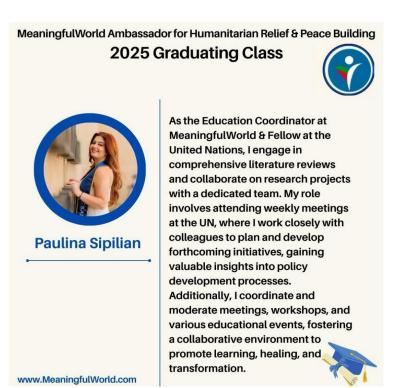
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Feed, Heal, & Teach Children in the Slums of Uganda

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Partnering to offer free Transcendental Meditation for mothers in the Slums of Uganda

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Weekly Meetings

Free Weekly Support Groups

Managing stress, anxiety, fear, and uncertainty in times of global crises

When: Every Thursday

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM (EST)

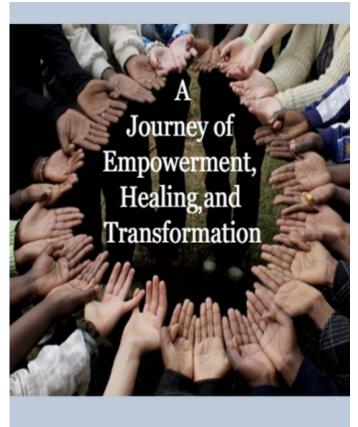
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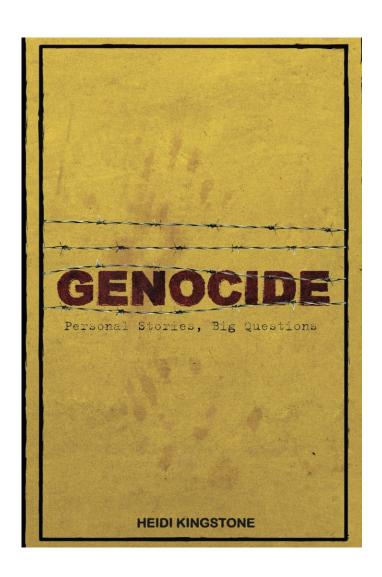
Meet Up Zoom Yoga & Soul Surfing with Dr. Ani ATOP MeaningfulWorld offers yoga and meditation during these times of panic and unrest.

Join us every Tuesday & Friday at 10:00 AM EST on Zoom, by appointment.

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Dr. Ani Kalayjian



COFFEE TABLE BOOK RELEASE

A Journey to Empowerment, Healing, & Transformation: 35 Years of Humanitarian Relief Outreach By: Dr. Ani Kalayjian

A review from David Dawud said: "I love your writings in the coffee table book. I'm reading a poem everyday, and traveling to a new country with beautiful photos of your humanitarian volunteer service. You make me think, reflect, release and it helps me clear my thoughts."

Click HERE for the link

Genocide: Personal Stories, Big Questions

By: Heidi Kingstone

This book chronicles 20th and 21st-century genocide, which remains one of the most pressing topics today. To further her exploration of one of the worst human rights crimes, she has asked several experts, journalists, scholars, health care professionals, to answer 10 questions.



The A Train to Sedona - From Victim to Survivor. ATOP MeaningfulWorld President Dr. Ani Kalayian's interview for TalkRadioNYC.

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Global Firearm Violence - An Integrative Review

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Show off your MeaningfulWorld spirit by wearing our newly designed t-shirts! You can choose from a range of colors and styles! Show off your MeaningfulWorld pride while simultaneously helping others! Proceeds will help us help others!

Reusable Canvas Bags

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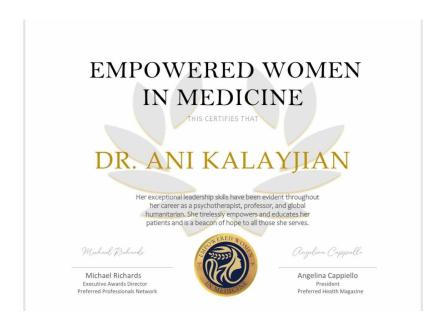
Awards

MeaningfulWorld ATOP founder Dr. Ani Kalayjian was awarded the 2025 R. Louise McManus Medal by by NEAA, created by Teachers College, Columbia University

Watch the Video



2024 Lifetime Achievement Award in the Field of Psychology, presented to Dr. Ani Kalayjian for her exemplary dedication and leadership in trauma psychology, as well as her impactful global humanitarian efforts, transforming lives through healing and education worldwide.



