

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

#### **Upcoming Events**







Sunday 21 September 2025, International Day of Peace

**Learn More Here** 

**See Past Events** 

Saturday 27 September 2025, Self-Care & Mindfulness Hybrid Workshop Faculty, Dr. Kalayjian, Visionary Speaker Nupur Kothari Must register by 20 September

**Register Here** 

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# **Our Annual Garden Party**

26 July 2025, Annual Garden Gratitude & Healing Party

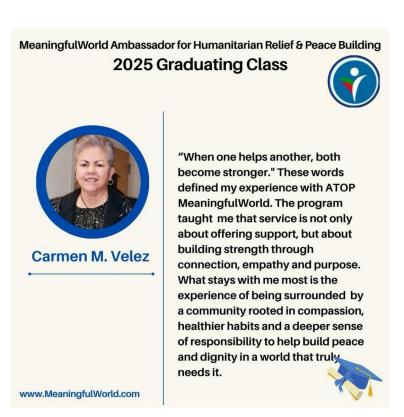
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# **Meet MeaningfulWorld's New Board of Advisor**

# David Shapiro, M.A.

David Shapiro, PhD, B.A. cum laude Chemistry, Carleton College; M.A. Philosophy, M.I.U.; co-author of two studies related to the TM program on PTSD and refugees published in Journal of Traumatic Stress (April, 2013; February, 2014), and a third study on PTSD in students published in Psychological Reports (February, 2019). He has authored hundreds of popular articles on PTSD recovery published around the world. His two non-profit charities provide support for PTSD Relief to 100's of thousands of people in over 20 nations in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North America. He has designed and managed social change and wellness projects ranging from local

clinics to national ballot access programs. He has participated in 40-year specialized study and practice of the Transcendental Meditation program. Founding President of PTSD Relief Now Corporation (PTSDReliefNow.org) and its African PTSD Relief projects. He has been collaborating with MeaningulWorld in humanitarian missions in Uganda and Armenia since 2024.

#### Meet MeaningfulWorld's Website Support

#### Ani Minasian, M.S.

Ani has a master's in science degree in applied chemistry from Aleppo University and undergraduate studies in Armenian literature. She has extensive experience in Quality control and Assurance. In addition, she is a representative and project manager for companies with quality teams. Ani is passionate in community service and volunteering her time at Armenian Relief Society, which is a humanitarian international organization taking care of woman and children in need. She is loyal, honest, personable, with great work ethic, and committed to a job well done. Ani is certified in digital marketing, business, and communication skills. MeaningfulWorld welcomes Ani for website support.

# Farewell to our Summer Interns from AGBU Global Leadership Program, New York

#### Sarine Christianian, Social Media & Outreach Intern

Sarine is a rising senior at American University, pursuing a dual degree in Business and Entertainment with a specialization in film through the Kogod School of Business, and a major in Communication Studies from the School of Communications. Sarine is passionate about creating media that inspires and tells meaningful stories, and she is particularly interested in the intersection of entertainment, culture, and humanitarian efforts. This summer, Sarine is a participant of the AGBU Summer Internship Program, where she is gaining hands-on experience interning at MeaningfulWorld, focusing on outreach and social media initiatives. Originally from Boulder, Colorado, Sarine has a deep appreciation for the outdoors and enjoys hiking, biking, and spending time in nature. MeaningfulWorld welcomes Sarine to our team.

#### Pelé Rensel, Research and Outreach Intern

Pelé is currently interning with Meaningful World through the AGBU Global Leadership Internship Program. Pelé is a rising senior at American University majoring in Psychology. She loves working with Meaningful World and also loves running, reading, being outdoors and cooking. Pelé is very passionate about wellness and creating a healthy lifestyle for the mind and body and is thrilled anytime she can help someone improve their health and wellness through lifestyle changes. MeaningfulWorld welcomes Pelé to our team.

#### **Learn More About Our Team**

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

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

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Celebrating our 2025 Graduates of Meaningful World Global Humanitarian Ambassador Sena Unmak!

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Celebrating our 2025 Graduates of Meaningful World Global Humanitarian Ambassador Sharon E. Feldeine!

