

**HUMANITY IN ACTION FALL
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**



**SOCIAL JUSTICE
IN PUBLIC HEALTH
AND HEALTHCARE**

NEW YORK | OCTOBER 19-20, 2018

Greetings:

It is a first! For the first time, a Humanity in Action International Conference has been planned and largely executed by our Senior Fellows. This Conference thus is a manifestation of Humanity in Action's broader mission: providing inspiring educational opportunities in the fields of liberal democracy, human rights and social justice, connecting emerging and established experts, and inspiring action in Humanity in Action Senior Fellows to advance these causes.

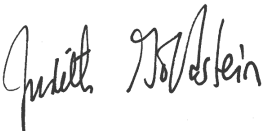
This year's Conference on Social Justice in Public Health and Healthcare focuses on a range of issues pertaining to health in the United States. At this moment in our society, social determinants of health are inextricably tied to issues of social justice and access to fundamental rights, as scores of public health crises threaten the livelihood of a large segment of our society.

We are excited to explore these topics here at The New School, a university defined by a fierce commitment to advancing social justice. Given how well our missions align, we are proud to continue to work with The New School as our organizational partner of this Conference for the sixth year.

I am delighted that our active Senior Fellow network - now comprising 2,000 Senior Fellows - continually deepens our understanding of complex societal issues through various initiatives, projects and hopefully, more Senior Fellow-led conferences. We are particularly grateful to Amish Dave, who thoughtfully designed the Conference's themes, and all other Senior Fellows and staff that have diligently developed the program.

Thank you to all of you for joining us at this Conference. We look forward to talks and discussions on some of the most pressing challenges our society faces and exploring more just and equitable solutions to address them.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judith Goldstein
Founder and Executive Director
Humanity in Action

WHY SOCIAL JUSTICE IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE?

Amish J. Dave, MD, MPH

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow | Berlin 2006

In 2006, I was fortunate to have participated in the Berlin summer program as an eager pre-medical student and history graduate in Russian and Eastern European studies. I learned so much that summer about American and European histories of social activism, civilian resilience against oppressive government structures, and integration of minority children in the German educational system. I learned to encourage and participate in constructive dialogue and debate with my wonderful colleagues in the summer program.

I left the summer program eager to continue being an activist, researcher, and advocate for underserved individuals. I realized that Humanity in Action did not have the bandwidth in 2006 to focus on issues of health disparities, but I also realized that, as a committed Senior Fellow, I could change that over time by working with other Senior Fellows.

As a physician, I have seen so many patients die or suffer irreparable harm due to delays in access to healthcare, poor quality healthcare, absent healthcare, and critically underfunded public health efforts. As such, I was thrilled when my hometown senator – Barack Obama – was elected as a president of the United States. To me, the highlight of the Obama presidency was the passage of the Affordable Care Act (affectionately or derisively called ‘Obamacare’). Obamacare allowed so many of my patients and their family members to finally have access to health insurance and to know that their healthcare needs would not drive them into poverty.

Like so many Americans and so many Humanity in Action Senior Fellows, I have been shocked and dismayed at the callous efforts over the last decade to first prevent the expansion of the Affordable Care Act and then the concerted efforts to repeal this critical

safety net for so many human beings. These recent efforts are part of a longer history in both the United States and Europe of political and social schemes to prevent human beings from purchasing vital medications, affording a doctor's visit, or signing up for insurance because of their race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, and immigration status.

In the face of so much turmoil and angst in the world of healthcare, I am thrilled that Humanity in Action in 2018 is so much more diverse in its membership, leadership, ideas, and

passions than Humanity in Action in 2006. I am excited that this year's Humanity in Action Fall International Conference will be focused on the critical topic of "Social Justice in Public Health and Healthcare."

This conference has been nearly ten years in the making and a product of thousands of wonderful conversations between Humanity in Action Senior Fellows, leaders, and outsiders determined to bring together the excitement, energy, and passion of the Humanity in Action community with the

need to highlight human rights challenges in healthcare.

The conference is structured to focus on key questions of social justice and healthcare equity that affect all people in the United States, including:

What is the makeup of the American healthcare system and how did it come to be this way? How do we change our

healthcare system if it does not serve the needs of the all people, and what can Europe teach us?