Empowered Women in Medicine Award, given to Dr. Ani Kalayjian, for her exceptional leadership and dedication as a psychotherapist, professor, and global humanitarian.



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Successful Past Events

27 June 2025, AAMHA Conference, Partnership Amongst Armenian Organizations

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5 June 2025, Partnering for SDGs: Human Rights & Emotional Intelligence (EI): Healing Humanity

Summary

Photo Gallery



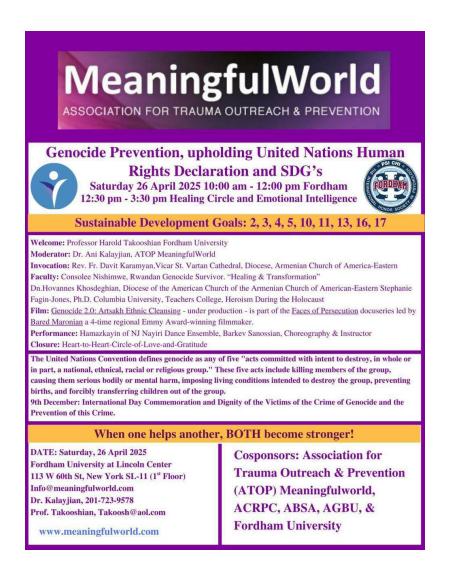
17 May 2025, Mindful Leadership & Forgiveness, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld Visionary Speaker: Laura Cerrano, Feng Shui

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Dr. Kalayjian's keynote address was received by close to a hundred people; who embraced her message with gratitude and appreciation!

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26 April 2025 Genocide Prevention, upholding United Nations Human Rights Declaration and SDG's

Welcome: Professor Harold Takooshian, Fordham University

Moderator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, ATOP MeaningfulWorld

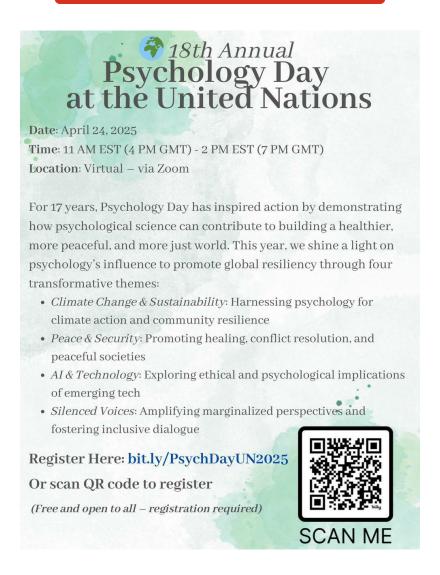
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On 3 May 2025, MeaningfulWorld ATOP presented a panel at the 53rd Hunter Psychology Convention

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24 April 2025, 18th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations, virtual, cosponsored by MeaningfulWorld was a success!





28 March 2025 Connecting and Empowering Armenian Students and Professionals. The 14th Annual Mentoring Forum.

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13 March 2025 AI and EI: Challenges to Healing Traumatized Women Locally and Globally

Co-Chairs: Dr. Kalayjian and Paulina Sipilian

Invocation: Sharon Hamilton-Getz, World Harmony Council and Art Forum

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On 12 March 2025, MeaningfulWorld ATOP had a wonderful, energizing and inspiring internship program at Hunter College, CUNY on Park Ave.

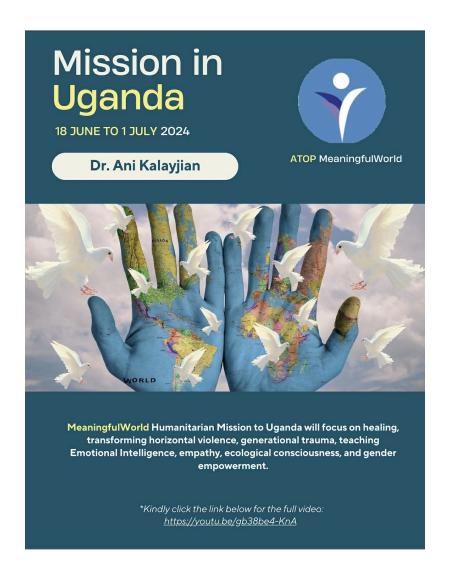
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On 8 March 2025, MeaningfulWorld participated in the Eastern psychological Association conference.

