

Psychology Day at the United Nations

***2015 Program – Reducing Health Inequalities Within and Among Countries:
Psychology’s Contributions to the UN’s Post-2015 Global Agenda***



What is Psychology Day at the UN?

Psychology Day at the United Nations celebrates and informs psychologists and the UN community regarding the contributions of psychological science to the realization of the UN’s global human rights agenda.

It provides an opportunity for psychologists and representatives of the UN to share with UN staff, missions, agencies, NGO’s and the private sector the role of psychology in addressing pressing global concerns. Psychology Day also introduces Psychologists and their students to the advocacy activities of psychologists at the UN and around the world.

Previous Programs

2014 – “Psychology’s Contributions to Sustainable Development: Challenges and Solutions for the Global Agenda”

2013 – “Psychology and Violence in the Global Context: Antecedents, Consequences, and Prevention”

2012 – “Human Rights for Vulnerable People”

2011 – “Reach Them, Teach Them: The Role of Psychology in Achieving Universal Access to Education”

2010 – “Negotiating for Peace and Human Rights”

2008 – “Psychology and Social Justice Related to the UN Global Agenda”

2007 – “Psychology and Disaster Response”



Previous Speakers

2014

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| Maya Shankar | PhD, Senior White House Policy Advisor |
| Lori Foster Thompson | PhD, NGO Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP); Professor of Psychology, North Carolina State University |
| Rashmi Jaipal | PhD, NGO Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the American Psychological Association; Professor of Psychology, Bloomfield College, New Jersey |
| H.E. Ambassador Ruben Armando Escalante Hasbun | Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations |
| Roseanne Flores | PhD, American Psychological Association |
| Peter Walker | PhD, International Council of Psychologists, and Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues |
| Saths Cooper | PhD, President of the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) and Vice-President of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) |
| Elke Weber | PhD, Jerome A Chazen Professor of International Business and Professor of Management and Psychology, and Director, Center for Research on Environmental Decisions (CRED), Columbia University, New York |
| John E.S. Lawrence | PhD, Former Principal Advisor and Deputy Director, UNDP, and Adjunct Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York |
| H.E. Ambassador Kintu Nyago | Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of Uganda to the United Nations |

2013

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| John C. Scott | PhD, Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology Representative to the UN |
| Walter Reichman | EdD, International Association of Applied Psychology Representative to the UN |
| Julia M. da Silva | BSc, Director, APA Violence Prevention Office |
| Theresa Betancourt | ScD, MA, Associate Professor of Child Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health |
| Ava Thompson | PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology, The College of the Bahamas |

Previous Speakers

2013 Cont.

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| Martin Butler | PhD, International Association of Applied Psychology Representative to the UN |
| Joost Kooijmans | PhD, Special Assistant to the UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence Against Children |
| Corann Okorodudu | EdD, Professor Emerita of Psychology and Africana Studies, Rowan University |
| Mary Crawford | PhD, Professor of Psychology, University of Connecticut |
| Shamita Das Dasgupta | PhD, Co-Founder of Manavi, Adjunct Professor, New York University School of Law |
| Rosemary Lane | MA, Social Affairs Office, Focal Point on Ageing, UN Division for Social Policy and Development |
| Florence L. Denmark | PhD, Past Chair, UN Psychology Day, Distinguished Research Professor, Pace University |
| Neal S. Rubin | PhD, ABPP, Program Chair, 2013 UN Psychology Day; DPI NGO Representative of the APA to the UN |

2012

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| Janet Sigal | PhD, Co-Chair, Main Representative of APA to the UN |
| Martin Butler | PhD, Co-Chair, International Association of Applied Psychology Representative to the UN |
| Vijay Ganju | PhD, Secretary General and CEO, World Federation of Mental Health |
| Priscilla Dass-Brailsford | EdD, Associate Professor, Georgetown University |
| Richard Dougherty | PhD, President, BasicNeeds US |
| Grainne O'Hara | LLB, BL, MA, Senior Policy Advisor, UN High Commission for Refugees |
| Adeyinka Akinsulure-Smith | PhD, Assistant Professor, City University of New York |
| Katherine Porterfield | PhD, Staff Psychologist at Bellevue Hospital, NYU Program for Survivors of Torture |
| Telma Viale | MA, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the International Labour Organization Office for the UN in New York |
| Stuart Carr | PhD, Professor of Psychology in Industrial and Organizational Psychology Program at Massey University, New Zealand |
| Winifred Doherty | Past Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development, Social Worker, University College in Cork, Ireland |

