

**Public Health Approaches to Protecting Youth from Gun Violence: COVID & Beyond
A 3 Part Conference Series**

Part 3: Public Health Approaches to Protecting Youth from Gun Violence – Speakers

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Lauren Cardozo, MSW

Ms. Cardozo is an epidemiologist for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where she studies violence impacting young people. She is also a PhD candidate at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice.

Mary Harvey, Ph.D.

Dr. Harvey is Director of Violence Transformed, Public Health Advocacy Institute, Northeastern University School of Law. She is a clinical and community psychologist and the Founding Director of the Victims of Violence Program at the Cambridge Health Alliance. Dr. Harvey is Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School and Fellow of the American Psychological Association. She is a Member and Former Board Member, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Fellow and Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award for Contribution to Practice, APA. Fulbright Fellow in Women's Health (South Africa).

Peter T. Masiakos, MS, MD, FACS, FAAP

Dr. Masiakos is a Pediatric Surgeon and the Director of Pediatric Trauma Service at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and the Co-Director of the MGH Center for Gun Violence Prevention. He is an Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School and a Pediatric Surgeon at MGH, where he has a clinical interest in pediatric trauma care and injury prevention. He has been involved in successfully educating the Massachusetts legislature and the US Congress on the inherent risks that certain products pose on children. Dr. Masiakos has worked alongside Massachusetts State Legislators on several comprehensive injury prevention laws including junior operator laws, safe driving laws, child restraint laws and firearm injury prevention laws.

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Mary Beth Miotto, MD, MPH

Dr. Miotto is the Assistant Medical Director of Pediatric Population Health at Family Health Center of Worcester, MA, and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

She is also the Vice President of the MA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Miotto consults and collaborates with school nurses and administrators on infection control, immunization, and other topics. Her Clinical focus is on care delivery to underserved children with special healthcare needs and behavioral disorders.

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Chana A. Sacks, MD

Dr. Sacks is an internist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA, and instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School, is a vocal advocate for gun violence prevention. In 2012, she was a resident in the Mass General Intensive Care Unit when her cousin's seven-year-old son, Daniel, was killed during the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Since then, she has dedicated her career to tackling gun violence as a public health epidemic and advocating for more research on the issue. In 2015 she co-founded the Mass General Gun Violence Prevention Coalition, a multidisciplinary initiative dedicated to reducing morbidity and mortality from firearm-related violence and promoting great gun safety through research and education. She participated in a panel discussion on the challenges of student activism to end gun violence during Boston's 2018 HUBweek. Dr. Sacks has published extensively on the topic of gun violence prevention in *The New England Journal of Medicine* and *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. She earned her BA in history from Georgetown University and her MD from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

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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, school nurse administrator and educator. Previously, Jenny worked as a registered nurse in clinical and research settings with adults with cardiopulmonary 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. She earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Northeastern University in May 2018, publishing her 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.

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