What are the social determinants of health in terms of poverty and

income inequality, access to clean air and water and educational and social resources?

What does it mean to be disadvantaged in terms of healthcare access, morbidity, and mortality? How can we help improve the healthcare and consequently the lives of all people?

Thanks for joining us for a weekend of wonderful discussions.

"OF ALL THE FORMS OF INEQUALITY, INJUSTICE IN HEALTH CARE IS THE MOST SHOCKING AND INHUMANE."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statement to the second convention of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, Chicago, IL, March 25, 1966.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018

LOCATION: THE NEW SCHOOL THERESA LANG STUDENT CENTER
(55 WEST 13TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY)

5:30-
6:00PM

REGISTRATION

6:00-
6:20PM

OPENING REMARKS

Amish Dave (Rheumatologist, Virginia Mason Medical Center; Senior Fellow | Berlin 2006)

Michael Schober (Associate Provost and Professor of Psychology, The New School)

6:20-
7:15PM

SUFFERING, HEALING, AND LIVES IN CONTEXT: A CALL FOR COMPASSION IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Doris Chang (Associate Professor of Psychology, NCSR; Co-Investigator at the Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence, New York State Psychiatric Institute)

7:15-
8:15PM

RESPONDING TO AMERICA'S GUN EPIDEMIC

Moderator: Sophia Philip

Amish Dave (Rheumatologist, Virginia Mason Medical Center; Senior Fellow | Berlin 2006)

Shiloh Tillmann-Dick (Senior Data Strategist, City of Baltimore; Senior Fellow | New York 2009)

Aisha Turner (Producer, StoryCorps; Senior Fellow | Copenhagen 2011)

Raffi Wartanian (Storyteller and Educator, Columbia University; Senior Fellow | Paris 2008)

LOCATION: FAT CAT (75 CHRISTOPHER STREET, NEW YORK CITY)

8:15-
10:00PM

OPTIONAL: PIZZA AND SOCIAL EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

LOCATION: THE NEW SCHOOL (66 WEST 12TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY)

9:30-
10:00AM

REGISTRATION, COFFEE AND TEA

10:00-
10:10AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Yael Herskovits (National Director, Humanity in Action;
Senior Fellow | Berlin 2011)

10:10-
10:40AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY AND CURRENT STATE OF THE US HEALTHCARE PAYERS SYSTEM

Rob Tessier (Medical Student, Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine; Senior Fellow | Warsaw
2015)

Zan Margolis (Director, Alignment Healthcare; Senior
Fellow | Warsaw 2011)

10:40-
10:55AM

THE RISING COST OF CARE: WHAT IS DRIVING INCREASES IN US HEALTHCARE SPENDING?

Rob Tessier (Medical Student, Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine; Senior Fellow | Warsaw 2015)

10:55-
11:10AM

INNOVATIVE PAYER MODELS AND HOW CODING DRIVES CARE

Zan Margolis (Director, Alignment Healthcare; Senior
Fellow | Warsaw 2011)

11:10-
11:40AM

THE EUROPEAN HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS: AN OVERVIEW

Rob Tessier (Medical Student, Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine; Senior Fellow | Warsaw
2015)

11:45-
11:50AM

Break

11:50AM-
12:30PM

CAN POPULATION HEALTH REDUCE DISPARITIES?

Alan Channing (Principal, Channing Consulting Group, LLC; previous President and CEO, Sinai Health System)

12:30-
1:30PM

Lunch

1:30-
1:45PM

HEALTH DISPARITIES AND THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: HOW TO BUILD A PATH TO HEALTH EQUITY?

