

STEERING COMMITTEE 2026

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Firearm Violence

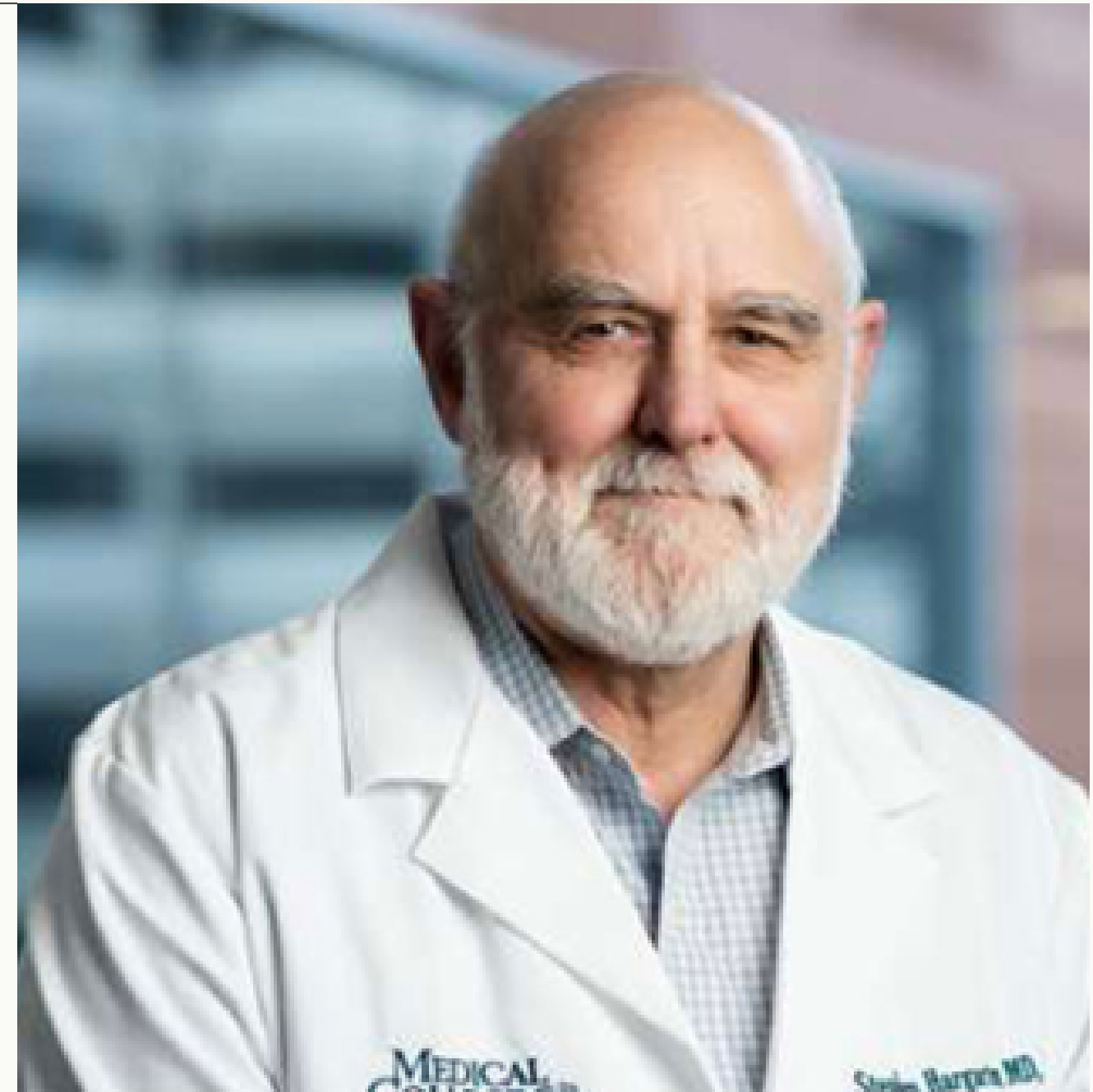
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Dr. Stephen Hargarten is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Founding Dean for Global Health. He is the Founding Director and Senior Injury & Policy Advisor of MCW's Comprehensive Injury Center, where his research focuses on the intersection of injury prevention, violence, and health policy. His early work linking data systems on violent deaths helped shape the CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System. Dr. Hargarten is the former President of the Milwaukee Global Health Consortium and founding President of the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research. He has served as an advisor to the World Health Organization and is currently Vice-Chair of the CDC Community Preventive Services Task Force. A Hopkins Scholar and member of the National Academy of Medicine, he is widely recognized for advancing public-health approaches to injury and violence prevention.



