

# **Eleventh Annual PSYCHOLOGY DAY at the UNITED NATIONS**

**Climate Change: Psychological Interventions  
Promoting Mitigation and Adaptation**

**United Nations Headquarters Conference Room 2  
New York, New York**

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## Welcome to the Eleventh Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations!

We are delighted to welcome you to the United Nations for the Eleventh Annual Psychology Day. Today's program will consider ways in which psychological theory, research and practice can mitigate the deleterious impact that climate change and natural disasters have on individuals globally, address the human and systemic challenges climate change presents, discuss methods to change attitudes towards climate change prevention, develop resilient individuals and societies, and facilitate the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. We hope this year's program will stimulate your interest in psychological contributions to the UN agenda. To find out about ways to become more involved in this work and related issues, please go to our website: [www.unpsychologyday.com](http://www.unpsychologyday.com).

We are very grateful for the enormous time and effort so many people devoted to organizing this year's conference. First, we would like to thank our Mission co-sponsors, the Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations. We thank the members of the Psychology Day Planning Committee and our dedicated interns (all listed on the last page of this program). Finally, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the all the past Psychology Day Chairs (listed below) who have worked so hard to establish Psychology Day at the United Nations.

Year	Theme	Chairs
2017	Promoting Well-Being in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century: Psychological Contributions for Social, Economic, and Environmental Challenges	Ayorkor Gaba, Psy.D. & Sonia Suchday, Ph.D.
2016	From Vulnerability to Resilience: Using Psychology to Address the Global Migration Crisis	Rashmi Jaipal, Ph.D. & Roseanne Flores, Ph.D.
2015	Reducing Health Inequalities Within and Among Countries: Psychology's Contributions to the United Nations Post-2015 Global Agenda	Neal Rubin, Ph.D.
2014	Psychology's Contributions to Sustainable Development: Challenges and Solutions for the Global Agenda	Lori Foster-Thompson, Ph.D. & Rashmi Jaipal, Ph.D.
2013	Psychology and Violence in a Global Context: Antecedents, Consequences and Prevention	Walter Reichmann, Ph.D. & John Scott, Ph.D.
2012	Human Rights for Vulnerable People	Janet Sigal, Ph.D. & Martin Butler, Ph.D.
2011	The Role of Psychology in Achieving Universal Access to Education	Deanna Chitayat, Ph.D. & Mary O'Neill Berry, Ph.D.
2010	Psychology and Diplomacy: Negotiating For Peace and Human Rights	Florence Denmark, Ph.D. & Rachel Ravich, Ph.D.
2008	Psychology and Social Justice Related to the UN Global Agenda	Florence Denmark, Ph.D. & Peter Walker, Ph.D.
2007	Psychology and Disaster Response	Florence Denmark, Ph.D.

Sincerely,

*Leslie Popoff, Ph.D.*

*Psychology Day 2018 Planning Committee Chair*

## **PROGRAM**

### **ELEVENTH ANNUAL PSYCHOLOGY DAY at the UNITED NATIONS**

#### **THEME: Climate Change: *Psychological Interventions Promoting Mitigation and Adaptation***

*This program will consider ways that psychological theory, research and practice can mitigate against the deleterious impact that climate change and natural disasters have on individuals globally, address the human and systemic challenges climate change presents, help to develop resilient individuals and societies, and facilitate the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.*

#### **REGISTRATION**

#### **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

Chair of the Eleventh Annual Psychology Day at the United Nations:

**Leslie Popoff, Ph.D.**

*ATOP Meaningfulworld United Nations Coordinator*

*Retired Supervisor of Psychologists, NYC Department of Education*

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

**H.E. Ambassador Francisco A. Cortorreal (Invited)**

*Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic*

#### **MODERATOR:**

**Walter Reichman, Ed.D.**

*Partner and Vice President, OrgVitality; Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Baruch College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York*