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MeaningfulWorld Ambassador for Humanitarian Relief & Peace Building

#### 2025 Graduating Class





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Paulina Sipilian

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As the Education Coordinator at MeaningfulWorld & Fellow at the United Nations, I engage in comprehensive literature reviews and collaborate on research projects with a dedicated team. My role involves attending weekly meetings at the UN, where I work closely with colleagues to plan and develop forthcoming initiatives, gaining valuable insights into policy development processes. Additionally, I coordinate and moderate meetings, workshops, and various educational events, fostering a collaborative environment to promote learning, healing, and transformation.

Celebrating our 2025 Graduates of Meaningful World Global Humanitarian Ambassador Paulina Sipilian!

#### **More Information**



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

#### **More Information**



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)

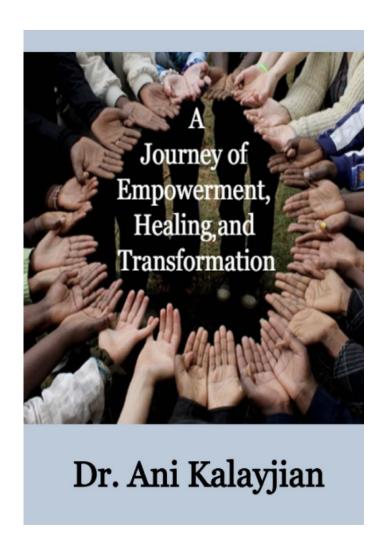
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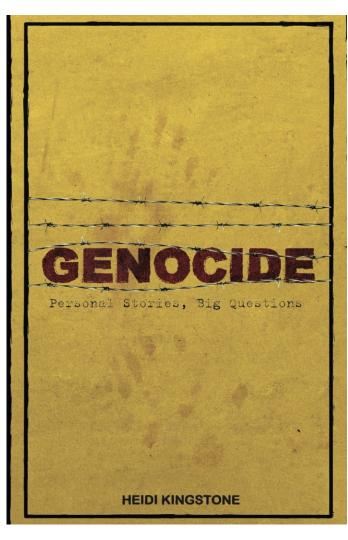


Meet Up Zoom Yoga & Soul Surfing with Dr. Ani ATOP MeaningfulWorld offers yoga and meditation during these times of panic and unrest.

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

**RSVP Here** 





#### **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.

**Click HERE for the link** 



#### **Global Firearm Violence - An Integrative Review**

#### **More Information**

# 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** 

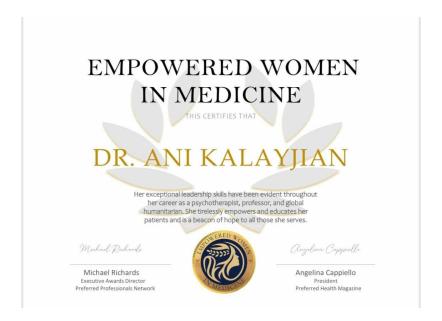


MeaningfulWorld ATOP founder Dr. Ani Kalayjian was awarded the 2025 R. Louise McManus Medal by by NEAA, created by Teachers College, Columbia University

#### 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.



#### Spotlight on Ani Kalayjian, Teachers College Columbia University Courier

#### **More Information**





**Successful Past Events** 

27 September 2025, Self-Care & Mindfulness Zoom Workshop

**Learn More** 

27 June 2025, AAMHA Conference, Partnership Amongst Armenian Organizations

**Summary** 

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

**Summary** 

**Photo Gallery** 



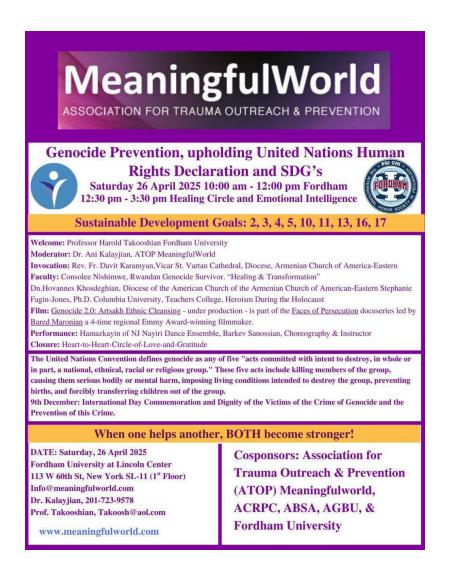
17 May 2025, Mindful Leadership & Forgiveness, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld Visionary Speaker: Laura Cerrano, Feng Shui