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Mbuyiselo Botha is a long-standing advocate for gender equality, disability rights, and violence prevention with more than four decades of experience in public communication and social justice. Raised in Sharpeville, he survived a police shooting in 1986 and has lived with disability for nearly 40 years—experiences that, alongside learning that his father was killed in the 1960 Sharpeville massacre, shape his commitment to addressing gun violence as a national and global priority. He co-founded the South African Men's Forum and later served as the national media spokesperson for Sonke Gender Justice, helping advance public accountability on gender equality. Appointed by Parliament and the President, he completed two terms as a Commissioner on South Africa's Commission for Gender Equality. A widely published commentator, he has hosted and contributed to major media platforms, making issues of gender, rights, and safety accessible to broad audiences. He previously worked as Dissemination Officer for the International Red Cross in South Africa and lives in Pretoria with his family.



DEAN PEACOCK

Commissioner, Lancet Commission on Global Gun Violence and Health; Expert Advisor, Global Taskforce on Halving Global Violence

Dean Peacock is a global leader in gender equality, violence prevention, and health equity with more than three decades of experience. He serves as a Commissioner of the Lancet Commission on Global Gun Violence and Health and an Expert Advisor to the Global Taskforce on Halving Global Violence. He is affiliated with the University of Cape Town's Division of Social and Behavioural Sciences, the Geneva Graduate Institute's Gender Centre, and the Violence, Inequality and Power Lab at the University of San Diego. Peacock is the co-founder and former Executive Director of Sonke Gender Justice, co-founder and former Global Co-Chair of the MenEngage Alliance, and co-founder of the Community of Practice on Men and Feminist Peace. His work has been published widely in academic journals, global media, and edited volumes, and he continues to shape international policy and advocacy on violence prevention and gender justice.



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Keira Seidenberg is a public health communications professional and MPH candidate in Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Cape Town. Her work sits at the intersection of gender equity, sexual and reproductive health, and violence prevention, with a focus on how policy frameworks address—or overlook—the social and commercial determinants of gender-based violence. She brings several years of experience in advocacy-driven communications and campaign management across Canadian and international nonprofit contexts, including serving as Campaign Manager for the Canadian Women’s Foundation’s Signal for Help initiative. Keira holds a BA in Gender Studies and Art History from McGill University.



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Prof. Lillian Artz is Director of the Gender, Health and Justice Research Unit and a Professor in UCT's Faculty of Health Sciences, with nearly 30 years of work on domestic violence, sexual offences, incarcerated women, and gendered security in Africa. She has advised governments and international agencies on law reform, criminal justice training, and medico-legal responses to GBV in conflict and post-conflict contexts. Her work has influenced major policy reforms and earned multiple national awards. She is a fellow of the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation, co-PI of South Africa's national child abuse prevalence study, and Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Criminologica: African Journal of Criminology and Victimology*.



STEPHEN BENDLE

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Stephen Bendle is an Australian public safety advocate and Senior Advocacy Advisor at the Alannah & Madeline Foundation. He convenes the Australian Gun Safety Alliance and advises governments across multiple states on firearm legislation and regulation. With a long career in public health and community development, he serves on government firearm consultation committees and frequently represents the Foundation in media and public forums. He is also a Director of Holstep Health and Mansfield District Hospital.