Introduction by Asha Shajahan (Medical Director of Community Health, Beaumont Health)

1:45-
2:30PM

SOCIETY AND ADDICTION: COMBATting THE OPIOID CRISIS

Moderator: Amish Dave

David Liebers (MS4, Harvard Medical School; Senior Fellow | Warsaw 2010)

Professor Lisa Litt (President, New York State Psychological Association Division on Addictions; Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Concentration in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling at the New School for Social Research)

Marc Manseau (MD, MPH, Clinical Assistant Professor, NYU School of Medicine)

Arthur Robin Williams (Assistant Professor, Columbia University Department of Psychiatry; Senior Fellow | Amsterdam 2003)

2:30-
2:40PM

Break

2:40-
3:40PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. “URBAN PLANNING, GENTRIFICATION AND HEALTH”

Megan Raymond (Medical Student, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Senior Fellow | Detroit 2017)

Asha Shajahan (Medical Director of Community Health, Beaumont Health)

2. “COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES IN NYC”

Nick Farrell (New York Department of Education; Senior Fellow | Copenhagen 2004)

Ashley Portillo (Coordinator of Health Programs,
Academy of Medical and Public Health Services;
Senior Fellow | Diplomacy and Diversity 2016)

3. "ADDRESSING CHILDHOOD OBESITY: DESIGNING FOOD ENVIRONMENTS FOR KIDS' HEALTH"

Priya Fielding-Singh (PhD, Postdoctoral Research
Fellow, Stanford University School of Medicine;
Senior Fellow | Berlin 2011)

Andy Post (Grant Writer, Solid Ground; Senior Fellow
| Warsaw 2016)

3:40-
3:55PM

Break

3:55-
4:40PM

DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS: RACIAL MINORITIES

Jenny Tsai (Medical Student, Warren Alpert Medical
School of Brown University; Senior Fellow | Copenhagen
2014)

4:40-
5:25PM

DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS: REPRODUC- TIVE JUSTICE IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH

Sadhvi Batra (Medical Student, University of Alabama,
Birmingham; Senior Fellow | Paris 2015)

5:25-
6:10PM

DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS: HOW POVERTY AND INEQUALITY HARMS US ALL

Nate Furukawa (Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Senior
Fellow | New York 2009)

6:10-
7:00PM

KEYNOTE: "PREVENTING HIV TRANSMISSION AND THE HISTORY OF STIGMA AGAINST LGBTQ POPULATIONS"

Dr. John Winters (Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine
and Infectious Diseases, The Mount Sinai Hospital)

7:00-
7:15PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Judith S. Goldstein (Founder and Executive Director,
Humanity in Action)

LOCATION: CAFE LOUP (105 W 13TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY)

7:30-
9:30PM

FELLOW AND SENIOR FELLOW REUNION DINNER

SPEAKERS



SADHVI BATRA

Sadhvi Batra, MPH is a 2015 Humanity in Action Senior Fellow. She is a fourth year medical student at The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine and is planning for a career in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She graduated from The University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience. Her upbringing in a small town in Mississippi kickstarted her passion for reproductive rights advocacy and alleviating health disparities. She has since served on several national committees with the American Medical Association (AMA) and is the current chair of AMA at her medical school. She has authored several resolutions on reproductive access and maternal care. Furthermore, she is the founder of the Socially Responsible Medicine Project which aims to educate medical students on the intersections of social justice and healthcare. In her spare time, she enjoys kickboxing and other high intensity forms of fitness, spending quality time with friends and family, and trying new restaurants in Birmingham.



DORIS CHANG

Doris F. Chang is Director of Clinical Training and Associate Professor of Psychology at the New School for Social Research, and a research scientist at the Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence, New York State Psychiatric Institute. Her research seeks to improve the well-being of racial and ethnic minorities by a) clarifying the role of race, ethnicity, and culture in shaping interpersonal dynamics, b) identifying strategies for improving relational processes and outcomes in interracial and intercultural contexts, and c) developing inclusive, culturally-grounded interventions for clinical and educational contexts that integrate mindfulness and other contemplative traditions. In 2018, she was awarded a grant from the Mind and Life Institute to develop and pilot a mindfulness-based critical consciousness training program for K-5 teachers in New York City. She is on the editorial boards of the Asian American Journal of Psychology, Psychotherapy Research, and Frontiers in Psychology (Cultural Psychology section). Dr. Chang is a recipient of The New School Award for Outstanding Achievements in Diversity and Social Justice Teaching and is a Fellow of the Asian American Psychological Association. A licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Chang also maintains a private practice in New York City.



