

# Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention (ATOP) Bulletin, October 2024

## **Upcoming Events**



Considering many natural disasters in the last several weeks, such as hurricanes, and tornados, Meaningfulworld would like to share this handout of vital resources for coping. How to cope? Who to reach out? Free support groups on Thursdays, workshop on 26 October.

**More Information** 



26 October 2024 Disaster Relief & Mindfulness, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld Visionary Speaker: Beej Christie Karpen, Mindfulness-Based Transformational Coaching

**RSVP HERE** 

**Donation Link** 



Please join the William Paterson University Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the University Galleries during the 2024-25 academic year for two exhibitions exploring the cultural and artistic impact of the Armenian Genocide:



The Zakarian Family at an Armenian Picnic in Philadelphia

<u>The Armenian Genocide: One Family's Story</u> August 27, 2024 – May 14, 2025 First Floor Reference Area, Cheng Library

One Family's Story traces the journey of Arek and Moses Zakarian from the turn of the 20th century during the Ottoman Empire through genocide, survival, migration, and reemergence in the United States. Visitors will engage with the family's personal photos, memoirs, musical instruments, artifacts, and artwork which serve as a backdrop to the broader history of the Armenian Genocide. The exhibition is made possible by the Zakarian grandchildren, led by Susan Arpajian Jolley and Allan Arpajian.

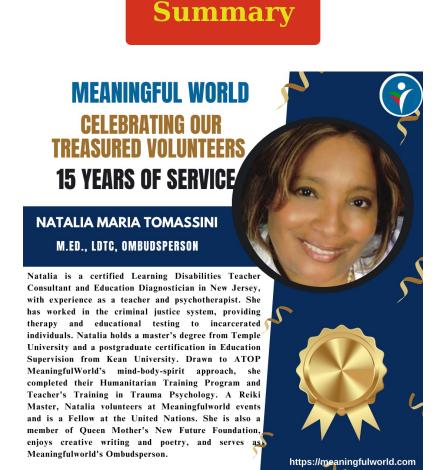


William Paterson University Exhibit: Surviving the Ottoman Turkish Genocide of the Armenians. August 2024-May 2025. Panel discussion to follow on 12 Nov. at 4:30 pm. Transforming Victimhood to Victorhood. Resilience & Post-Traumatic Growth with Dr. Kalayjian

**More Information** 

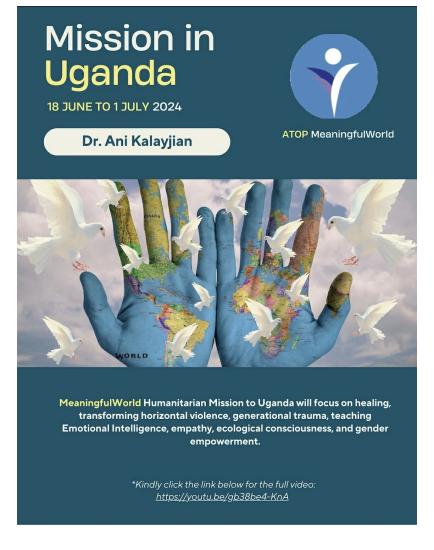


On 8 October, 2024, Fordham University hosted an International Psychology Panel of Experts. Leading professionals discussed a range of global issues in psychology, offering valuable insights into international work and its challenges.



October - Celebrating Our Treasured Volunteers: Natalia Maria Tomassini, Ombudsperson of ATOP MeaningfulWorld
This October, MeaningfulWorld is thrilled to celebrate Natalia Maria
Tomassini, a dedicated volunteer for 15 years! Her invaluable work has played a crucial role in our mission. Join us in honoring her outstanding commitment to our community as Ombudsperson.

**More information** 



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

Watch Film Here!





# **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)

Where: info@meaningfulworld.com for zoom link

## **RSVP Here**

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.

**RSVP Here** 

**More Information** 



#### **COFFEE TABLE BOOK RELEASE**

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** 

# MeaningfulWorld invites you to share your love!





#### REUSABLE CANVAS BAGS

Let's reduce the use of plastic and raise money for those in need! We want to continue to help launch a suicide lifeline in Armenia, educate others on emotional intelligence, and deploy our teams for humanitarian relief missions! There are 4 different colors to choose from! Buy a reusable bag and help us help others!

### MEANINGFULWORLD TSHIRTS

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**

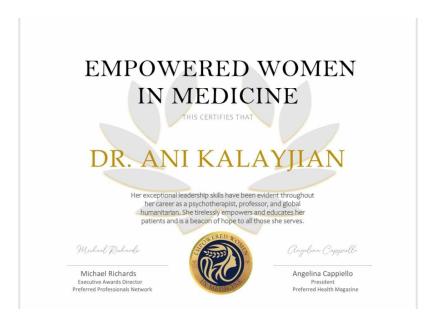
# **T-Shirt Sale**



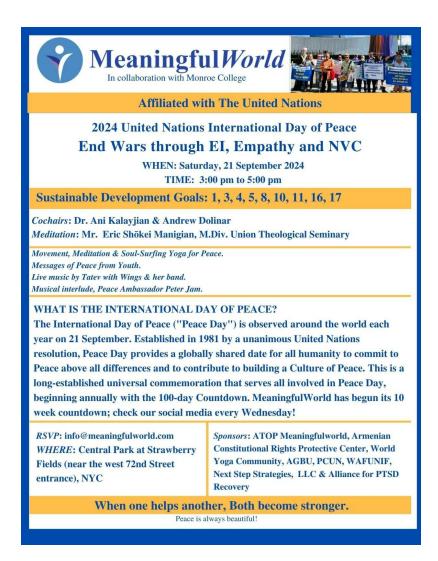


#### **Awards**

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.

