

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

Upcoming Events



Let Love Transform You! Wishing You and Yours love filled days!



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

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Eastern Psychological Association Annual Conference New York, NY, Marriott Marquis Hotel

Saturday 8 March 2025

AI & EI: Nurturing Emotional Intelligence around the world

Dr. Kalayjian, Paulina Sipilian, Romance Albarqawi, and Sena Ummak

Artificial Intelligence has revolutionized mental health support, offering scalable, cost-effective solutions. However, its reliance on technology excludes vulnerable populations lacking basic access to electricity and Wi-Fi. Emotional Intelligence (EI), emphasizing empathy, mindfulness and meaning-making, complements Al's strengths, addressing human-centered mental health needs. This paper discusses the Seven Step Integrative Healing Model, combining

biopsychosocial and eco-spiritual approaches to enhance El. By synergizing Al and El, we propose a holistic, equitable framework for global mental health interventions.

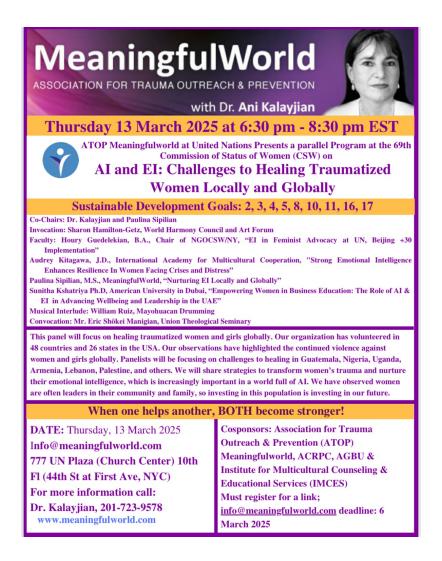
Artificial Intelligence (AI) has quickly become one of the most widespread and rapidly integrated technologies in the modern world, transforming sectors like healthcare, banking, and retail by solving complex problems. In psychology and mental health, Al has evolved from providing basic support to performing relativishing the statement of the property of the problems. providing basic support to performing roles traditionally filled by professionals, making mental health services more accessible and affordable (Fiske et al., 2019; Abrams, 2023). Despite its vast potential, AI struggles to replicate essential human skills like empathy, understanding, mindfulness, and motivation. These limitations underscore the growing importance of Emotional Intelligence (EI) in a post-AI world.

El, encompassing the ability to identify, express, and manage emotions, is crucial for effective leadership, social functioning, and addressing emotional challenges like stress and trauma (Srivastava, 2013; Drigas & Papoutsi, 2018, Kalayjian 2018). It complements Al's strengths in data processing with uniquely human capabilities such as intuition, creativity, and ethical decision-making. Despite its well-documented significance, EI is often overlooked in favor of more easily quantifiable cognitive and social measures. This proposal emphasizes the enduring importance of EI, as AI reshapes the landscape of human interaction, particularly addressing vulnerable communities and countries who lack even the basic needs of electricity adultssing variations communities and communities who take even the same factors of techniques and Wi-Fi. Without integrating EI into technological advancements, AI risks perpetuating social inequities and dehumanizing interactions across diverse domains. Prioritizing EI alongside AI can help foster more equitable, inclusive, and compassionate outcomes across sectors, especially

While AI has demonstrated considerable potential in enhancing mental health support through scalable and cost-effective solutions (Yonatan-Leu, 2024), the global disparity in access to technology significantly limits its benefits for vulnerable populations in developing regions.

SAVE THE DATE! On 8 March 2025, join the Eastern psychological Association conference panel presentation with Meaningful World!

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

More Information



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

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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?**

More Information





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

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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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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

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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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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

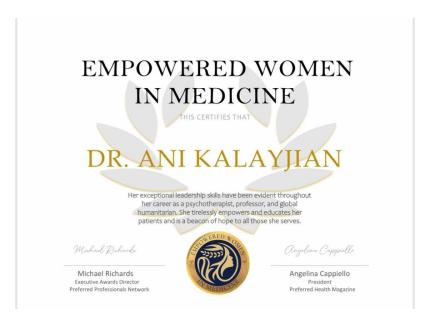
T-Shirt Sale





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

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



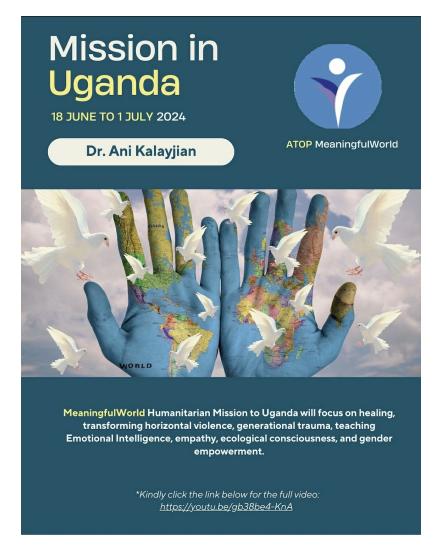


Meaningful World participated in the William Paterson University Exhibit: Surviving the Ottoman Turkish Genocide of the Armenians, which runs from August 2024 to May 2025. On 12 November, we joined the powerful panel discussion Transforming Victimhood to Victorhood: Resilience & Post-Traumatic Growth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