Previous Speakers

2011

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| Barbara Reynolds | EdD, Senior Advisor, Education Section, UNICEF |
| Maria Regina Maluf | PhD, President, The InterAmerican Society of Psychology; Professor, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil |
| Henry M. Levin | PhD, Professor, Columbia University |
| Foday Sackor | Masters in International Affairs, Columbian University; Liberian Refugee |
| Deanna Chitayat | PhD, Co-Chair of the 4 th Annual Psychology Day at the UN, Main Representative of APA's Team to the UN |
| Carol Goodheart | EdD, Past President of the APA |
| Florence Kaslow | PhD, ABPP, Family Psychologist; Co-Chair, APA Committee on International Relations in Psychology |
| Sue Oserhoudt | MLS |
| Andrew Simon | PhD, PsyD |
| Erin Murphy-Graham | EdD, Research Staff Member, Institute for Defense Analysis in Science and Technology Policy Institute in Washington, DC |
| Pamela Fluttau | PhD, Science and Technology Institute for Defense Analysis, Washington, DC |
| Janet S. Twyman | PhD, BCBA |
| Fr. Wismick Jean-Charles | MA, MSc, Representative of International Association of Applied Psychology at the UN |
| Michael Fleshman | Author, Consultant |
| Colette Daiute | PhD, Professor, City University of New York |
| Mary O'Neill Berry | PhD, Co-Chair, 4 th Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations |

2010

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| Florence Denmark | Main Representative, International Council of Psychologists, Coordinator of UN Psychology Day Planning Committee |
| Harvey Langholtz | Senior Fellow, United Nations Institute for Training and Research and Associate Professor, College of William and Mary |
| Pete Walker | Representative of the International Association of Applied Psychology |
| Sherry Dingman | Representative, APA |
| Riet Kroeze | Head, Marketing and Communication, MedAir Netherlands |
| Rachel Ravich | Representative, SPSSI |

Previous Speakers

2010 Cont.

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| Judy Kuriansky | Main Representative, IAAP; Psychosocial Director, US Doctors for Africa |
| Daniel Shapiro | Harvard Negotiation Project |
| Johnston Barkat | UN Ombudsman, Assistant Secretary General |
| Karen Sealey | MD, Special Advisor, Pan American Health/World Health Organization |
| Susan Nolan | Representative, APA |
| Liberato Bautista | President CoNGO |

2008

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| Florence Denmark | PhD, Main Representative of the APA and International Council of Psychologists; Coordinator of UN Psychology Day Planning Committee |
| Herbert Kelman | PhD, Emeritus Richard Clarke Cabot Professor of Social Ethics, Harvard |
| Anthony Lemieux | PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Purchase College, State University of New York |
| Stacey Sinclair | PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology and African American Studies, Princeton University |
| David Uzzell | PhD, Department of Psychology, University of Surrey, UK |
| Inka Weissbecker | PhD, NGO Representative of the International Union of Psychological Science to the UN; Executive Committee Member of the UN Family Committee; MPH Candidate, Harvard University, School of Public Health |
| Peter Walker | UN/NGO Representative, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Co-Coordinator of UN Psychology Day Planning Committee |
| Ani Kalayjian | Professor of Psychology, Fordham University; President, Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention; AUWA UN Representative |
| Mary O'Neill Berry | PhD, UN/NGO Representative, International Association of Applied Psychology |
| Walter Reichman | EdD, UN/NGO Representative, International Association of Applied Psychology |
| Anthony Marsella | PhD, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, University of Hawaii, Honolulu |
| Susan Opotow | PhD, Professor, John Jay College, City University of NY; President, SPSSI |
| Stacey Sinclair | PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology & African American Studies, Princeton University |
| Rita Chi-Ying Chung | PhD, Professor, Graduate School of Education and the Department of Psychology, George Mason University |

Previous Speakers

2007

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| Florence Denmark | PhD, Main Representative of the APA's UN/NGO Team |
| Deanna Chitayat | PhD, American Psychological Association |
| Maram Hallak | PhD, Association for Women in Psychology |
| Judy Kuriansky | PhD, International Association for Applied Psychology |
| Richard Velayo | PhD, International Council of Psychologists |
| Michel Sabourin | PhD, International Union of Psychological Science |
| Isaac Tylim | PhD, International Psychoanalytic Association |
| Elizabeth Carll | PhD, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies |
| Susan Opatow | PhD, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues |
| Ricki Kantrowitz | PhD. World Federation for Mental Health |
| Norman Anderson | CEO of American Psychological Association |
| Pete Walker | SPSSI Representative, UN/NGO Representative |
| Morton Deutsch | E.L. Thorndike Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Education; Director Emeritus of the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Teachers College, Columbia University |
| Walter Reichman | Industrial Organization Psychologist, the International Association for Applied Psychology (IAAP) |
| Gerard Jacobs | Winner of APA's Humanitarian Award |
| Rachel N. Mayanja | Assistant Secretary General; Special Advisor on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women |
| Hélène Gosselin | UNESCO Representative to the UN, Director, UNESCO New York Office |
| Corann Okorodudu | EdD, Prof Emerita Psychology & Africana Studies, Rowan University |
| Mary O'Neill Berry | PhD, UN/NGO Representative, IAAP |
| Djankou Ndjongo | Representative to the UN and Director of the ILO Office for the UN, NY |
| Ursula Wynhoven | Head, Policy and Legal Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the UN Global Compact Office |
| Martin Greller | PhD, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, New School for Social Research |
| Deanna Chitayat | PhD, UN/NGO Representative, APA |