#### **More Information**



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

**More Information** 



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

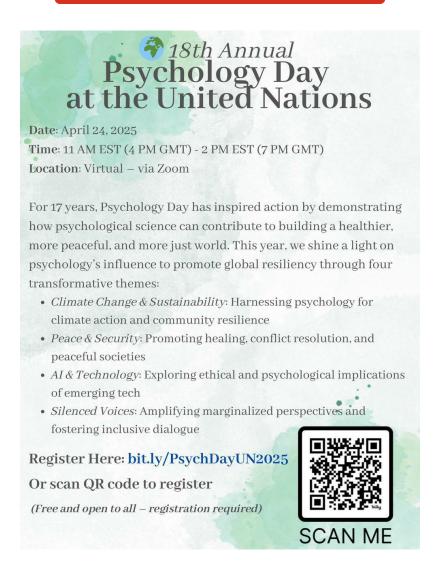
**Summary** 

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

## **More Information**



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.

**More Information** 



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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**Summary** 



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

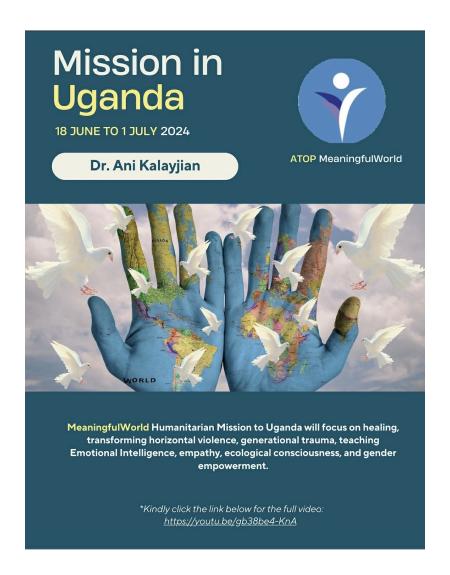
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On 8 March 2025, MeaningfulWorld participated in the Eastern psychological Association conference.

**Summary** 

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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** 

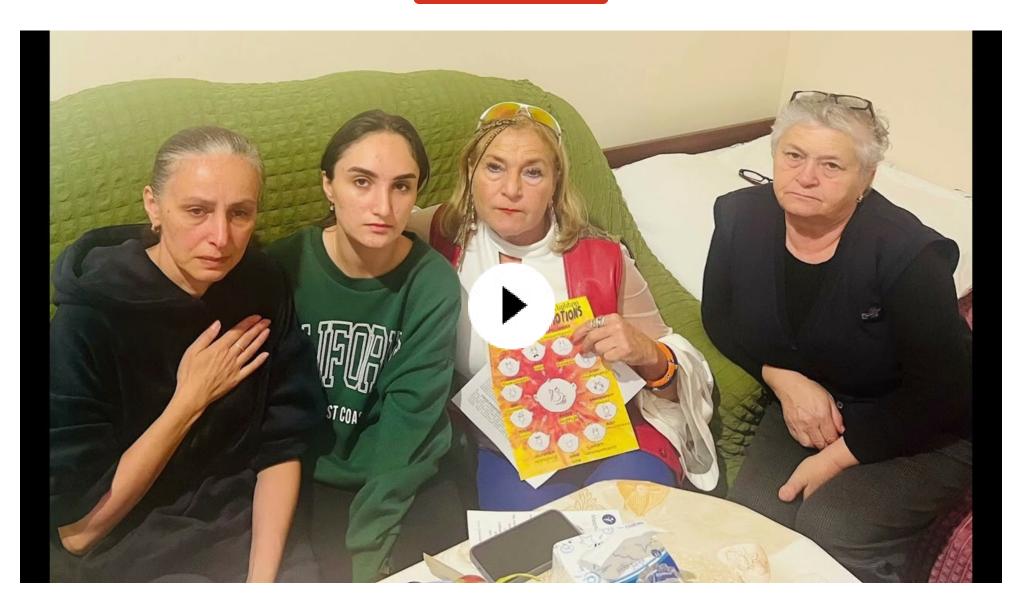
**Winners of Essay Contest** 

**Graduates** 



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

# **Summary**



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

Watch Film Here!



Be part of an innovative team of change makers who foster a meaningful, peaceful, and just world in which every individual enjoys physical, mental, social, economic, ecological, and spiritual health!



For more information, visit meaningfulworld.com

#### **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 <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

#### **Gratitude To Our Donors**

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**ATTENTION: Additional Media** 

- ~ 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







