

Public Health Approaches to Protecting Youth from Gun Violence: COVID & Beyond

A 3 Part Conference Series

Part 2: Gun Violence in the Public Space – Speakers

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Quaniqua Carthan-Love, MA, BS

Quaniqua’s personal journey with race and gender-based trauma led her to her current role as the Deputy Director at Cities United. Cities United is an organization that supports a national network of mayors focused on reducing homicides of Black men and boys ages 14-24yrs of age. Quaniqua leads the enhancement of Cities United’s values-driven culture, structure, and operational systems with a focus on maximizing impact towards the long-term vision of Safe, Healthy and Hopeful Communities for Black men and boys and their families. Quaniqua started with Cities United in 2016 as the Director of Planning and Programs where she was responsible for designing, implementing, and evaluating Cities United’s strategic vision related to national programming and partner city outreach and engagement.

Quaniqua has provided coaching and consulting to over 25 of Cities United’s partner cities, which has resulted in the development of 10 city-wide comprehensive public safety plans, 3 newly developed youth-adult partnerships, annual increases of community violence prevention budgets and increased feelings of connectivity for local government representatives and young leaders. Quaniqua served as first author in the organization’s “Roadmap to Safe, Healthy and Hopeful Communities” (2017) as well as the first author of its “Reimagining Public Safety Call to Action” (2020). Quaniqua led the charge for the development of the Cities United’s three signature programs: 1) Roadmap Academy, 2) Policy and Practice Webinar Series and 3) Young Leader Fellowship.

Quaniqua is an experienced leader with a decade of experience as a strategic planner, strategy implementer and advocate for social change. Prior to her time at Cities United, she served as the Operations Coordinator in the Office of Mayor Greg Fischer and Research Assistant in University of Louisville’s Office of Intercultural Communications. She has also served as a service coordinator, youth worker, non-licensed counselor, and case manager. Through her experiences, Quaniqua remains committed to working alongside communities of color to eradicate systemic injustices rooted in racism and patriarchy.

Quaniqua received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Houston, Master of Art in Pan African Studies and Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Louisville. Quaniqua currently serves on the board at Bridge Kids International and is a 2018 Leadership Louisville Bingham Fellow. Quaniqua’s most rewarding and adventurous role to date is as mother and wife to Harmony and Justin.

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Robin Cogan, MEd, RN, NCSN

Robin Cogan is a Nationally Certified School Nurse (NCSN), currently in her 20th year as a New Jersey school nurse in the Camden City School District. Robin is the Legislative Co-chair for the New Jersey State School Nurses Association (NJSSNA). She is proud to be a Johnson & Johnson School Health Leadership Fellow and past Program Mentor. Robin is the honored recipient of multiple awards for her work in school nursing and population health. These awards include, 2019 and 2020 National Association of School Nurses President's Award, 2018 NCSN School Nurse of the Year, 2017 Johnson & Johnson School Nurse of the Year, and the New Jersey Department of Health 2017 Population Health Hero Award. Robin serves as faculty in the School Nurse Certificate Program at Rutgers University-Camden School of Nursing, where she teaches the next generation of school nurses. She was presented the 2018 Rutgers University – Camden Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award for Part-time Faculty. Robin writes a weekly blog called The Relentless School Nurse. She also has a monthly column in American Nurse, the official journal of the American Nurses Association (ANA). Robin was recently quoted in the New York Times and interviewed on CNN. You can follow Robin on Twitter at @RobinCogan.

Micheal Filmore

Micheal Filmore is a 19 year old social justice advocate and a servant to his community. Driven by his living testimony of violence, pain & lost ones, he has dedicated his life to change what it means to be young and black in America. Micheal has worked through systems such as Denver public health & Denver public schools to create change but is a volunteer & advocate in many organizations in his community. He has traveled telling his story through platforms such as Cities United, March for our lives, students demand, Giffords and Good Kids Mad City to empower and inspire other Young African Americans. Twitter: @BLCKBOYSFLY

James Alan Fox, PhD,

James Alan Fox is the Lipman Professor of Criminology, Law and Public Policy at Northeastern University. He has written 18 books, including *Extreme Killing: Understanding Serial and Mass Murder*, *The Will to Kill: Making Sense of Senseless Murder*, and *Violence and Security on Campus: From Preschool through College*. He has published dozens of journal and magazine articles, and more than 300 op-ed columns in newspapers around the country. Fox often gives lectures and expert testimony, including over 100 keynote or campus-wide addresses, 16 appearances before the U.S. Congress, White House meetings with President and Mrs. Clinton and Vice President Gore on youth violence, private briefings to Attorney General Reno on trends in violence, and presentations for Attorney General Eric Holder and for Princess Anne of Great Britain. Finally, he served on President Clinton's advisory committee on school shootings, and a Department of Education Expert Panel on Safe, Disciplined and Drug-Free Schools. Twitter: @jamesalanfox