BETTINA BORISCH

Director and Head, World Federation of Public Health Associations; Professor, Institute of Global Health, University of Geneva

Dr. Bettina Borisch is a physician, histopathologist, and global health scholar who serves as Director and Head of the World Federation of Public Health Associations. A Professor at the University of Geneva, her work spans neoplastic disease of the immune system, breast cancer, community oncology, and health communication. She previously directed the university's Institute of Clinical Pathology and collaborates closely with WHO and IARC. She is Editor-in-Chief of Pathobiology and Co-Editor of the Journal of Public Health Policy, and has authored more than 120 scientific papers.



CHARLES BRANAS

Gelman Professor and Chair of Epidemiology, Columbia University

Charles Branas is the Gelman Professor and Chair of Epidemiology at Columbia University, where he leads one of the nation's largest epidemiology departments. His research focuses on structural determinants of health—including green space, housing, and medical access—and he is the founding PI of multiple CDC-funded injury research centers. His work has influenced Supreme Court decisions and U.S. policy, and he has mentored leaders across academia and government. Branas is a member of the National Academy of Medicine.



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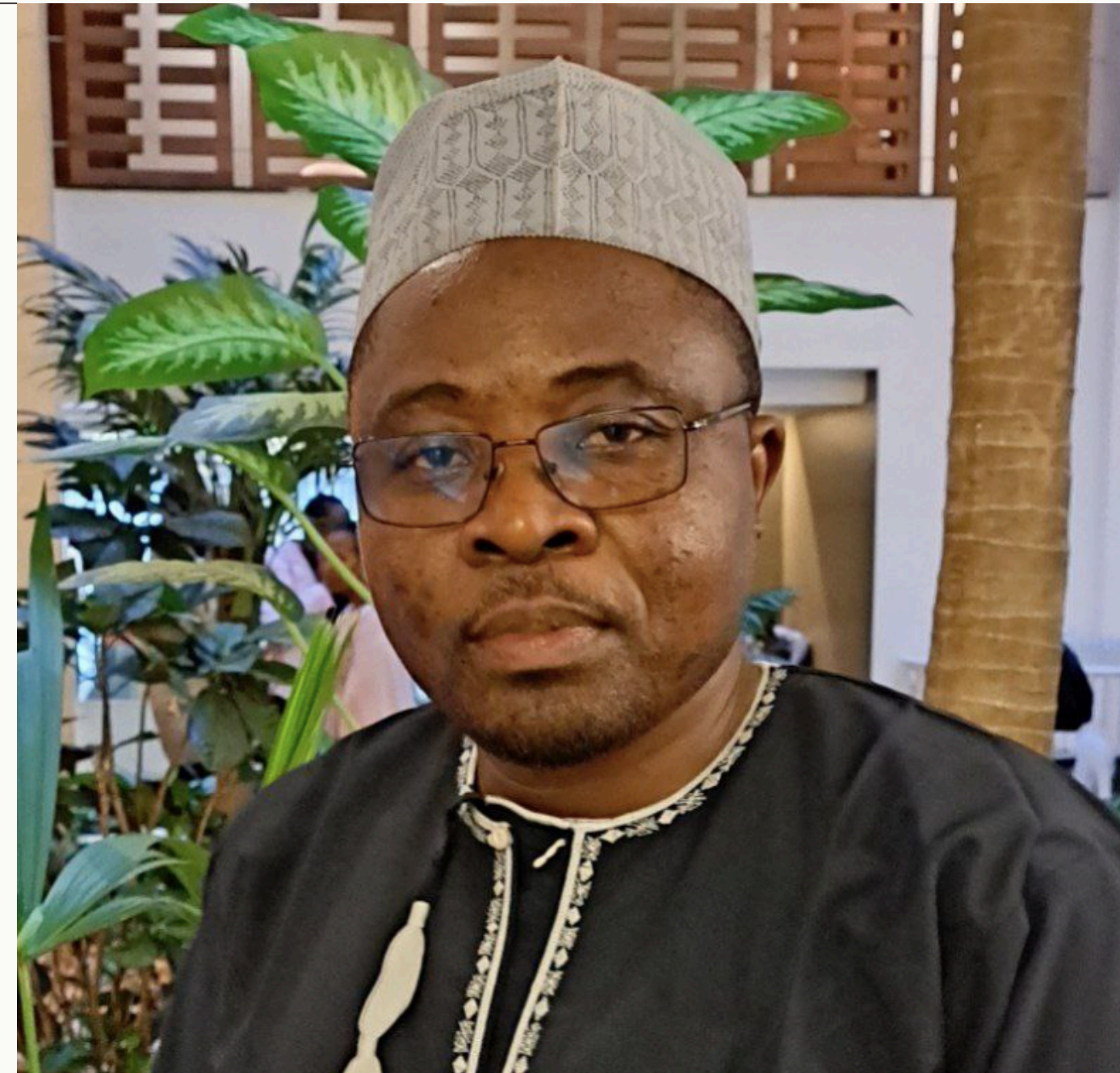
Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell is a Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and one of the world's leading scholars on intimate partner violence and homicide risk. She has published over 350 articles and seven books and has served as Principal Investigator on more than 15 major U.S. government-funded studies. She developed and validated the widely used *Danger Assessment*, a tool that helps survivors evaluate their risk of being killed by an abusive partner, and her research identified firearm access by perpetrators as a key predictor of intimate partner homicide. An elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Nursing, Dr. Campbell serves on the Board of Futures Without Violence and several domestic violence shelters, and has consulted for DHHS, CDC, NIH, WHO, DoD, and the Office on Violence Against Women. She is also widely recognized for her mentorship of emerging scholars in the field.