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Transforming Trauma in Uganda: ATOP MeaningfulWorld's 2024 Humanitarian Mission in Uganda Film!

Watch Film Here!



Day of Peace. End Wars through EQ, Empathy and NVC on 21 September at Strawberry Fields in Central Park NYC 3pm-5pm Cochairs: Dr. Ani Kalayjian & Andrew Dolinar.



18 June - 1 July 2024 Meaningfulworld Humanitarian Mission to Uganda. Our teams worked with 500 people directly and 7+ million indirectly, transforming lives, planting trees, sponsoring girl children's tuitions, and uplifting communities at large!

Summary



Partnering for SDG's: Mind-Body-Eco Spirit Integrative Healing

Thursday, 6 June 2024, 5:00

Graduating class: David Babigian, David Kryzhanovskiy, & Terri Lao

Event Summary

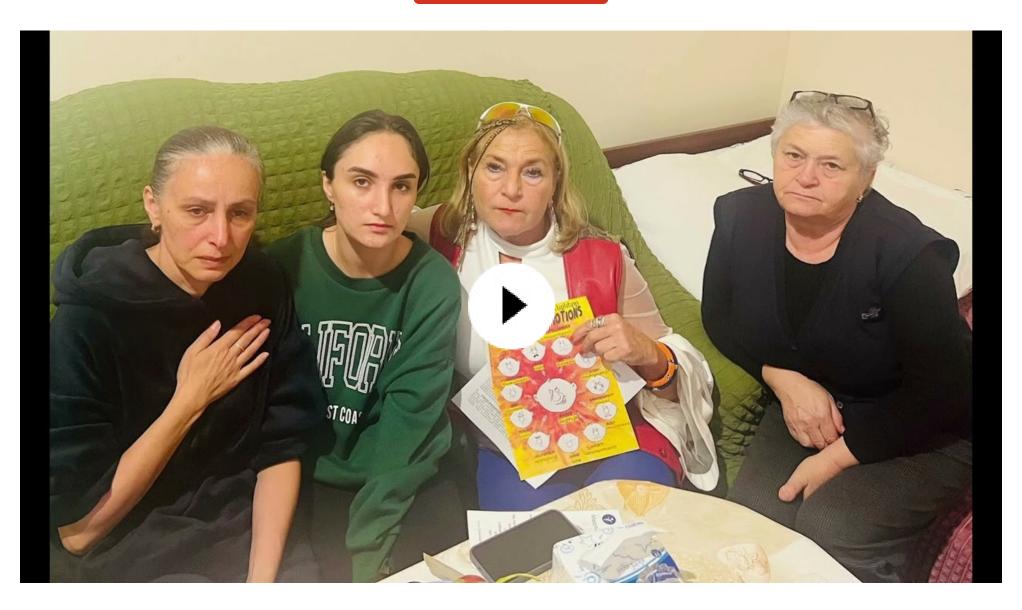
Winners of Essay Contest

Graduates



Humanitarian Mission to Armenia returns with great success

Summary



MeaningfulWorld's Humanitarian Relief Post Azeri Ethnic Cleansing in Nagorno-Karabakh, Armenia Film!

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Looking for experience in research? UN? Humanitarian Work? Fundraising? Social Media? Only 4-5 hours a week!

Be the change you want to see in the world!

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ATOP Latest Publishing

- 1. Kshtriya, S., Kalayjian, A., Lowe, S. R., Diakonova-Curtis, D., Toussaint, L. (2022). Exploring the Association between Forgiveness, Meaning-Making, Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms: The Case of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. *International Journal of Educational Research*.
- 2. Kalayjian, A., Huang, K., Sabbour, S., & Yasin, M. (2022). Grassroots Collaborations to Address the Trauma of Suicide: Establishing the First Suicide Prevention Lifeline in the Republic of Armenia. *International Journal of Mental Health*. https://doi.org/10.1080/00207411.2022.2983392. View <u>HERE</u>
 3. Toussaint, L., Kshtriya, S., Kalayjian, A., Cameron, E., & Diakonova-Curtis, D.
- 3. Toussaint, L., Kshtriya, S., Kalayjian, A., Cameron, E., & Diakonova-Curtis, D. (2022). Christian Religious Affiliation is Associated with Less Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms Through Forgiveness but Not Search for Meaning After Hurricane Irma and Maria. American Psychological Association.