Part 2: Risk of Gun Violence at Home – Hosts

Jenny M. Gormley, DNP, RN, NCSN

Jenny is Director of the School Health Academy within the Bouvé College of Health Sciences School of Nursing at Northeastern University. She has worked in the School Health specialty since 2000, as a school nurse and school nurse administrator before joining Kathy Hassey at Northeastern to provide continuing education for school nurses and teams. Previously, Jenny worked as a registered nurse in clinical, outpatient and research settings with adults with chronic diseases. Jenny teaches in the Master of Education program for school nurses at Cambridge College, Boston, MA. She has served on the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization Board of Directors as President, 2018-2020, and previously as Regional Co-Chair and Data Co-Champion for the *Step Up and Be Counted* project. Jenny is a nationally certified school nurse. She received her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Northeastern University in May 2018, publishing her doctoral scholarly project, *School Nurse Advocacy for Student Health, Safety, and School Attendance: Impact of an Educational Activity* in 2019. This same year, with NEUSHA Director Kathy Hassey, Jenny authored *The School Nurses' Role as Health Educator* in *School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text*, 3rd edition.

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Mark Gottlieb, J.D.

Mark Gottlieb is the executive director of the Public Health Advocacy Institute at Northeastern University School of Law where he also teaches public health advocacy. His work has focused on researching tobacco litigation as a public health strategy, reducing the harm caused by secondhand tobacco smoke through a variety of legal and policy approaches, fostering scholarship using tobacco industry documents, and, examining legal and policy approaches to address food marketing to children. Mark practices law with the Institute's Center for Public Health Litigation, a non-profit firm litigating cases with public health impact. A listing of some of his scholarly work can be viewed [here](#).

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Kathy Hassey, DNP, MEd, RN

Kathy is Director of the School Health Academy within the Bouvé College of Health Sciences School of Nursing at Northeastern University. She has devoted the last 19 of her 38 years as a Registered Nurse to the specialty of School Health, in roles that included direct care, administration, education and program development. From 2005-2015, Kathy was Director of the NEU School Health Institute, which was partially funded by a grant from the MA Department of Public Health (DPH). Kathy continues to teach in hybrid classroom and online programs for school nurses at Cambridge College in Boston, MA, and Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. With NEUSHA Director Gormley, Kathy authored *Violence in Schools/Restraints of Students* in the 2017 *Legal Resource for School Health Services* text. In May 2018, Kathy received her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Northeastern University with her scholarly project titled *Assessing the knowledge and interest of Massachusetts school nurses regarding the use of telehealth*. In July 2019, NEUSHA Directors Kathy Hassey and Jenny Gormley along with colleague Brenda Lormil, founder of the Haitian American Medical Association, presented at the International School Nurse Conference in Stockholm, Sweden. Kathy has been actively engaged with her state and national professional organizations (Massachusetts School Nurse Organization (MSNO) since 2005, serving as President of MSNO from 2007-2009 and serving on the of the National Association of Schools Nurses (NASN) as the Massachusetts Board of Directors representative 2014-2016.

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Sarah Peck, JD

Sarah C. Peck is the Director of #UnitedOnGuns, a gun violence prevention initiative at the Public Health Advocacy Institute (PHAI) at Northeastern University School of Law. After serving as a U.S. diplomat for nearly 15 years, including in conflict zones, Ms. Peck left government service to focus on reducing gun violence in the U.S., especially mass shootings. During her diplomatic career, Ms. Peck was a national security and rule of law expert

working on the Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan accounts. She served overseas in France, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Philippines, and the Czech Republic. She served in Washington at the U.S. Department of State Office of Pakistan Affairs, at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as a Pearson Fellow, and at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where she published a paper to persuade the oil industry to take collective action to mitigate the “oil curse.” (<https://carnegieendowment.org/2015/09/30/oil-curse-remedial-role-for-oil-industry-pub-61445>).

Ms. Peck co-founded an anti-corruption initiative at ISAF Headquarters in Afghanistan with General H.R. McMaster (the former National Security Advisor). She was the first Executive Director of the US-Pakistan Women’s Council (then at American University), a public-private partnership that promotes education and empowerment of Pakistan women and girls. Ms. Peck received two Superior Honor Awards and numerous Meritorious Honor Awards for her diplomatic service. In 2010, she was nominated for the Robert C. Fraser Memorial Award for her policy leadership promoting rule of law and anti-corruption reforms in Afghanistan.

Prior to entering State, Ms. Peck worked for eight years as an attorney at Goodwin Procter and Sunstein & Kahn in Boston, and as General Counsel for a software company in Paris, France. She is a graduate of the University of Florida and Northeastern University School of Law.

Ms. Peck serves on the Board of the Friends of the American University of Afghanistan. Follow her on Twitter @UnitedOnGuns.