

# PEACE CAUCUS

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APHA Annual Meeting October 24-28, 2020 ONLINE



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## PEACE, JUSTICE, & PUBLIC HEALTH: YOUR GUIDE TO APHA SESSIONS & EVENTS

### DON'T MISS THESE PEACE CAUCUS & APHA COLLABORATIVE SESSIONS

#### TUESDAY October 20<sup>th</sup>

- 4:00 PM–6:00 PM MT - Session 256.0  
**Joint Policy Committee Public Hearings C**  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60959> *Proposed policies on nuclear weapons abolition and the war in Yemen to be discussed, please attend to speak in support of these important policy statements.*

#### SATURDAY October 24<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM MT Session 214.0 (IH)  
**Palestine Health Justice Working Group Meeting**  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/61755>

#### SUNDAY October 25<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM MT Session 201.0  
**Peace Caucus Business Meeting. ALL WELCOME!**  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/61467>
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM MT **Health Activist Dinner**  
\$10 students free: <http://www.healthactivistdinner.org>

#### MONDAY October 26<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 – 2:30 PM MT Session 3174.1 (All Caucus Collaborative)  
**Strategies to Address an Epidemic of Injustice: Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Persons (MMIWP)**  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/62059>

#### TUESDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM MT Session 4049.0  
**4049.0 - Health and Conflict: New Research and the Imperative of Action for Yemen and Syria**  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60176>
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM MT Session 4184.1 (APHA)  
**Slaughter in Silence: Violence and Public Health in the DRC, the World's Deadliest Conflict Since World War II**  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60946>
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM MT Session 4363.0  
**Preventing Violence and Securing Peace, Racial, and Social Justice for All: Knowledge and Action Agenda for Public Health Professionals**  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60178>

### PEACE: A PREREQUISITE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**Leveraging the opportunities of an online meeting to lift up voices on the front lines of global militarization and domestic policing**

For the past 35 years, the Peace Caucus has served to make visible, as expressed in APHA's 2009 policy statement, that "[war has profound public health consequences, and it is an entirely preventable source of some the world's worst public health catastrophes.](#)"

This year's online meeting provided us with the unique opportunity to lift up voices from around the globe whose work is at the intersection of war, conflict, violence, and public health, and who otherwise would have been unable to attend the meeting. We urge you to take advantage of our extraordinary program, which brings to the forefront of the annual meeting the connections between violence and public health in [Africa](#), [Yemen](#), [Syria](#), and in the U.S., [exploring the health consequences of structural violence, and its relationship to racism, social injustice, and war](#). Please make the most of this unprecedented opportunity by attending the Peace Caucus sessions.

While violence prevention is the theme of this year's annual meeting, it is the theme of **every** annual meeting for the Peace Caucus. Please learn more about the work of the Peace Caucus by attending our [business meeting](#), and support the work of the Peace Caucus by joining at: <https://www.aphapeacecaucus.org>.

# APHA To Vote on Policies Calling for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons & Ending Support for War in Yemen

Let your support be heard at the Joint Policy Committee Hearings HELD ONLINE PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE  
Tuesday Oct. 20th, 4-6 PM MT <https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60959>

## Towards A Nuclear Free World: A Goal More Relevant than Ever to Health and Human Survival

This year marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. bombings of Japan with nuclear weapons, an attack that killed close to a quarter million people by the end of 1945. Remembrance is inseparable from recognition that nuclear weapons are not yet history. They are still here. The threat of nuclear war is real and growing. As of April 2020, there were approximately 13,410 nuclear weapons in the world held by 9 countries. In 2019, these 9 countries spent \$72.9 billion dollars on nuclear weapons, more than \$138,000 a hour. These costs are primarily based on the cost of warheads and delivery systems and development alone to permit comparison across nations. Other estimates that include verifiable costs of all nuclear programs that would not be spent if nuclear weapons did not exist, calculate the true costs of nuclear weapons in 2020 in the U.S. alone to be on the order of \$67.595 billion.

Total 2019 spending: \$72.9 billion



### There is no end in sight.

According to the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, the U.S. plans to spend an estimated \$1.2 trillion, approximately \$4 million an hour, to upgrade and modernize its nuclear weapons and delivery systems over the next 30 years. Cleanup, an illusory concept, is also expensive; the complete remediation costs were estimated to be \$50-60 billion in 2004. Clearly these expenditures could instead be used to address major deficiencies in U.S. and global public health infrastructure and access to healthcare,

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\$138,699 a minute on nuclear weapons.



Source: Enough is Enough: Global Nuclear Weapons Spending 2019. International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons 2020. Available at:  
[https://www.icanw.org/report\\_73\\_billion\\_nuclear\\_weapons\\_spending\\_2020](https://www.icanw.org/report_73_billion_nuclear_weapons_spending_2020)

revealed most recently by the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, every link in the chain of nuclear weapons production creates social inequities and injustices.