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

Summary



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

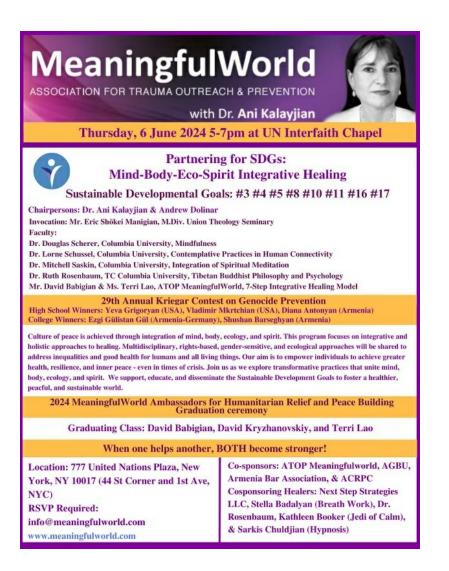


Day of Peace. End Wars through EQ, Empathy and NVC on 21 September at Strawberry Fields in Central Park NYC 3pm-5pm Cochairs: Dr. Ani Kalayjian & Andrew Dolinar.



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



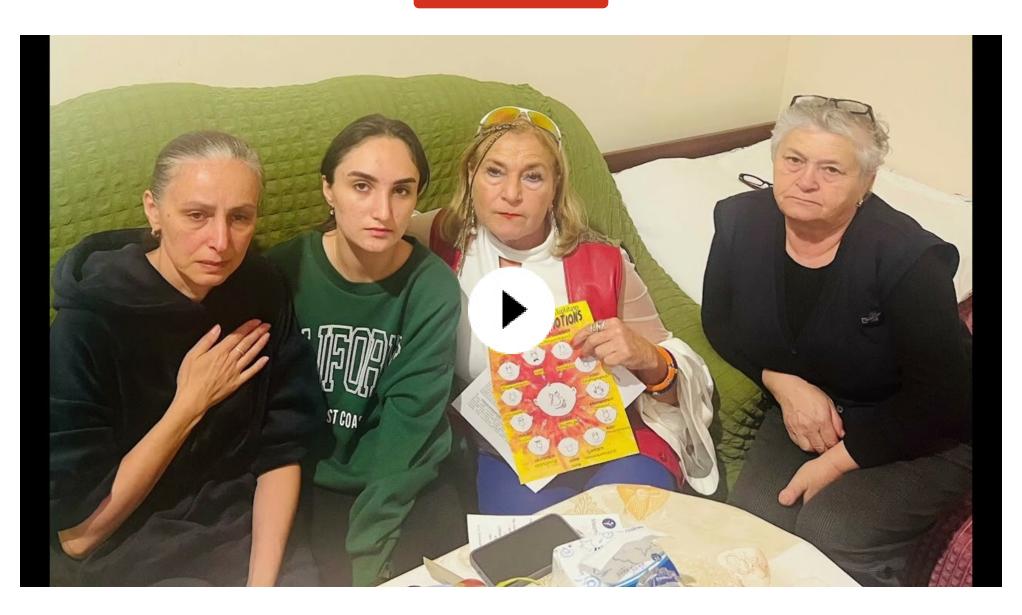
18 May 2024 Mindful Leadership & Forgiveness, Hybrid Workshop Facilitator: Dr. Ani Kalayjian, Founder, ATOP Meaningfulworld

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

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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

- ~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 ${\ensuremath{\mathbf{HERE}}}$
- ~ 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 <u>HERE</u>
- ~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 <u>HERE</u>
- ~July 2022: Humanitarian Outreach Mission to Guatemala, video by Lorraine Simmons. View it <u>HERE</u>
- ~9 November 2022: Belle Unobe and Kristina Khrimian discussing the objectives and activities of MeaningfulWorld's Genocide Prevention Committee. View it <u>HERE</u>
- ~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 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 <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 HERE
- ~24 March 2022: Interns Nola Sheehan and Alyssa Curcio spoke together about empathy and what it means. View the video HERE
- \sim 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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