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***Call For Nominations for the Task Force Immigration and Arizona bill SB 1070***

**Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence**

**APA Division 48: Ethnicity and Peace Working Group:**

**Task Force on Immigration and Arizona bill SB 1070**

***ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR TASK FORCE MEMBERS***

***Deadline: November 15***

The Division 48 Executive Committee has charged the Ethnicity and Peace Working Group with coordinating a Task Force on Immigration and the Arizona law SB 1070.

Once again, with the Arizona law, we witness how issues regarding ethnicity and race relate to perceptions of and political and personal responses to immigration. Throughout U.S. history, immigrant and refugee populations have encountered ongoing direct, physical and psychological violence as well as structural violence ranging from exclusion acts to economic discrimination.  In response, there have also been concerted efforts to mitigate violence and promote peace, organized by political, professional, and religious groups, artists, etc. as well as by immigrant groups struggling for justice.   Peace psychology has much to contribute to understanding the varied and complex issues regarding immigration.

The purpose of the Ethnicity and Peace Working Group - Immigration Task Force is to draft a statement by December 1 that updates and expands on Division statements and positions. The TF draft will include a general statement regarding how peace psychology perspectives can be used to frame responses to the Arizona law as well as specific recommendations for how the Division, the Society, and individuals, including psychologists in the Division, can respond.   The draft will be distributed to all division members for discussion and sent the 48 Executive Committee for approval as a Division statement and for subsequent wide distribution.

We propose that the Task Force consist of 8-10 psychologists who have contributed to the field of immigration through their scholarship, practice, and/or community action.

Please submit a 1-2 page letter to the Working Group Co-Chairs that summarizes your particular interests/scholarship/and practice germane to immigration.  (jvanhoorn@pacific.edu and kdockett@aol.com)

**Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence: APA Division 48
TaskForce on Psychological and Humanitarian Issues in the Blockade of Gaza
and the Broader Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

***ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR TASK FORCE MEMBERS***

***Deadline: November 1***

The Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence, Division 48, Executive Committee has approved the creation of a Division-level Task Force on the Psychological and Humanitarian Issues in the Blockade of Gaza and the Broader Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. The task force is charged with engaging our members and others in thoughtful constructive “action-oriented dialogue” on psychological and humanitarian issues in the Israeli-Egyptian blockade of Gaza. This would include identification of what models and theories of psychology and peace psychology apply; what kind of action our theories call for, and what would be the mechanisms for putting forth this action. The task force will develop and disseminate empirically-based conclusions and recommendations to inform our understanding of this violent intractable complex conflict and to inform the development of peace-related policy at various levels. The task force will conduct a program at the APA 2011 convention.

The Society is soliciting nominations (including self-nominations) of researchers, practitioners, and educators, who are knowledgeable about the numerous factors related to the Israel-Palestine conflict in general, with particular attention to the historical, psychological, social, and political factors involved in the Israeli boarding of the Mavi Marmara and the related blockade of Gaza.

We propose that the task force consist of 8-10 psychologists who have contributed to the Palestinian-Israeli issue through their research, scholarship, practice, and/or community action. Candidates should be well-versed in the literature on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its historical origins and current context, as well as its effects on individuals, subgroups, communities, and on their culture, socialization, worldviews, values, and living conditions.

Interested candidates should submit a 1-2 page letter summarizing your particular interests, research/scholarship, and practice germane to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, no later than November 1, 2010 to the Society c/o Kathleen Dockett and Judith Van Hoorn, kdockett@aol.com and jvanhoorn@pacific.edu who are assisting the Society in organizing this task force.

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