GUY FEUGAP

Africa Organizer, World BEYOND War

Guy Feugap is the Africa Organizer for World BEYOND War, and a peace activist, writer, and secondary-school teacher based in Cameroon. He focuses on youth education for peace and non-violence, particularly centring girls and young women in community conflict-resolution work. He joined WILPF in 2014 and founded the Cameroon chapter of World BEYOND War in 2020, expanding grassroots engagement in peacebuilding across the region.



ERIC FLEEGLER

Pediatric Emergency Physician, Massachusetts General Hospital; Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School

Eric Fleegler is a pediatric emergency physician at MGH and Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School, as well as a Senior Research Investigator at the MGH Gun Violence Prevention Center. His research examines firearm injury epidemiology, disparities, and the impact of firearm legislation—cited by President Obama and referenced by the U.S. Supreme Court. He co-founded the CHARGE research group, co-edited a leading textbook on pediatric firearm injuries, and serves on multiple CDC review panels for firearm research.



OLIVIA FRANK

Injury & Violence Prevention Program Manager, Northwell Health Center for Gun Violence Prevention

Olivia is the Injury & Violence Prevention Program Manager at Northwell Health's Center for Gun Violence Prevention. Olivia's work focuses on implementing and evaluating the Center's community- and-patient-facing programs, including the Hospital Violence Intervention Program (HVIP), and strengthening collaborations with surrounding New York City and New York State community violence intervention organizations. Olivia holds an MPH from Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health, where she pursued a specialized course in injury and violence prevention, focusing on the intersections of adverse childhood experiences and community violence. Olivia has extensive experience across diverse community and healthcare settings and has conducted research on substance use, intimate partner violence, and child maltreatment.



ANTHONY KEEDI

ABAAD - Resource Center for Gender Equality, Program Manager

Anthony Keedi is a Program Manager at ABAAD – Resource Center for Gender Equality, where he leads initiatives focused on engaging men and boys in the prevention of gender-based violence across the Middle East and North Africa. His work integrates community-based programming, policy advocacy, and capacity-building to promote gender equality and transform harmful masculinities. Keedi has contributed to regional and international efforts advancing men’s positive involvement in caregiving, violence prevention, and reproductive health, and has worked extensively with civil society, government partners, and UN agencies to strengthen multisector responses to GBV. He is recognized for developing culturally grounded, evidence-based approaches to gender-transformative programming and for helping position male engagement as a core component of feminist and public-health strategies in the region.