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Susan Clayton, Ph.D.**

*Wilson-Whitmore Professor of Psychology, College of Wooster, Ohio*

Title of Presentation: "The Role of Psychology in Responding to Climate Change"

### **SPEAKER 1:**

**Daniel Dodgen, Ph.D.**

*Director, Office of Operational Policy and Strategic Planning for the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Title of Presentation: "Climate Change and Extreme Weather Events: The Impact on Mental Health and Well-Being"

### **SPEAKER 2:**

**Irina Feygina, Ph.D.**

*Director, Behavioral Science and Assessment  
Climate Central, LLC*

Title of Presentation: "Psychological Contributions to Overcoming Disengagement and Fostering Compelling Solutions to Climate Change"

### **SPEAKER 3:**

**Paul C. Stern, Ph.D.**

*President, Social and Environmental Research Institute (USA)  
Professor II, Norwegian University of Science and Technology*

Title of Presentation: "Changing the Behaviors that Drive Climate Change: What People Need to Understand, and How to Promote Change"

### **Q&A and DISCUSSION**

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

**H.E. Ambassador Dr. Ali Naseer Mohamed (Invited)**

*Permanent Representative of Maldives  
Chair, The Association of Small Island States (AOSIS)*

### **RECEPTION**

(NOTE: Advance reservations required)

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**12 April 2017**

*Chair, Psychology Day 2018 Planning Committee*



**Leslie Popoff, Ph.D.**

Leslie Popoff began her career as a school psychologist in rural Pennsylvania. She developed a specialization with the visually and hearing impaired, working in the Scranton State School for the Deaf, followed by NYC's first evaluation unit for the visually and hearing impaired, and then serving for ten years as the psychologist for the Helen Keller National Center. Dr. Popoff worked for 15 years as a Supervisor of Psychologists for the New York City Department of Education. She received her B.S. in Child Development and Family Studies from Cornell University, a Master's in Educational Psychology from NYU, and a Ph.D. in Urban School Psychology from Fordham University. Trained in divorce mediation and dispute resolution, Dr. Popoff also holds a Postdoctoral Certificate in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy from Adelphi University. She enjoys skiing, biking, playing the banjo, and singing in Willow, an a cappella interfaith chorus. She maintains a private practice in Great Neck, NY, and serves as the United Nations Coordinator for ATOP Meaningfulworld.

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## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPONSORING MISSIONS



### **H.E. Ambassador Francisco A. Cortorreal**

Ambassador Francisco Cortorreal earned a Master of Science Degree in Economic Planning from the State University of Kharkov in Ukraine. He held the position of Senior Economic Analyst at the National Planning office of the Dominican Republic, before relocating to New York City in 1990 to become the Director of the Dominican Republic's Casa de la Cultura. While in New York he earned a Master of Science Degree in Administration and Supervision from Fordham University, and a Masters Degree in Education from City College.



### **H.E. Ambassador Ngedikes Olai Uludong**

Prior to her appointment as permanent representative, Ms. Uludong served Palau's Ambassador to the European Union and Belgium. Serving concurrently as Ambassador on Climate Change, she was the lead negotiator for the Alliance of Small Island States on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change between 2012 and 2014. She holds a master of Science degree in climate change from the University of the South Pacific.



### **Dr. Ali Naseer Mohamed**

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador, Dr. Mohamed served in several positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He led the international relief effort in the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami in the Maldives. As a representative of a low-lying island nation, much of Dr. Mohamed's focus in foreign relations has been to urge other nations to cooperate to reduce global warming. He is the Chair of the Association of Small Island States (AOSIS).

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## BIOGRAPHIES OF PROGRAM SPEAKERS

(Listed in Order of Presentation)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



#### **Susan Clayton, Ph.D.**

**Susan Clayton** is Whitmore-Williams Professor of Psychology at the College of Wooster in Ohio. She has written or edited six books, including most recently *Psychology and Climate Change* (2018; co-edited with Christie Manning). Her Ph.D., from Yale University, is in social psychology. Her research focuses on the human relationship with nature, how it is socially constructed, and how it can be utilized to promote environmental concern. She has written extensively about the implications of climate change for human well-being. Clayton is on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Environmental Psychology* and *Social Justice Research*, and is a fellow of the American Psychological Association, the Society for Environmental, Population, and Conservation Psychology (SEPCP), the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI). She is a past president of SEPCP and SPSSI.