Gratitude To Our Visionary Speakers

Lo Anne Mayer, Alexis Brink, Dr. Yolanda Hancock, Dr. Douglas Scherer, Laurie Schwartz, Dr. Linda Marsanico, Nupur Kothari, Paul Jaffe, Simone Coonrod, Linda Turner, Erica Rodriguez, Arthur Jaffe, Christina Nunez Gomes, Cristina Como, Mark Ackerman, Marianne Gunther, Ron Friedman, Kathleen Booker, Lata Cheri-Kennedy, Anisa Keith, Dr. Deborah Barbiere, & Ali Fischer

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- ~ MeaningfulWorld UN International Day of Peace. VIEW IT HERE
- ~ Suicide awareness & prevention Dr. Ani interviewed by Carl Birman. VIEW IT HERE
- ~ WUFUNIF President Liliana Bucur Cress interviewed Dr. Kalayjian, President ATOP MeaningfulWorld. VIEW IT HERE
- ~February 2024: Intern Introductions from David Babigian and Terri Lao. View it HERE
- ~March 2023: Gender Equity. Transforming Gender Stereotypes. View it <u>HERE</u>
- ~March 2023: 12th Annual Mentoring Forum at Fordham University. View it HERE
- ~February 2023: Photography Exhibit Opening Ceremony. View it HERE
- ~January 2023: MLK Day poem by Dr. Ani:

I have a dream Dr. Kalayjian

Martin Luther King, Jr., you were the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize.

You were the King, but you led the people humbly;

You were the King, using your peaceful leadership to actualize your dreams.

You had a dream, your dream inspired us all.

Unfortunately, 60 years later, we are still dreaming with the hopes that "Justice will roll down like water;" and we will live in harmony.

You defined peaceful resistance,

You were the colossal of the civil rights movement.

You motivated thousands to stand with you,

In peace & justice, with faith and love!

~January 2023: Poem by Dr. Ani:

Thrust forward! Enjoying the lessons from the past. Release the negative, imagine they are clouds, let the tears clear your view, as you are now the best version of yourself!

- ~January 2023: Forget Me Not by Dr. Ani Kalayjian book review & Lachin corridor humanitarian crisis. View it HERE
- ~January 2023: Dr. Ani Kalayjian wrote a beautiful poem for the start of the New Year. View it HERE
- ~July 2022: Humanitarian Outreach Mission to Guatemala, video by Lorraine Simmons. View it HERE
- ~9 November 2022: Belle Unobe and Kristina Khrimian discussing the objectives and activities of MeaningfulWorld's Genocide Prevention Committee. View it HERE
- ~9 November 2022: Shubhrata Shukla interviewing Dr. Ani Kalayjian on her experiences with trauma and healing. View it <u>HERE</u>
- ~9 November 2022: Kristina Khrimian and Rishi Guntur bringing awareness on the topic of suicide. View it <u>HERE</u>
- ~September 2022: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, President, MeaningfulWorld & Marietta Khurshudyan, Psychologist discuss: Anger Management: In Armenia Nurturing Emotional Intelligence. View it <u>HERE</u>
- ~September 2022: Dr. Ani Kalayjian and Marietta Khursduhyan have an informative conversation about Horizontal Violence in Armenia. View it <u>HERE</u>
- ~2 May 2022: Dr. Ani Kalyajian, Lorraine Simmons, and Andrew Dolinar spoke about Self Care and Peace Building: Healing the Self, Mother Nature, and the World. View it HERE
- ~25 April 2022: Dr. Ani Kalayjian was interviewed by freelance writer Chelsea Greenwood about the effectiveness of EMDR treatment.
- ~13 April 2022: Dr. Ani Kalayjian and Outreach Coordinator Paige McDonald met for part two of their discussion on Horizontal Violence. View it <u>HERE</u>
- ~30 March 2022: Dr. Ani Kalayjian and Outreach Coordinator Paige McDonald met for a series of Instagram Lives to discuss Horizontal Violence. View part one <u>HERE</u>
- ~24 March 2022: Interns Nola Sheehan and Alyssa Curcio spoke together about empathy and what it means. View the video <u>HERE</u>
- ~ 15 March 2022: Dr. Ani Kalayjian sat down and spoke with intern Will Robbins about SAD. View the video HERE
- ~2020 Dignity Workshop 27.2: Message tot he World from Dr. Ani Kalayjian. View it HERE