We are in the midst of a pandemic, and our climate emergency is visible just by looking out our windows at our smoke-filled air, drought-stricken landscapes, and flooded cities. But nuclear annihilation need not be our destiny. As articulated by the grassroots campaign Back From the

#### Public Health Thought Experiment

What are the costs of nuclear weapons to your community?  
You can calculate that at this [link](#).

Want to imagine what you could buy for public health instead? You can explore that at this [link](#).

Brink, there are stepwise, readily achievable measures leading to the ultimate abolition of nuclear weapons that we can demand.

APHA has formally recognized, for at least four decades, the direct and indirect adverse public health consequences of nuclear weapons research, development, testing, production, and use, and has also explicitly recognized the essential role of public health professionals in advancing the abolition of nuclear weapons. To address the ever-present threat, a policy statement on nuclear weapons, **“Towards A Nuclear Free World”** will be voted on by APHA’s Governing Council at the annual meeting. This policy statement provides an update to the evidence in support of APHA’s past policy statements and reaffirms APHA’s call for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

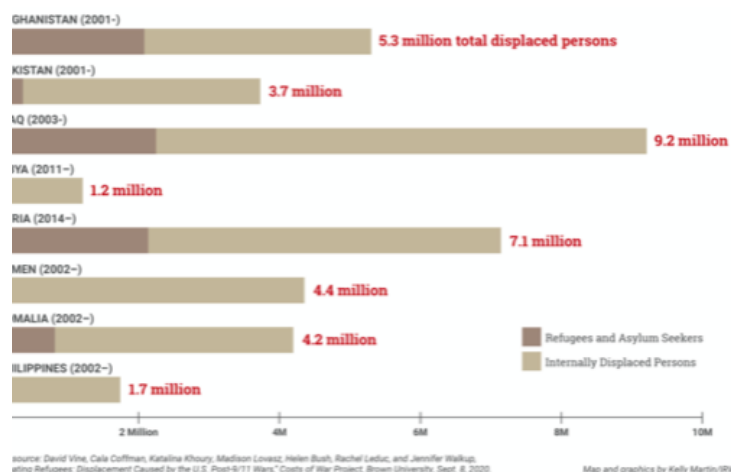
The policy statement is sponsored by the Peace Caucus and the International Health and Occupational Health and Safety Sections and was developed in collaboration with Physicians for Social Responsibility. To date, it has been endorsed by the Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health, Injury Control and Emergency Health Services, Student Assembly. We invite you to log onto zoom on **Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4-6PM MT** to voice your support of this policy statement at the Joint Policy Committee Public Hearings.

# NEW PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST



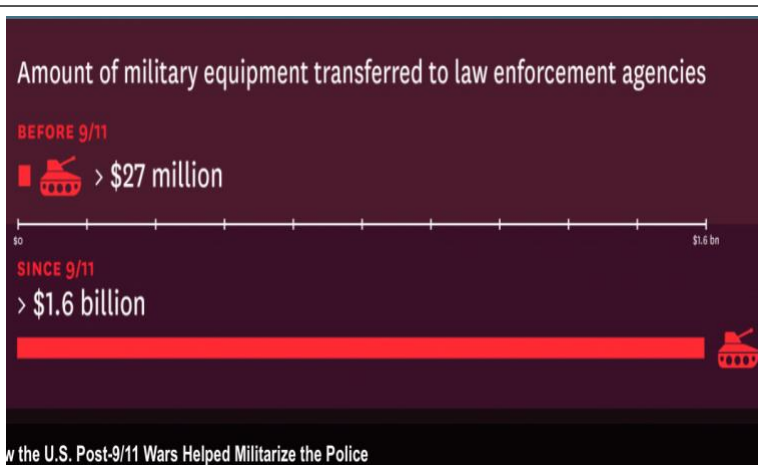
<https://academic.oup.com/jpubhealth/pages/conflict-and-health>

## Creating Refugees: Displacement Caused by the United States' Post-9/11 Wars



[https://www.icanw.org/report\\_73\\_billion\\_nuclear\\_weapons\\_spending\\_2020](https://www.icanw.org/report_73_billion_nuclear_weapons_spending_2020)

## The Wars are Here: How the United States' Post-9/11 Wars Helped Militarize the U.S. Police . September 2020



## APHA Late-Breaker, "[A Call to End the Bombing of Yemen and the Blockade on Its Ports](#)" Needs Your Support

*This APHA policy was passed last year as a late-breaker, and as such, needs to be reaffirmed this year. Please attend the Joint Policy Committee Hearings to voice your support for this critical policy. [Tuesday Oct. 20th, 4-6 PM MT](#)*

Learn more about the intersection of public health and war in Yemen at Peace Caucus session [4049](#) Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM MT



