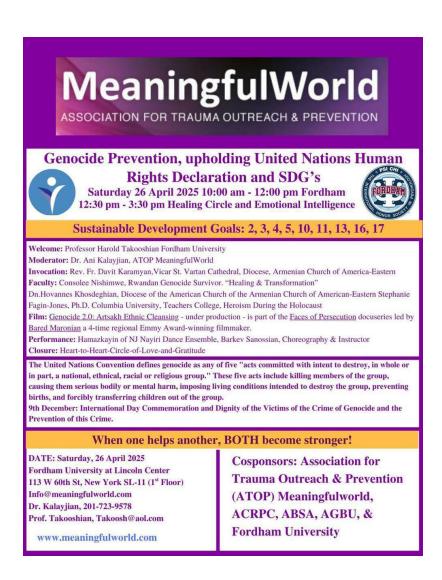


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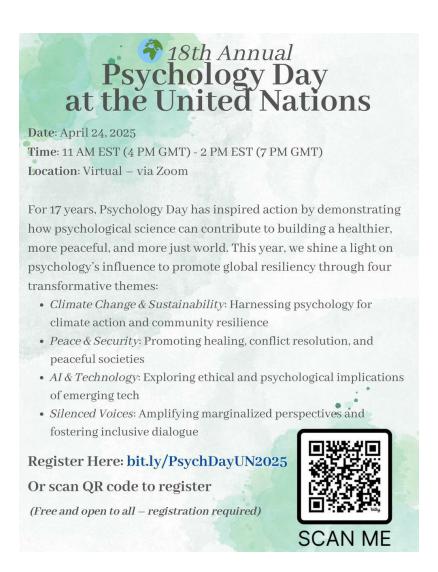
Upcoming Events



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



24 April 2025, 18th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations

Time: 11 AM - 2 PM EST Location: Virtual - via Zoom

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10 May, 2025 Nurturing Inner Peace and Joy. Join us for a day of self-care and heartfulness practices to cultivate inner peace and joy together!





On 28 March 2025, MeaningfulWorld ATOP participated in the 14th annual Armenian Mentor Forum hosted at Fordham University.

MEANINGFUL WORLD LAUNCHES THE 2025, 30TH ANNUAL KRIEGER CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS Subject: "What the Legacy of Genocide Means to Me" For more information visit meaningfulworld.com, or use the link below! https://meaningfulworld.com/uncategorized/20 25-krieger-essay-contest

Enter and Win BIG With The Krieger Genocide Prevention Contest, awards at the United Nations! Meaningful World launches the 2025, 30th Annual Krieger Contest for High School and College Students. Subject: What the Legacy of Genocide Means to Me?





Weekly Meetings

Free Weekly Support Groups

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

When: Every Thursday

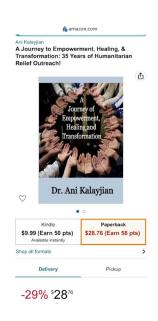
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 PM (EST)

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



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



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

MeaningfulWorld invites you to share your love!





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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!

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T-Shirt Sale

Vicarious Trauma by Dr. Ani Kalayjian Kalayjian, A. (2013 Spring). Vicarious Trauma Psychology Newsletter. pp 32

After several humanitarian rehabilitation missions, I am finally home, sitting on my bed and Wondering to myself – how do I feel?
Am I numb from all the traumas I've witnessed?
Am I frozen, devoid of feelings?
Am I so sad that I have managed to push
All my feelings down? Or is this vicarious traumatization?

I came face to face with the bulging eyes of poverty in DR Congo, I witnessed the chapped lips of dehydration in Sierra Leone, I cried with the neglected and abused woman in Pakistan, I helped the young man with no legs in a village in Armenia, And I wiped tears from the cheeks of a child in Rwanda...

But afterward I would always return home. I have a comfortable home to come to Unlike all the people I worked with.

T've returned home but isolate myself for a while,

Confine myself to the four corners of my comfortable home...

