

SPIRIT OF 1848: A CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – APHA 2019 (Nov 2-6, Philadelphia, PA)

SPIRIT OF 1848 THEME:

“Fighting Forward: Radical Science and Health Justice”

*** due date for abstracts for sessions an OPEN CALL: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 ***

The official theme for APHA 2019 is: “*Creating the Healthiest Nation: For Science, For Action, For Health.*” We in the **Spirit of 1848** take the next step and call for **RADICAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH JUSTICE**.

Motivating our theme is recognition that:

(1) it is not enough to be “for science,” because scientists are people, people do science, and the social production of scientific knowledge – along with the very definitions of “science” – are inevitably shaped by societal context, including conflicts over justice, dignity, and rights, as exemplified by the long legacy of scientific racism vs. anti-racist science; and

(2) it is not enough to be “for health” without engaging with **health justice**, by which we mean the many interlocking types of justice that shape the people’s health and extent of health inequities – e.g., racial justice, Indigenous justice, economic justice, gender justice, queer justice, environmental justice, climate justice, reproductive justice, healing justice, restorative criminal justice, and electoral justice – to name a few!

-- For our scientific sessions we accordingly will feature critical and historically-informed presentations that address the links between radical science and the many kinds of justice required for health justice, in the US and globally.

-- We continue to note with concern the latent nationalism lurking in the phrasing of the APHA general theme of “creating the healthiest nation” which has appeared as the prefix to each annual meeting’s specific theme for the past few years – and we once again ask: why not instead have the goal be: “creating the healthiest world”?

--Additionally, because **2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the Spirit of 1848**, some celebration and critical reflection is in order, which we will provide via our integrative session and possibly an additional social event as well!

Spirit of 1848 sessions (APHA 2019) – by day, name, and time, and whether an OPEN CALL for abstracts or SOLICITED ONLY			
Monday, Nov 4, 2019 <i>(don't forget daylight savings starts on Nov 3, 2019!)</i>	Activist session	8:30 am to 10 am	SOLICITED ONLY
	Social history of public health	10:30 am to 12 noon	SOLICITED ONLY
	Politics of public health data	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm	OPEN CALL
Tuesday, Nov 5, 2019	Progressive pedagogy	8:30 am to 10:00 am	OPEN CALL
	Integrative session	10:30 am to 12 noon	SOLICITED ONLY
	Student poster session	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	OPEN CALL
	Labor/business meeting	6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	N/A

Below we provide: (1) the specific instructions for each session, and (2) the APHA instructions about preparing abstracts, with regard to word limits, membership & registration requirements, and information required to enable the session in which a presentation is included to qualify for continuing education credits.

Instructions for what we are seeking for each session (listed in chronological order) are as follows:

■ **Activist session**

(Mon, Nov 4, 2019, 8:30 am to 10:00 am)

Title: “Radical science and activism challenging political threats to health justice”

-- **Note:** all abstracts for this session will be **SOLICITED (due: April 15, 2019)**.

The activist session, with *invited presentations*, will focus on themes of “**Radical science and activism challenging political threats to health justice.**” The focus will be on radical science, activism, and advocacy

defending the production and use of scientific evidence vital to protecting the people's health and rectifying health inequities. Such science and evidence are facing serious political attacks by the Trump Administration, right-wing organizations, corporations, and religious fundamentalists, singly and combined. Specific examples might pertain to activism that is defending radical science for the people's health in relation to: the upcoming US 2020 elections and electoral justice; international treaties (e.g., regarding climate change); economic justice; militarism and criminalization; and also likely US Supreme Court cases regarding abortion rights, the population count for the 2020 US census, and regulations pertaining to hazardous exposures or environmental degradation.

If you have any questions, please contact the session organizers, who are Spirit of 1848 Coordinating Committee members: **Jerzy Eisenberg-Guyot** (email: jerzy.eisenbergguyot@gmail.com), **Rebekka Lee** (email: ree@hsph.harvard.edu), and **Catherine Cubbin** (email: ccubbin@austin.utexas.edu).

■ **Social history of public health**

(Mon, Nov 4, 2019, 10:30 am to 12 noon)

Title: “Anti-racist and anti-colonialist science for health justice: critical historical perspectives”

-- Note: all abstracts for this session will be **SOLICITED (due: April 15, 2019)**.