<https://yemenfoundation.org/project/orphan-support/>

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## SESSIONS ENDORSED BY THE PEACE CAUCUS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH		TITLE	TIME
APHA	1006	California Endowment Session: Racism is a Public Health Crisis: Reimagining and Redefining Public Safety in a Structure of State Sanctioned, Anti-Black Violence (separate, free registration to attend)	10:00:00
MONDAY OCTOBER 26TH		TITLE	TIME
APHA Global Health		Global Health Diplomacy and COVID-19: Progress or Peril for Global Health Cooperation?	8:30:00
APHA	3006	Preventing Violence	8:30:00
Black Caucus of Health Workers	3015	Slavery and Racism: Its Cause and Effect on Violence within African Americans	8:30:00
Public Health Education and Health Promotion	3050	Invited Session: Brutality and Violence: Impact on Communities of Color in the COVID-Era	8:30:00
Spirit of 1848 Caucus	3056	<i>Organizing Against Structural Injustice &amp; for Health Justice</i>	8:30:00
APHA	3091	COVID-19 and Social Injustice	10:30:00
Caucus on Homelessness	3100	Addressing Violence and Mortality Among People Experiencing Homelessness	10:30:00
Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health	3101	SCI - Barriers and Enablers Promoting or Impeding Health Among Immigrant, Refugee and Forcibly Displaced Communities	10:30:00
Epidemiology	3109	Collaborative Session - Measuring Structural Racism (organized by EPI and Applied Public Health Statistics sections)	10:30:00
Injury Control and Emergency Health Services	3123	Firearm Violence: Policy and Prevention	10:30:00
Socialist Caucus	3145	Politics, Policy, Pedagogy: Using Research to Change the World.	10:30:00
APHA	3174.1	Strategies to Address an Epidemic of Injustice: Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Persons (MMIWP)	13:00:00
APHA Featured Sessions	3179	The Plague of Firearm Violence In America	13:00:00
International Health	3208	Global Health Challenges in Conflict and Displacement	13:00:00
Socialist Caucus	3228	The People's Health Movement and the Right to Health	13:00:00
Veterans Caucus	3229	Military and Veteran's Health: Transitioning from the Vietnam Caucus to the Veteran's Caucus, What's Next?	13:00:00
APHA Intersectional Council	3270	ISC Climate Change Topical Group	15:00:00
APHA Intersectional Council	3270.1	ISC Gun Violence Prevention	15:00:00
Epidemiology	3283	Epidemiology of Violence: Neighborhood/Place Effects	15:00:00
Veterans Caucus	3315	When Lines Are Blurred: Military, Veteran, Civilian, Rebel, or All of the Above?	15:00:00
Ethics	RT16	Whose Justice, Whose System? Ethics, Research, Racism, and Incarceration	12:30:00

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 27TH		TITLE	TIME
APHA Center for Climate, Health & Equity	4006	Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) in Climate and Health Adaptation Planning	8:30:00
Human Rights Forum	4038	Prevention of Human Rights Violations As Outcomes of Structural Violence and Social Inequalities	8:30:00
Spirit of 1848 Caucus	4060	<i>Pedagogies for Survivance: Addressing Structural Violence in Its Many Forms</i>	8:30:00
Women's Caucus	4061	Resources in Silos: Sexual Violence and Self Harm in Multiple Settings	8:30:00
APHA	4100.1	Ajph Session: "Engaging Communities in Youth Violence Prevention"	10:30:00
Community Health Planning and Policy Development	4114	Exploring Approaches to Reduce Gun Violence	10:30:00
Community Health Planning and Policy Development	4115	Structural Violence and Youth Survival: Changing the Narrative Regarding Violence Affecting Urban, Black Youth	10:30:00
International Health	4132	Social Determinants in Global Health	10:30:00
Socialist Caucus	4155	Our Sick Hospital and Healthcare System	10:30:00
APHA	4184.1	Slaughter in silence: Violence and public health in the DRC, the world's deadliest conflict since World War II	13:00:00
Human Rights Forum	4214	Protection and Empowerment of Universal Human Rights Among Vulnerable Populations.	13:00:00
International Health	4219	Preventing Physical Violence Requires Preventing Systemic and Structural Violence	13:00:00
APHA Featured Sessions	4270	COVID-19 As an Amplifier of the Mass Incarceration Public Health Crisis	15:00:00
Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health	4277	Conflict, Violence, Social Inequalities, and the Health of Immigrant, Forcibly Displaced and Refugee Populations	15:00:00
Maternal and Child Health	4305	Addressing Violence: Working Together to Promote Public Health for Mothers and Children in Conflict Regions.	15:00:00
Socialist Caucus	4320	Covid Crisis Capitalism and the Need for National Healthcare Now More Than Ever	15:00:00
Community Based Public Health Caucus	RT30	Innovative Partnered Approaches to Address Violence	12:00:00
Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health	5007	Addressing Violence and Associated Health Outcomes Affecting Immigrant, Refugee, and Forcibly Displaced Communities (virtual session)	8:30:00
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28TH		TITLE	TIME
Mental Health	5036	Veterans and Active Military Mental Health	8:30:00
International Health	5083	Structural Violence, Settler Colonialism, Health, and Resistance: The Case of Palestine	10:30:00
Environment	5119	70 Years after Nuclear Bomb Testing: How Radioactive Waste Still Plagues a San Francisco Community and Threatens Public Health	12:30:00
Public Health Nursing	5141	PHN Special Call II: Disrupting Oppressive, Racist, and Colonizing Narratives and Practices	12:30:00