Was I feeling the guilt of having economic comfort? Or of the privileges I enjoy? Was it the disparity of education that I noticed destroying nations? Or was it vicarious trauma?

My Armenian ancestors endured being homeless.
They were driven out of their homes, forced to walk for months
Through the deserts of Arabia on a march to their death.
Where is God, I wonder, when I am working in these traumatized countries?
But now I realize that all of the human race,
Every nation has experienced the pain and sorrow
Of being uprooted, conquered, and destroyed,
Only to start building all over again.

I also witnessed the raw unadulterated beautiful beaches in Haiti, The brilliant peaceful stars in Lebanon, The giant mountains of Kenya, The breathtaking waterfalls of Sri Lanka, and Armenia's indomitable Mt. Ararat.

As I sequester myself to reflect,
Balancing the good and evil,
Weighing the positives and negatives
Of all that I've witnessed, I remain in wonderment
As I ask myself: Do we really need the evil to be able to appreciate the good?

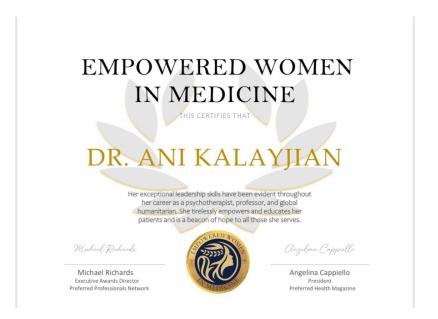
Awards

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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.



More Information



Successful Past Events

29 March 2025 Disaster Relief & Mindfulness, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld Visionary Speaker: Mary Ng - Transforming Grief

Summary



28 March 2025 Connecting and Empowering Armenian Students and Professionals. Join us at the 14th Annual Mentoring Forum.



13 March 2025 Al and El: 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.



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

Summary

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22 February 2025, Self-Care & Meaning-Making, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld Visionary Speaker: Tanya Vartanyan - Reiki Energetic Healing



On 7 December Meaningful World had an amazing Gratitude & Healing Party with live music, international foods, 7 healing modalities, drinks, films, music, deserts, gifts & much more!

Summary

Watch The Video



On 13 December, Meaningful World participated in the 246th Interfaith Conference, "Healing Prayer for Humanity," on the topic "What Are Women's Rights in Your Faith?"



On 23 November 2024 Meaningful World had organized Conflict Transformation & Peace-Building, Hybrid Workshop

Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld Visionary Speaker: Mika Ichihara, M.S., L.Ac., LL.M, Feng Shui

Summary

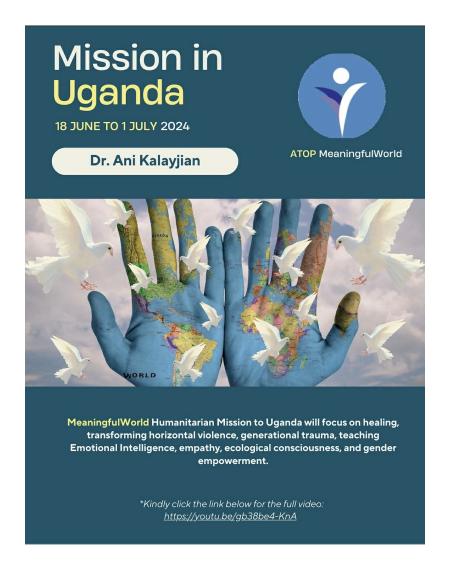


Meaningful World participated in the William Paterson University Exhibit: Surviving the Ottoman Turkish Genocide of the Armenians, which runs from August 2024 to May 2025. On 12 November, we joined the powerful panel discussion Transforming Victimhood to Victorhood: Resilience & Post-Traumatic Growth with Dr. Kalayjian, exploring resilience and the journey from trauma to growth.



On 2 November 2024 MeaningfulWorld ATOP had organized a symposium on Al & El: Challenges to global outreach In Armenia, Guatemala, Uganda and Palestine at St Francis College in Brooklyn, New York!





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

Watch Film Here!



