

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

A 3 Part Conference Series

Part 1: Risk of Gun Violence at Home - Speakers

Thea James, MD

Thea James is Vice President of Mission and Associate Chief Medical Officer at Boston Medical Center. She is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Director of the Violence Intervention Advocacy Program at BMC. Dr. James is a founding member of the National Network of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Advocacy Programs (NNHVIP). In 2011 she was appointed to Attorney General Eric Holder's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence.

As Vice President of Mission Dr. James works with caregivers throughout BMC. Additionally, she has primary responsibility for coordinating and maximizing BMC's relationships and strategic alliances with a wide range of local, state and national organizations including community agencies, housing advocates, and others that partner with BMC to meet the full spectrum of patients' needs. The goal is to foster innovative and effective new models of care that are essential for patients and communities to thrive. Integrating upstream interventions into BMC's clinical care models are critical to achieving equity and health in the broadest sense.

Dr. James served on the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine 2009-2012, where she served as chair of the Licensing Committee. She is 2008 awardee of Boston Public Health Commission's Mulligan Award for public service, and a 2012 recipient of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Role Model Award. She received The Boston Business Journal Healthcare Hero award in 2012 & 2015. She was 2014 recipient of the Schwartz Center Compassionate Care Award. The Boston Chamber of commerce awarded Dr. James with the Pinnacle Award in 2015, which honors women in business and the professions.

Dr. James' passion is in Public Health both domestically and globally. She is a Supervising Medical Officer on the Boston Disaster Medical Assistance Team (MA-1 DMAT), under the Department of Health and Human Services. She has deployed to post 9/11 in NYC, Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005, Bam, Iran after the 2003 earthquake, and Port-Au-Prince Haiti after the earthquake of 2010. Dr. James travelled to Haiti with MA-1 DMAT one day after the 2010 earthquake.

A graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine, James trained in Emergency Medicine at Boston City Hospital, where she was a chief resident.

Margo Lindauer, JD, LLM

Professor Lindauer holds a joint appointment with the School of Law and Bouvé College of Health Sciences and serves as director of clinical programs. She also directs Northeastern Law's [Domestic Violence Institute](#) and [Domestic Violence Clinic](#) and supervises all of the [clinical programs](#). While the clinic is open only to upper-level students, Professor Lindauer oversees a first-year opportunity for students to volunteer in the Domestic

Violence Institute's Legal Assistance to Victims (LAV) project, a unique interdisciplinary collaboration with Casa Myrna, the largest domestic violence advocacy organization in Boston. Through funding from the US Department of Justice's Office for Violence Against Women, the LAV project seeks to connect individuals impacted by domestic violence with legal services, at those places they may first turn to for help.

Prior to joining the Northeastern community, Professor Lindauer worked at Project Place as the director of Partnerships to Opportunities for Women in Re-Entry (POWR), where she oversaw the implementation of an innovative US Department of Labor grant dedicated to working with female ex-offenders within six months of re-entry. This built upon her extensive background in domestic violence work at Casa Myrna Vazquez, Respond, Inc., and at Georgetown's Domestic Violence Clinic. Professor Lindauer gained valuable clinical teaching experience at Georgetown, where she earned her LLM and at Suffolk University Law School, where she served as a teaching fellow in the Child Advocacy Clinic and the Juvenile Defender Clinic.

Matt Miller, MD, MPH, ScD

Dr. Miller is Professor of Health Sciences and Epidemiology at Northeastern University, Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health, and Co-Director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center. Dr. Miller is an expert in injury and violence prevention. His research encompasses intentional and unintentional injury, with an emphasis of firearm related violence and suicide prevention that focuses on nature of the agent of injury and the contextual aspects of the physical and social environment that can be modified to prevent death and reduce injury severity without necessarily affecting underlying behavior. In addition to empirical work in injury prevention, Dr. Miller's scholarship includes pharmacoepidemiology and work on the fundamental and often unrecognized tension between research and therapy in clinical trials. Dr. Miller is Assistant Editor of the journal Injury Epidemiology and a recipient of the Excellence in Science Award from the American Public Health Association. Dr. Miller teaches research methods at Northeastern.

Carmen Sceppa, MD, PhD, FGSA

Carmen Sceppa, MD, PhD, FGSA is the Dean of Bouvé College of Health Sciences and Professor at Northeastern University. She received her medical degree in Guatemala City and Ph.D. in Nutrition at Tufts University.

As a physician and nutrition scientist, her work centers around developing and testing lifestyle interventions to promote healthy aging. Her research examines health and wellness in settings that promote physical activity among underserved and vulnerable populations, specifically, older adults and the elderly, particularly Hispanics and African Americans.

Dr. Sceppa's research provides evidence-based information to transform the way we think about healthy lifestyles. The Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine have used her research findings to revise the Dietary Recommended Intake for protein in older adults. Her pioneering work on resistance exercise in older adults with kidney disease and diabetes was translated into clinical practice by the American Diabetes Association and adopted as standard of care. Her research also contributed to the American College of Sports Medicine's and Heart Association's recommendations for physical activity in older adults.

Continued funding for Dr. Sceppa's translational program of research includes funding from the Brookdale Foundation, the International Life Sciences Institute, the National Institutes of Health (NIA, NINR, NIDDK, NHLBI), the National Space and Biomedical Research Institute (NSBRI), as well as corporations and foundations such as Novartis, Departments of Public Health, and Boston Children's Hospital.

Part 1: 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.

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](#).

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/Restrictions 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.

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.