ALAN H. CHANNING

Alan became the principal officer of Channing Consulting Group, LLC (“CCG”) following his retirement as President and CEO of the Sinai Health System (“SHS”), Chicago, Illinois, in 2014, a role he held for ten years. SHS, a safety net provider, is an integrated delivery system located on Chicago’s west side. Under Channing’s leadership, Sinai achieved national recognition for clinical quality, community engagement and benefit, addressing disparities and creating the concept of “pre-primary” care. Mr. Channing attended undergraduate school at the University of Cincinnati and graduate school at The Ohio State University where he retains an assistant professorship. Alan has been the CEO of several large teaching hospitals including Wishard Memorial in Indianapolis, Elmhurst Hospital Center in Queens, New York, and the renowned Bellevue Hospital Center in Manhattan. Channing has served as a resource to the Ohio Hospital Association, the Cleveland Center for Health Affairs, Greater New York Hospital Association and the Hospital Association of New York State. He has testified before the US Congress, the Ohio Senate, and both houses of the Illinois legislature. He served as chairman of the Illinois Hospital Association during a challenging legislative year and as board chairman of Family Health Network, a Medicaid managed care company. Alan and his wife, Ronda, reside in Manhattan. They have four daughters and four grandchildren.



AMISH DAVE

Dr. Amish J. Dave completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh majoring in Russian and Eastern European History, Biological Sciences, and Neuroscience. He completed his medical degree at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and his internal medicine residency training at Stanford. Dr. Dave did his rheumatology fellowship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston and completed his Masters in Public Health at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Dave is a rheumatologist at Virginia Mason Medical Center practicing in Seattle and on Bainbridge Island. He is a board member of the King County Medical Society Board of Trustees focused on preventing childhood lead exposure and gun violence in Washington State. He is one of the three founding members of South Asian PAC and a 2006 Humanity in Action Senior Fellow, a 2007 Sue Mercy Fellow, a member of the Senior Fellows Leadership Council, and a board member of the Humanity in Action Foundation.



NICK FARRELL

Nick Farrell has spent his career working to increase opportunities for children and families in underserved communities. Nick is currently a Community Schools Program Manager at the NYC Department of Education, where his work focuses on scaling and implementing the community school strategy across NYC. In previous roles, he served as the Director of Pre-Kindergarten Admissions during NYC's citywide Pre-K expansion, and he piloted anti-poverty programs at the NYC Center for Economic Opportunity. Nick is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Denmark 2004) and also served as Humanity in Action's American Program Director in 2007 & 2008.



PRIYA FIELDING-SMITH

Priya Fielding-Smith is a Sociologist and Postdoctoral Fellow in Cardiovascular Disease Prevention at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Her research examines health disparities across class, race, and gender. She fuses both quantitative and ethnographic methods to better understand how neighborhoods, schools, and families shape our health behaviors and outcomes. Dr. Fielding-Smith holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Stanford University, a M.A. in Cultural Studies from the University of Bremen, and a B.S. in Education and Social Policy from Northwestern University.



NATHAN FURUKAWA

Nathan Furukawa is an internal medicine physician and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (NY 2009). He currently works at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on HIV/AIDS prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. He completed his undergraduate degree at Seattle University, graduate medical and public health degrees at the University of Washington, and residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington.



JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN, PHD

Judith Goldstein founded Humanity in Action in 1997 and has served as its Executive Director ever since. Under Judith's leadership, Humanity in Action has organized educational programs on international affairs, diversity and human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands and the United States. She received her Ph.D in history from Columbia University and was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar for her MA studies. Judith has written several books and articles about European and American history, art and landscape architecture. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and several boards and advisory groups.



Yael HERSKOVITS

Yael Herskovits is the Humanity in Action US Director of Programs. She is a Senior Fellow (Berlin 2011 and Pat Cox Fellow 2012) and holds a BA in Comparative Politics and International Law from the American University of Paris, an MA in International Affairs from the New School, and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Organization Development. Yael has worked across public and private sectors, most recently working as an organizational development consultant for non-profits and social businesses. She deeply cares about the intersection of the arts and activist. Originally from Germany, Yael is looking forward to building community here in New York and contributing to the US Humanity in Action programs.