LOIS LEE

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Lois K. Lee, MD, MPH, is a pediatric emergency medicine physician at Boston Children's Hospital and Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She serves as Associate Director for Policy at the Sandra L. Fenwick Institute, where she leads policy initiatives and the annual Pediatric Health Policy and Research Symposium. An NIH-funded researcher, her work focuses on pediatric injury prevention, health equity, and the impact of social determinants on healthcare access and outcomes. Dr. Lee chairs the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention and has contributed to the passage of key child safety legislation in Massachusetts. She previously served as a Nick Littlefield Health Policy Fellow and co-founded the Academic Pediatric Association's Health Policy Scholars Program, advancing equitable child health through research, clinical care, education, and policy leadership.



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Dr. Ruti LevtoV is a gender and public health specialist with 15 years of research and programmatic experience on gender equity and family violence prevention, and is a senior associate with the Prevention Collaborative. She has worked across multiple sectors including health, education, parenting, and economic empowerment, with a particular focus on developing and evaluating gender-transformative and male-engagement interventions to prevent violence in the family in low- and middle-income countries. She holds a PhD in Public Health from the University of Michigan, USA.



RACHEL LOCKE

Co-Founder and Principal, Peace in Our Cities

Rachel Locke is Co-Founder and Principal of Peace in Our Cities, a global network advancing evidence-based and rights-focused strategies to reduce violence. She previously founded the Violence, Inequality and Power Lab at the University of San Diego and has led major policy initiatives with the UN, African Union, USAID, and national governments. Her career spans coalition-building, research translation, and global policy development, with extensive publications on violence prevention, humanitarian response, and organized crime.



HINE-WAI LOOSE

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Hine-Wai Loose is the Director of Control Arms and is based in Geneva, leading global advocacy on arms control and humanitarian disarmament. She previously served as Project Manager at the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF), working on cybersecurity governance in the Western Balkans. From 2011 to 2017, she was Deputy to the Implementation Support Unit for the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons at the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, where she led work on anti-vehicle mines, explosive weapons in populated areas, and lethal autonomous weapons systems. Loose began her career with New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, working across disarmament, environmental negotiations, humanitarian affairs, human rights, and international law.



ODANGA MADUNG

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Odanga Madung is a Kenyan data journalist and researcher whose work examines how technology reshapes power, democracy, and public accountability. He is the co-founder and Managing Director of Odipo Dev, a Nairobi-based impact and media advisory firm leading investigations into femicide, the manosphere, political participation, and commercial drivers of violence across Africa. A former Senior Researcher on Platform Integrity at Mozilla, he exposed systemic failures in how tech platforms safeguard democratic processes in the Global South and helped drive reform. His data-driven reporting has appeared in WIRED, The Guardian, and CNN, where he analyzes the intersection of technology, policy, and social justice. His work uncovering Kenya's disinformation-for-hire industry and assessing AI's implications for African sovereignty has positioned him as a leading voice on digital accountability. Madung is currently a Technology and Human Rights Fellow at the Harvard Carr-Ryan Center for Human Rights.



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Mpiwa Mangwiro-Tsanga is a lawyer and human-rights specialist with more than 14 years of experience advancing gender justice in South Africa and across Africa. She has worked with leading women's rights organizations—including POWA, TLAC, HURISA, and Oxfam GB—in roles spanning legal advising, research, and advocacy. At Sonke Gender Justice, she supports partners across 22 African countries on regional advocacy, capacity-building, and gender-justice campaigns. She has represented civil society at international forums such as CSW, the High-Level Political Forum on the SDGs, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. Mpiwa specializes in legal reform, monitoring and evaluation, and movement-building for women's rights and peace and security.