### SPEAKER 1



#### **Daniel Dodgen, Ph.D.**

**Daniel Dodgen** directs the office of Operational Policy and Strategic Planning for the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This encompasses mental health, community resilience, national health security, health system policy, and at-risk individuals. Dr. Dodgen served as the Executive Director of the White House directed national advisory group on disaster mental health and led the nation's mental health response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, Katrina, Sandy, and others; the H1N1 epidemic, the BP oil spill, the Boston Marathon bombing, multiple mass shootings, and other natural and manmade disasters. He was one of the lead authors for *The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States: A Scientific Assessment*. Dr. Dodgen also served as an advisor to the government of Greece and the State Department for the 2004 Olympics in Athens. Dr. Dodgen received the American Psychological Association 2005 Early Career Award and was later elected a Fellow of APA. He is on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Applied Psychology and is a Harvard Senior Executive Fellow. He is also a licensed clinical psychologist in Washington, DC.

### SPEAKER 2



#### **Irina Feygina, Ph.D.**

**Irina Feygina** is a social psychologist who specializes in climate communication and the behavioral aspects of policy and program development and implementation in domains of energy efficiency, clean technology adoption, environmental protection, sustainability, and climate change assessment and adaptation. She is the Director of Behavioral Science and Assessment at Climate Central, where she works on issues of science skepticism, climate attribution, and the use of social media in engaging the public and decision makers in recognizing and responding to climate change. Previously she served as Fellow on the White House Social and Behavioral Sciences Team, where she applied insights from behavioral science to improve program implementation across the federal government, and as a AAAS Congressional Fellow with Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO), working on the energy and environment portfolios. She completed her doctorate at New York University, where her research focused on the role of motivated reasoning in climate change skepticism. In her work, Irina emphasizes incorporation of human needs and behavioral approaches into program design, communication strategies, and evidence-based policy and decision making.

### **SPEAKER 3**

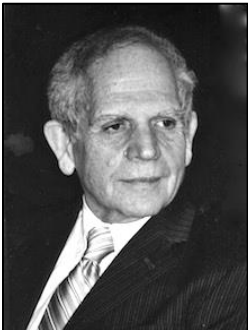


#### **Paul C. Stern, Ph.D.**

**Paul C. Stern** is President of the Social and Environmental Research Institute (USA) and Professor II at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Previously, he was senior scholar at the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, working with the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Global Change Research Program and the Board on Environmental Change and Society. His research interests include the determinants of environmentally significant behavior, participatory processes for informing environmental decisions, and governance of environmental resources and risks. He is coauthor of the textbook *Environmental Problems and Human Behavior* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2002) and coeditor of numerous National Academies reports, including *Climate and Social Stress: Implications for Security Analysis* (2012), *Informing Decisions in a Changing Climate* (2009), *Environmentally Significant Consumption: Research Directions* (1997), and *Global Environmental Change: Understanding the Human Dimensions* (1992). Among his recent coauthored publications is “Opportunities and insights for reducing fossil fuel consumption by households and organizations,” *Nature Energy*, 2016. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Psychological Association. He holds a B.A. from Amherst College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Clark University, all in psychology.

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### **MODERATOR**



#### **Walter Reichman, Ed.D.**

**Walter Reichman** is the Main NGO Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) from the International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP). He is Partner and Vice President of OrgVitality, a management consulting firm. He is also Emeritus Professor of Psychology, Baruch College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). He is Editor of “Industrial and Organizational Psychology Help the Vulnerable: Serving the Underserved,” published in 2014 by Palgrave Macmillan.

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