The Social History of Public Health Committee of the Spirit of 1848 Caucus will SOLICIT abstracts from speakers who can present on critical histories of anti-racist and anti-colonialist science in connection to struggles for health justice and social justice. This solicitation occurs at the confluence of several notable “anniversaries.” It has been 500 years since the systematic enslavement of Africans in Europe's “New World” colonies began, and 400 years since the British Empire formally initiated its policy of enslaving West Africans to reap riches from its North American and Caribbean colonies. This solicitation comes 100 years after a wave of anti-Black mob violence (race “riots”) roiled the United States, threatening urban African-American communities formed during the Great Migration; and it arrives as the world commences the fraught centennial of the interwar period, during which eugenics and racial science achieved unprecedented centrality in the functioning of modern states and empires, deeply marking the international world order. We are ever cognizant that this solicitation comes at a time when violent white supremacy is once again resurgent in the Americas and Europe, driving police-military policy, immigration policy, and other policies; and at a time when some scientists are again advancing once-discredited theories of race as a biological construct.

Presentations will focus on radical science both in and outside of the US, and presenters will be expected to provide case studies of anti-racist and anti-colonialist science and its application by specific groups and movements to secure collective access to healthier conditions for communities of color and Native peoples, including by organizing to increase their political power. Given that APHA 2019 will be in Philadelphia, special note of the scholarship of W.E.B. Du Bois will be included, harking back to his pathbreaking critical, anti-racist, and historically-informed opus *The Philadelphia Negro: A Social Study* (1899).

If you have any questions, please contact the session organizers, who are Spirit of 1848 Coordinating Committee members **Marian Moser Jones** (email: moserj@umd.edu), **Anne-Emanuelle Birn**, (email: ae.birn@utoronto.ca), **Luis Aviles** (email: luis.aviles3@upr.edu), and **Nancy Krieger** (email: nkrieger@hsph.harvard.edu), plus Spirit of 1848 member **Miranda Worthen** (email: Miranda.Worthen@sjsu.edu)

■ **Politics of public health data**

(Mon, Nov 4, 2019, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm)

Title: “Radical science for health justice”

-- **Note:** presentations for this session will be drawn primarily from abstracts submitted in response to the **OPEN CALL** for abstracts (**Due: Tues, Feb 19, 2019**), supplemented by solicited abstracts as warranted.

This session seeks to feature conceptual and empirical presentations of analyses (whether quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods) that are context-aware and historically-informed. Possible foci for presentations could be:

- anti-racist and anti-colonialist empirical analyses of health injustice (per the concerns of one or more of the many interlocking types of justice at issue, e.g., racial justice, Indigenous justice, economic justice, gender justice, queer justice, environmental justice, climate justice, reproductive justice, healing justice, restorative criminal justice, electoral justice, etc);
- radical science analyses of gun violence, police violence, or state-sponsored violence;
- radical science analyses of social biases explicitly and implicitly permeating “Big Data” and implications for health research employing “data analytics” and algorithms (which wrongly assumes analysis of data can be theory-free, without any social or structural analysis of the meaning, validity, and diverse biases involved, whether shaped by negative stereotypes and social biases, selection bias, political hacking of social media, etc);
- radical science for collective action, protest, and accountability, particularly for use in social movements (e.g., Data for Black Lives);
- radical science analyses involving health equity in relation to the approaching 2020 Census (e.g. implications of the proposal to add a question about citizenship; which racial/ethnic groups are included, categorized how, and which are excluded; proposals for linking census data to administrative data to compensate for declining response rate, etc.); and
- the impact of the radical inclusion of marginalized populations, as scientists and as study participants, on scientific questions and analyses.

If you have any questions, please contact the session organizers, who are Spirit of 1848 Coordinating Committee members **Zinzi Bailey** (email: zinzi@gmail.com), **Catherine Cubbin** (email: ccubbin@austin.utexas.edu), **Craig Dearfield** (email: craig.dearfield@gmail.com), and **Nancy Krieger** (email: nkrieger@hsph.harvard.edu).