DAVID LIEBERS

David Liebers is an MD-candidate at Harvard Medical School and an MPP-candidate at the Harvard Kennedy School. He is interested in computational medicine, the use of genetic information in clinical decision-making, substance use disorder recovery models, and healthcare delivery in underserved, and particularly American Indian populations. He previously read for an MPhil in History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge, and completed undergraduate studies at the University of Rochester. He was a Humanity in Action Summer Fellow in 2010 (Warsaw).



LISA CAREN LITT, PHD

Dr. Litt is a Clinical Psychologist specializing in the integrated treatment of traumatic stress and substance use. She is currently President of the New York State Psychological Association Division on Addictions and is Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of the Concentration in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling at the New School for Social Research. For the past several years Dr. Litt taught Victimology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and she is Adjunct Faculty at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Teachers' College, Columbia University, and Adelphi University. For 15 years, Dr. Litt was Clinical Director of the Trauma-Focused Programs at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City, a specialty program to provide integrated treatment for addiction and posttraumatic stress reactions. She has been consultant, trainer and clinical supervisor of numerous psychotherapy studies funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism exploring effective treatments for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and co-occurring substance use disorders for women. She has co-authored a book entitled *Trauma Services for Women in Substance Abuse Treatment*. Dr. Litt also maintains a private practice in New York City.



MARC MANSEAU, MD, MPH

Marc Manseau graduated with a degree in Human Biology from Brown University, where he also earned his Masters in Public Health. He completed medical school at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. After graduating from general psychiatry residency training at the New York University School of Medicine, he completed a fellowship in Public Psychiatry at Columbia University. Marc then worked as an Attending Psychiatrist in the Bellevue Hospital Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic, as well as the psychiatrist/medical director for Bellevue's OnTrackNY program, an intensive, recovery-oriented intervention for the first-episode psychosis population. In addition to his clinical responsibilities at Bellevue, he participated in research related to early intervention for psychosis, schizophrenia, and co-occurring disorders including cannabinoid use. Marc is currently appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the New York University School of Medicine. He has conducted research and published on various public health and policy-related topics, including occupational health, HIV and mental health, homelessness in New York City, integration of behavioral health and primary care services, mental health treatment disparities, the role of prevention within psychiatry, cannabinoids and mental health, substance use and schizophrenia, the opioid crisis, and the social determinants of mental health. He is currently a member of the Preventive Psychiatry Committee of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP), a psychiatric think tank.



ZAN MARGOLIS

Alexandria Margolis is currently a Director at Alignment Healthcare, a Medicare Advantage health plan and clinical delivery model. Prior to this role, she led advanced illness management initiatives at Northwell Health System and worked on Age-friendly NYC with the New York Academy of Medicine. She completed her Master of Public Administration in Health Policy and Management at New York University after graduating from its College of Arts and Science with a B.A. in English. She has been honored as a Humanity in Action Fellow, Finalist for the Truman Scholarship, and NYU Presidential Honors Scholar. She is also a certified PMP and Six Sigma Green Belt.



IRIS NAJJAR

Iris obtained her medical degree from the Charité Medical University in Berlin. After completing her doctoral thesis on targeted drug delivery in cancer treatments, she started working as a resident in internal medicine at the University Hospital of Baselland in Switzerland. She will be moving to Geneva next year to pursue her training at the University Hospital. She is working on her Action Project: an interview-collection of inspiring doctors engaged in public, global health or humanitarian aid to inspire medical students to integrate global health into work. After finishing her residency, Iris plans to work in Humanitarian Aid and to engage further in Global Health.



SOPHIA PHILIP

Sophia Philip is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Paris, 2015) and former Humanity in Action Virginia Mason LGBTQ+ Health Advocacy Fellow (2017). Having studied ethnography, education and the arts, her professional work has varied from producing TEDx conferences, teaching literacy and the arts, consulting on equity and inclusivity, to developing workshops on consent with Mt. Sinai Hospital. Currently, she works in the Bronx for Montefiore Medical Center in the public education system promoting health literacy and access.