KEITH MARTIN

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Dr. Keith Martin is the founding Executive Director of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH), a position he has held since 2012. A physician and former Member of Parliament in Canada's House of Commons (1993–2011), he served in portfolios spanning foreign affairs, health, environment, defense, and international development. Dr. Martin has participated in numerous diplomatic missions in crisis settings, particularly across Africa, and previously worked as a physician on the Mozambique border during the civil war. He has long been engaged in conservation efforts in South Africa and is a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.



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Christopher Morrison is an Associate Professor at the Yale School of Public Health whose NIH- and CDC-funded research examines how social and physical environments influence injuries, alcohol use, and violence. His work includes studies on ridesharing and motor-vehicle crashes, built environment impacts on firearm violence, and alcohol-retail density and harm. He previously taught at Columbia University and directed the Geospatial and Applied Prevention Science lab. He holds a PhD in epidemiology from Monash University.



PO MURRAY

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Po Murray is Co-Founder and Chairwoman of the Newtown Action Alliance, a national grassroots organization formed after the Sandy Hook shooting to advance legislative and cultural change on gun violence. A longtime resident of Sandy Hook and mother of four Sandy Hook graduates, she became active in the movement following the 2012 tragedy. Murray also serves on the boards of Guns Down America, GVPedia, and Leaders We Deserve, and advises several survivor-led and research-focused organizations.



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Pradeep Navsaria is Professor of Surgery at UCT and Deputy-Director of the Trauma Centre at Groote Schuur Hospital, one of Africa's leading trauma units. His work focuses on penetrating trauma, vascular injury, and damage-control surgery, and he has authored extensively in international journals. An ATLS and DSTC instructor, he is recognized for strengthening trauma systems, advancing surgical training, and leading trauma education across Africa.



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Laura Nellums is a Professor of Global Health and Assistant Dean for Education in the College of Population Health at the University of New Mexico. Trained in medical anthropology and public health, her research focuses on migrant and refugee populations affected by conflict, displacement, and structural violence. She specializes in mixed-methods and community-based participatory research to improve health outcomes for marginalized and mobile communities.



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Binalakshmi “Bina” Nepram is an Indigenous scholar and women human rights defender whose work advances women-led peacebuilding, security, and disarmament in Manipur, Northeast India, and across South Asia. She is a Scholar at Risk Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School’s Carr Center for Human Rights Policy. Nepram is the founder of the Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network, the Control Arms Foundation of India, and the Global Alliance of Indigenous Peoples, Gender Justice, and Peace. She has authored and edited five books on democracy, gender, armed violence, and Indigenous rights, and her advocacy has earned international recognition, including the Anna Politkovskaya Award, the Women Have Wings Award, the Sean MacBride Peace Prize, and the CNN IBN Real Heroes Award. In 2013, Action on Armed Violence named her among the “100 most influential people in the world working in armed violence reduction



JOSEPH RICHARDSON

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Dr. Joseph B. Richardson is the MPower Professor of African American Studies, Medical Anthropology, and Epidemiology at the University of Maryland, where he leads interdisciplinary research on gun violence, trauma, and community violence interventions for Black boys and young Black men. A member of the National Academy of Medicine, he directs the Transformative Research and Applied Violence Intervention Lab (TRAVAIL) and leads PROGRESS, a university-wide initiative advancing equitable gun violence research. His work informed the Capital Region Violence Intervention Program and multiple hospital-based violence intervention collaborations. Dr. Richardson is the creator of the award-winning Life After the Gunshot digital storytelling project, and his research has been widely featured in national media.



PASCAL RUDIN

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Dr. Pascal Rudin is Head of Global Operations at the International Federation of Social Workers, bringing more than two decades of combined experience in social work, child protection, social development, engineering, and IT. He holds a PhD in Social Work and advanced degrees in international childhood studies, electrical engineering, and business administration. His advocacy work includes representing social work perspectives at the United Nations and advising bodies such as the UN Human Rights Council, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he led the development of global digital platforms that enabled more than 20,000 participants to engage in IFSW's General Assembly and World Conference. His work advances child rights, education, family well-being, and mental health through the integration of technology and social policy.