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



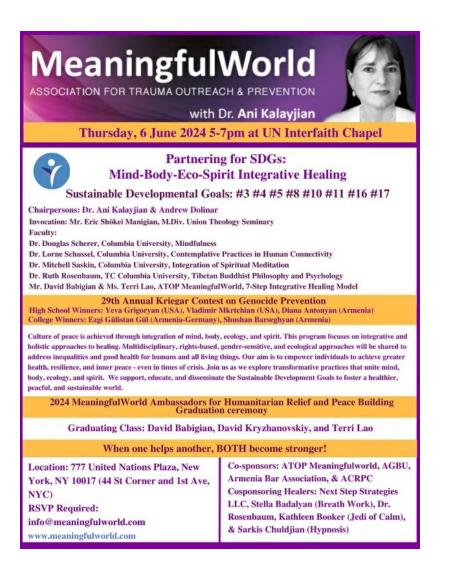
Day of Peace. End Wars through EQ, Empathy and NVC on 21 September at Strawberry Fields in Central Park NYC 3pm-5pm

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



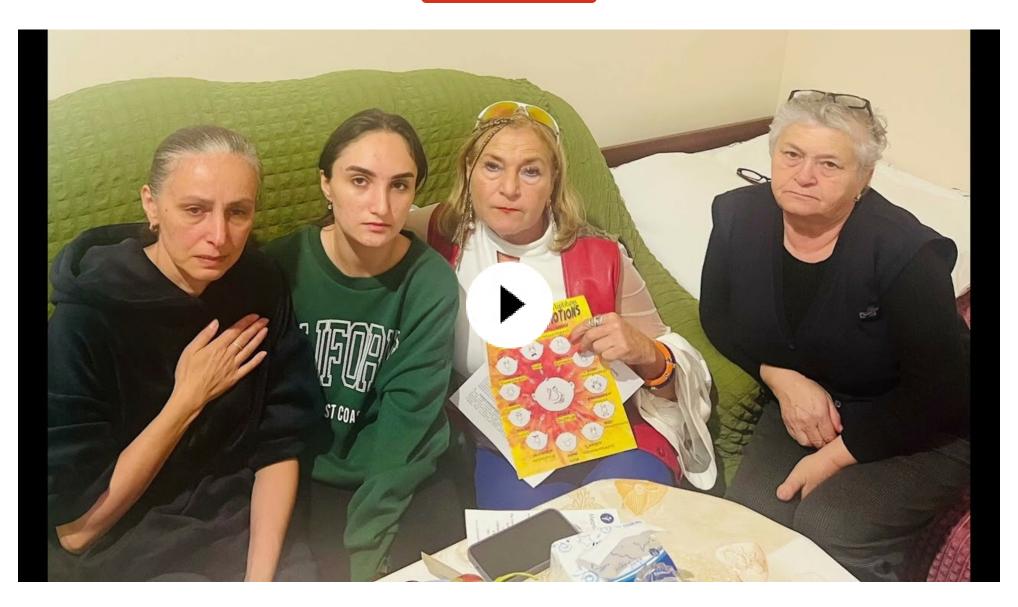
18 May 2024 Mindful Leadership & Forgiveness, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld

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!

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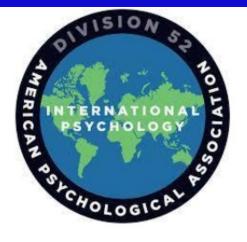


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ATOP Latest Publishing

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 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

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ATTENTION: Additional Media

- ~2024 Humanitarian Mission to Armenia. VIEW IT HERE
- ~ MeaningfulWorld UN International Day of Peace. VIEW IT HERE
- $^{\sim}$ Suicide awareness & prevention Dr. Ani interviewed by Carl Birman. VIEW IT $\underline{\mathsf{HERE}}$
- ~ 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 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 HERE
- ~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 <u>HERE</u>
- ~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 HERE
- ~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 HERE
- ~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 <u>HERE</u>
- ~2020 Dignity Workshop 27.2: Message tot he World from Dr. Ani Kalayjian. View it <u>HERE</u>





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