ASHLEY PORTILLO

Ashley Portillo currently serves as the Coordinator of Health Programs at the Academy of Medical and Public Health Services (AMPHS) located in Brooklyn, NY. Ashley oversees the clinical screening programs at AMPHS as well as the organizational advocacy efforts in New York State issue campaigns such as Coverage 4 All, New York Health Act, New York Counts 2020, and those in opposition to federal immigration policy changes that adversely affect all immigrant New Yorkers. Ashley also facilitates Know Your Immigrant Rights workshops and is an advocate for the rights of undocumented individuals living in NYC.



ANDY POST

Andy works as a grant writer at Solid Ground, an organization that builds community to reduce poverty in Seattle through direct services and advocacy. He works closely with their Community Food Education program that educates children and families in public schools, community centers, and urban gardens. He assisted in the formative years of Colorado Springs Food Rescue, an organization that imagines a community-driven food system that nourishes people, land, and the economy. He studied Political Science, English, and Music at Colorado College and enjoys exploring the confluence of the three through playwriting. Andy is a Senior Fellow (Warsaw 2016) and a recipient of Humanity in Action Senior Fellow Grant Competition. An excerpt his current collaboration, *Selah*, recently previewed at the New York New Works Theatre Festival.



MEGAN RAYMOND

Megan Raymond is a second-year medical student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 2017, where she majored in Urban Studies with minors in Chemistry and Social Work. She was a Fellow with the inaugural Detroit Fellowship in 2017 where she further explored her interests in urban planning and public health. Research is one of Megan's major interests, and this past summer she conducted qualitative policy research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, studying the intersection of genomic and precision medicine and health disparities. She is also currently involved with the Jewish Healthcare Foundation as a Jonas Salk Health Activist Fellow. She has a particular interest in innovative methods of healthcare delivery, and believes that equity should be a measure of quality improvement.



ASHA SHAJAHAN

Asha Shajahan is a board certified family physician. She is an assistant professor in the department of family medicine and biomedical sciences at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. She also has a master's degree in Health Services Administration. She is the medical director of community health for the Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe, MI. Her interest in health policy and health disparities led her to work for former United States Senator Carl Levin in Washington DC. She was also a senior healthcare intern for the Office of the former Governor Jennifer Granholm where she worked to augment healthcare access for the uninsured in Detroit. She has volunteered at several underserved health clinics and non-profits in the Detroit-area. She sits on numerous nonprofit boards. Dr. Shajahan is dedicated to educating physicians on improving community health through understanding the social determinants and cultural dexterity.



MICHAEL SCHOBER

Michael Schober is a Professor of Psychology and Vice Provost for Research at The New School. Michael served as the Dean of The New School for Social Research from 2006 to 2013 and has taught courses in psycholinguistics, human-computer interaction, research methods, data visualization, and the psychology of music. He was editor of the multidisciplinary journal *Discourse Processes* from 2005 to 2015 and is the recipient of the Warren J. Mitofsky Innovators Award from the American Association for Public Opinion Research. He received a doctorate in cognitive psychology from Stanford University.



ROB TESSIER

Rob is an MD/MPH candidate in his second year at Northwestern University. He studied Neuroscience and Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh and he participated in the 2015 Humanity in Action Warsaw program. His experiences includes local government and nonprofit work, along with behavioral and health services research. He enjoys hiking and board games and lives with his wife and their very fluffy dog in Chicago.



SHILOH TILLMANN-DICK

Hailing from Denver Colorado Shiloh had his first brushes with local politics when he served as the token wide-eyed infant/child in the campaign literature for local politicians and ballot initiatives. Only six years into his career he suffered a major professional reversal when he aged out of the highly photogenic under 6-demographic and was forced to make a major career pivot, trying to make government more equitable, efficient, and just for all its citizens. Twenty-two years later

Shiloh's budding career as a stock photo model still hasn't recovered but he has worked on over a dozen political campaigns in Colorado, Ohio, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania as well as a corporate strategist, and most recently the senior data strategist for Baltimore City's CitiStat program where he led the analysis section for the City's Interagency Violence Reduction Initiative. Deeply committed to improving the circumstances of America's least privileged Shiloh's main message is that the problems society faces today are surmountable, but they demand leadership and action now, and discussions about the need for systemic change cannot be used as excuses to prevent immediate action, even if that action doesn't solve the entire problem, any progress is better than no progress and for too long, no progress is what we've gotten. In his lighter moments Shiloh can be found in Baltimore, caring for his kombucha scoby or in Washington D.C. instructing some of his 11 nieces and nephews in the finer points of baking sourdough bread and/or revolutionary politics.