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Daniel Semenza is an Associate Professor at Rutgers University and Director of Research at the New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center. His work explores the causes and consequences of gun violence, the intersections of health and criminal-justice exposure, and broader inequalities. He has published more than 130 peer-reviewed papers, and his research is regularly featured in major international media. He is committed to expanding global firearm-violence research through collaboration and mentorship.



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Dr. Claire Somerville is a researcher and lecturer at the Geneva Graduate Institute, where she teaches on gender, global health, and qualitative and mixed-methods research. Trained as an anthropologist at the University of Sussex, SOAS, and the University of Cambridge, she has held postdoctoral positions at the University of Newcastle, Queen Mary University of London, and Trinity College Dublin. Her research examines how knowledge circulates between global policy processes and local contexts, with work spanning diagnostic taxonomies, LGBTQ health, non-communicable diseases, and the double burden of disease in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. She also leads projects on digital gender gaps and applied research in policymaking. Dr. Somerville serves on the Royal Anthropological Institute's Policy and Practice Committee and advises UN and international bodies on gender and health.



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Donald Steinberg is Executive Director of Mobilizing Allies for Women, Peace and Security and a Distinguished Fellow at Georgetown University. He previously served as Deputy Administrator of USAID, U.S. Ambassador to Angola, NSC senior director for African affairs, president of World Learning, and deputy president of the International Crisis Group. His career spans conflict prevention, women's empowerment, and humanitarian policy. He holds advanced degrees from Columbia University and the University of Toronto and has lived with Parkinson's disease for more than a decade.



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Claire Taylor is a research and policy analyst at Gun Free South Africa with more than 15 years of experience in gun-violence prevention. She leads firearms policy research, develops evidence-based advocacy materials, and monitors violence-prevention trends in South Africa. Her work includes analyses of the Firearms Control Act, assessments of the Central Firearms Registry, and evaluations of firearms' role in civil unrest. She holds a master's degree in sociology from the University of the Witwatersrand.



JENNIFER TUCKER

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Jennifer Tucker is Professor of History at Wesleyan University and Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Guns and Society, established in 2022 to advance interdisciplinary research, teaching, and convenings on firearms history and policy. An expert on the history of firearms, technology, law, violence, and culture, her work spans firearms engineering and lethality, regulation, labor and environmental impacts, and global gun violence and public health. She co-edited *The Contested Role of History in Contemporary Debates on the Second Amendment*, cited in Supreme Court opinions. Her research has been supported by NEH, Mellon, Fulbright, Arnold, and SSRC. She is affiliated with the Brennan Center, the Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium, and the Lancet Commission on Global Gun Violence and Health.



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Wessel van den Berg is Senior Advocacy Officer at Equimundo, where he supports global advocacy efforts and convenes the MenCare Global Campaign and the Global Boyhood Initiative. A co-founder of MenCare and the State of South Africa's Fathers report series, his work focuses on advancing gender-equal caregiving, violence prevention, and evidence-based policy change. Trained as a sociologist, educator, and counselor, his research examines engaging men in a feminist ethic of care, with particular attention to parenting, workplace equality, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. He is based in Cape Town, South Africa.



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Silvia Villarreal is the Director of Research Translation at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's Center for Gun Violence Solutions, where she works to bridge research and policy by translating scientific evidence into accessible, actionable reports. She also serves as Managing Director of the Consortium for Risk-Based Firearm Policy, coordinating national experts to develop public-health-informed firearm policy solutions. Villarreal has led major reports including the Racial Equity Impact Assessment Framework for Gun Violence Prevention and Alcohol Misuse and Gun Violence: An Evidence-Based Approach for State Policy. She holds an MPP and specializes in evidence translation, policy analysis, and equity-centered approaches to gun violence prevention.