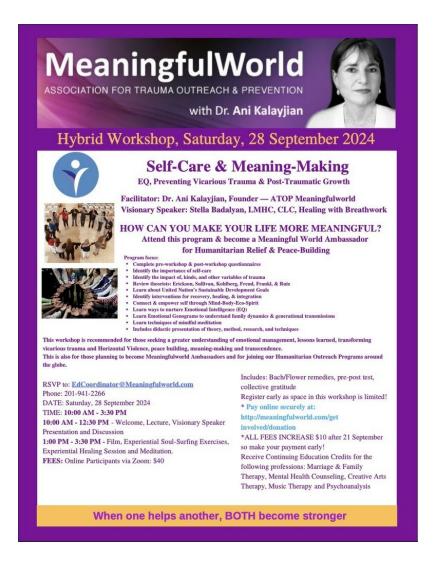


Empowered Women in Medicine Award, given to Dr. Ani Kalayjian, for her exceptional leadership and dedication as a psychotherapist, professor, and global humanitarian.



#### **Successful Past Events**

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.

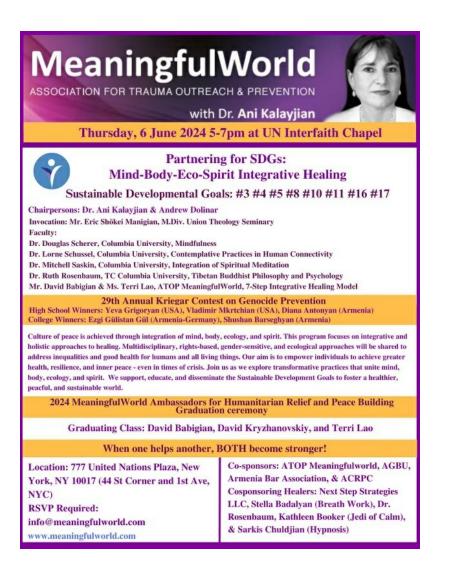


28 September 2024 Self-Care & Meaning-Making, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld Visionary Speaker: Stella Badalyan, LMHC, CLC, Healing with Breathwork



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!





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** 



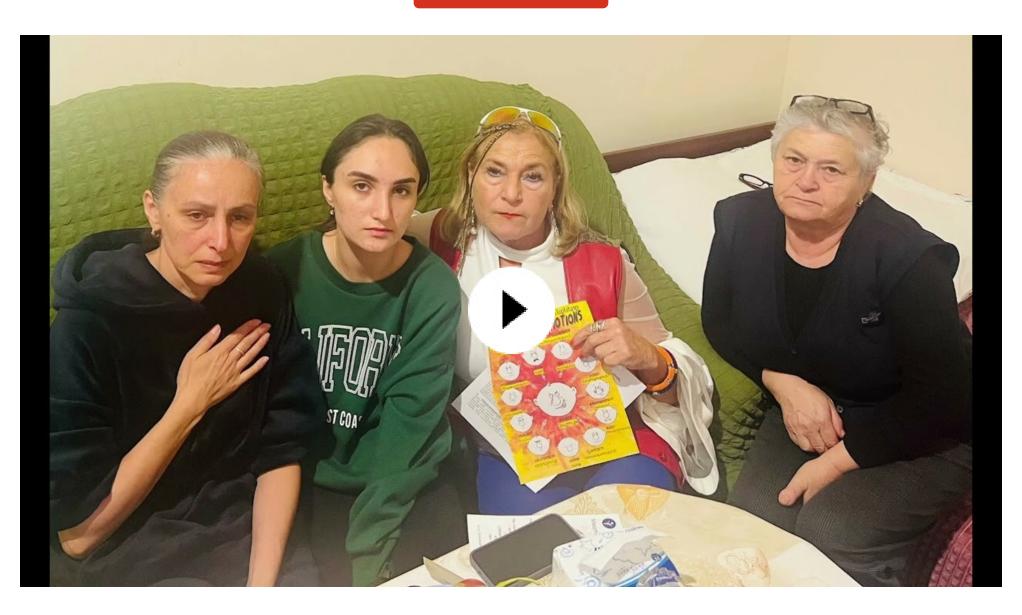
18 May 2024 Mindful Leadership & Forgiveness, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld

Visionary Speaker: Deanna Danielian, LMFT, Somatic Experiencing Practic Dr. Douglas Scherer



**Humanitarian Mission to Armenia returns with great success** 

**Summary** 



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

Watch Film Here!



For more information, visit meaningfulworld.com

positions!

#### **INTERN CALL: PART TIME INTERNS NEEDED**

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!

**More Information** 





## **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 HERE 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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#### ATTENTION: Additional Media

- ~February 2024: Intern Introductions from David Babigian and Terri Lao. View it HERE
- ~March 2023: Gender Equity. Transforming Gender Stereotypes. View it HERE
- ~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 HERE
- ~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 HERE
- ~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 <u>HERE</u>
- ~25 April 2022: Dr. Ani Kalayjian was interviewed by freelance writer Chelsea Greenwood about the effectiveness of EMDR treatment.
- $\sim$ 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 HERE
- ~ 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 <u>HERE</u>





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