AISHA TURNER

Aisha Turner is a radio producer based in Brooklyn. She works with StoryCorps, a nonprofit public media project that works to encourage empathy through storytelling. Before moving to New York, Aisha was covering race for Milwaukee Public Radio and worked on Precious Lives, a radio series about youth and gun violence. Early in her career, Aisha was a TV producer with the PBS NewsHour and Al Jazeera America. Recently, she's also been involved in international education, serving as the Spring 2017 facilitator for the International Honors Program--a human rights program for college students that travels to Nepal, Jordan, and Chile. Aisha has a BA in Public Policy from Duke University and a joint-MA in Global Studies from the Universities of Leipzig and Vienna. She was an Humanity in Action Fellow in the 2011 Copenhagen program, a 2013 Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellow in Brussels, and participated in the 2014 Humanity in Action-Most Mira Project on Peacebuilding in Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She's also a member of the 2018 Senior Fellows Leadership Council.

JENNY TSAI

Jenny Tsai is a Medical Student, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University; Senior Fellow (Copenhagen 2014).



RAFFI WARTANIAN

Raffi Joe Wartanian is a multiplatform storyteller passionate about social justice, creativity, and innovative institutions. His writing and film work have appeared in such venues as Lincoln Center, The Baltimore Sun, and The Huffington Post. Demoralized by America's gun violence epidemic, Raffi began researching local gun culture, including visits to gun shows, to inform an original feature screenplay about a hotshot Texas gun show owner confronted by the consequences of his enterprise. The script, titled Freedom Market, finished in the top 10% of the Academy of Motion Pictures and Arts' Nicholl Screenwriting Fellowship in 2017. Raffi is pursuing an MFA in creative writing at Columbia University School of the Arts where he co-taught a writing workshop at Rikers Island Jail Complex, and launched Letters for Peace, an initiative to foster dialogue in conflict zones through workshops at the intersection of creative writing and conflict resolution. His art and activism have been supported by the Fulbright Program, Davis Projects for Peace, and Eurasia Partnership Foundation among others.



DR. JOHN WINTERS

John C. Winters, MD, MPH is a graduate of The George Washington University School of Medicine. He trained in Internal Medicine/International Health at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio and completed an Infectious Diseases Fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School. Between 2015 and mid 2018, Dr. Winters worked at the NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH); Bureau of STD Prevention and Control as HIV Physician-in-Charge. Dr. Winters was instrumental in developing and rolling out several NYC based ETE (End the Epidemic) funded HIV prevention and treatment initiatives aimed at drastically reducing the number of new HIV infections in NYS by 2020. Additionally, Dr. Winters was responsible for overseeing clinical care/operations as well as implementing several CDC-funded STD initiatives within the Central Harlem Sexual Health Clinic. Dr. Winters recently started working with Health and Hospital Corporation (HHC) as Associate Executive Director/ Site Medical Director in the Division of Correctional Health Services. In this new role, Dr. Winters will oversee the medical care of several hundred persons housed at the Brooklyn House of Detention as well as provide direct clinical care for patients with HIV and Hepatitis C. Dr. Winters is also an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases at The Mount Sinai Hospital where he has a weekly High Resolution Anoscopy (HRA) clinic. Dr. Winters is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases.



DR. ARTHUR ROBIN WILLIAMS

Dr. Arthur Robin Williams (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow, Amsterdam 2003) is Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University Division on Substance Use Disorders, and Research Scientist, New York State Psychiatric Institute. He attended Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs for his undergraduate degree in domestic health policy, completed his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania where he also earned a Master in Bioethics. He completed psychiatry training at NYU-Bellevue, and a NIDA funded T32 research fellowship in Addiction Psychiatry at Columbia where he has recently been funded for a 5-year NIDA funded K23 - award on a quality of care framework to respond to the opioid epidemic. His work on addiction and mental illness has been published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, JAMA Psychiatry, Annals of Internal Medicine, and by the American Psychiatric Association and Oxford University Press.

ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action is an international organization that educates, inspires action and connects a network of university students and young professionals committed to the values of pluralism, liberal democracy, social justice, human rights and civic engagement in their own communities and around the world. Humanity in Action has educated over 2,000 young leaders who now form a unique transatlantic network.

Humanity in Action's annual Fellowship bring together approximately 160 European and US college and

university students, as well as young professionals from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Poland, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. Throughout the four-week program, Humanity in Action Fellows

meet leading experts to study past and contemporary challenges to liberal democracy in the local context. After completing the on-site part of the Fellowship,

Fellows return to their communities and implement an Action Project as a way of giving back and sharing their recently-acquired knowledge and skills.

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INSPIRES
AND CONNECTS
EMERGING LEADERS
TO PROMOTE SOCIAL
JUSTICE, PLURALISM
AND LIBERAL
DEMOCRACY.***

Apart from the annual Fellowship, Humanity in Action maintains an international alumni network, comprising students, young professionals, established leaders and experts in various fields, providing them with a range of educational and career opportunities. These include seminars, workshops, study trips and other fellowships at leading civic and political institutions. These have included the European Parliament, the US Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Ohio and Georgia.

Humanity in Action programs are meant to encourage emerging leaders to advance their professional abilities and introduce established leaders to the ideas of the younger generation.

Humanity in Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with governing and advisory Boards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States. Humanity in Action's international head-

quarters are in New York City. Major supporters of Humanity in Action have included the Ford Foundation, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, The Robina Foundation, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ), the Dutch Ministry for Health, Welfare and Sport and the US Department of State.

HUMANITY IN ACTION ANNUAL PROGRAMS



Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Strives for an in-depth examination of institutionalized discrimination past and present, emphasizing an intersectional approach to specific topics. Fellows engage with an NGO to further explore a topic they discussed, and then write an academic report on the topic.

Berlin, Germany

Focuses on identity formation and societal pluralism, using historical and contemporary problems as case studies for Fellows to engage with how and why historical injustices perpetuate modern-day human rights violations.

Copenhagen, Denmark

Explores ways to create a more inclusive and supportive society by bridging historical, cultural, and political divides.

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dives into the midst of transitional justice, post-conflict identity politics, peacebuilding, and socioeconomic transformation in marginalized local communities.

Warsaw, Poland

Emphasizes innovative approaches to combating polarization and extremist rhetoric in a homogenous environment, closely examining patterns that perpetuate problems.

Atlanta, Georgia (John Lewis Fellowship)

Examines means to restorative justice by understanding problems infused in public and private life, individual attitudes and institutional responsibilities.

SENIOR FELLOW OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Humanity in Action International Conference

- >> Strasbourg, France, 2018: The European Parliament
- >> Berlin, Germany, 2017: Nationalism, Populism and Transatlantic Relations
- >> Athens, Greece, 2016: The Migration and Economic Crises in Europe
- >> The Hague, The Netherlands, 2015: International Justice
- >> Sonderborg, Denmark, 2014: Borders and Security

Humanity in Action New York Conference

- >> 2017: State of the State
- >> 2016: Social Justice and the U.S. Election
- >> 2015: Art and Activism
- >> 2014: Cities: Human Rights in Urban Environments

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Senior Fellow Grants Competition

Enabling Senior Fellows to advance pluralism, liberal democracy and human rights, and stimulate societal diversity through innovative campaigns and projects (awarded up to 5,000 USD).

Pat-Cox Humanity in Action Fellowship (Brussels)

Professional opportunity working in the office of a member of European Parliament.

ACLU Fellowships

Professional opportunity to work on progressive and civil liberties campaigns in Georgia and Ohio.

Bertelsmann Foundation-Humanity in Action Fellowship

Professional opportunity to work on policy projects in a wide range of economic, social and foreign challenges of common interest to both sides of the Atlantic.

Executive Education Leadership Program (New York)

Customized leadership and management training emphasizing new thinking, social good, and collaborative learning in professional environments. Topics of seminars include scaling entrepreneurial ventures, integrity in leadership, idea incubation, human-centered design, and organizational communication.

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