■ Progressive pedagogy

(Tues, Nov 5, 2019, 8:30 am to 10:00 am)

Title: “Fighting Forward: Pedagogies that Promote and Create a Radical Science for Health Justice”

-- **Note:** presentations for this session will be primarily drawn from abstracts submitted in response to the **OPEN CALL** for abstracts (**Due: February 19, 2019**), supplemented by solicited abstracts as warranted.

This session will have an **OPEN CALL** for abstracts for *practical presentations that focus on pedagogy that enhances capacity for teaching and organizing with radical science for health justice. This includes the pedagogies that are being (re)developed through decolonizing epistemologies and other ways of re-framing knowledge and voice.*

We call for work that shows **how** such pedagogy can be carried out, as well as student-led presentations offering a critical analysis of the pedagogy they wish to be part of that may not be currently part of their educational programs. A key focus is on how radical science for equity needs to influence both what we teach and how we teach it. Sound-byte “science” has been used to rationalize the destruction of people and the planet. We need to share practical tools for understanding the world and creating sustainable change.

We welcome presentations about any such pedagogic initiatives that variously include (separately or jointly): teachers (i.e., train teachers to teach such material and approaches); students (high school, undergraduates, graduate); community activists, community organizations, and community members; government employees (whether in public health agencies, other state agencies, or in the legislative or executive branches of government); or other groups. We encourage abstracts that address current social movements such as reproductive justice, environmental and climate justice, economic justice, restorative criminal justice and racial justice. We especially would love to see work that brings in global as well as US perspectives.

If you have any questions, please contact the session organizers, who are Spirit of 1848 Coordinating Committee members **Vanessa Simonds** (email: vanessa.simonds@montana.edu), **Lisa Moore** (email: lisadee@sfsu.edu) and **Rebekka Lee** (email: rlee@hsph.harvard.edu).

■ Integrative

(Tues, Nov 5, 2019, 10:30 am to 12 noon)

Title: "Passion, politics, and public health: Celebrating 25 years of the Spirit of 1848 – for radical science and health justice"

-- Note: all abstracts for this session will be **SOLICITED (due: April 15, 2019)**.

This session will celebrate and reflect critically on the 25th anniversary of the Spirit of 1848 Caucus, which we founded in 1994. We will call it: "**Passion, Politics, and Public Health: celebrating 25 years of the Spirit of 1848 – for radical science and health justice.**" The session will include: (1) a brief history of the Spirit of 1848 Caucus; (2) critical reflections from Spirit of 1848 coordinating committee members about our achievements, challenges, and future directions; (3) a dialogue between an elder and youth who are each active in the work for radical science and health justice, regarding their views on how the Spirit of 1848 can contribute to fighting forward for health justice; and (4) a celebration of 25 years of passion, politics, and public health, done in true Spirit of 1848 style! This session will be organized by the Spirit of 1848 Coordinating Committee, led by its chair (Nancy Krieger).

If you have any questions, please contact the session organizer, Spirit of 1848 Coordinating Committee member Nancy Krieger (email: nkrieger@hsph.harvard.edu)

Student poster session: social justice & public health

(Tues, Nov 5, 2019, 1:00–2:00 pm)

For the APHA 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo (Philadelphia, PA, Nov 2-6, 2019), the **Spirit of 1848 Social Justice & Public Health Student Poster Session** is having an ***OPEN CALL FOR ABSTRACTS*** for posters that **highlight the intersection between social justice and public health** from a historical, theoretical, epidemiological, ethnographic, and/or methodological perspective.

This session will have an **OPEN CALL for submissions** by students (undergraduate and graduate) that are focused on work linking issues of social justice and public health. This can include, but is not limited to, work concerned with the Spirit of 1848's focus for APHA 2019 on **radical science for health justice**. The submitted work can address one or more of the many interlocking types of justice at issue, e.g., racial justice, Indigenous justice, economic justice, gender justice, queer justice, environmental justice, climate justice, reproductive justice, healing justice, restorative justice, electoral justice, etc. We are interested in submissions not only from students in schools of public health and other health professions (e.g., nursing, medicine) but also from students in schools & programs focused on law, political science, public policy, social work, government, economics, sociology, urban planning, etc. For examples of abstracts selected in prior years, see: [2018](#), [2017](#), and [2016](#).

Abstracts are due February 19, 2019; all relevant instructions can be found at the APHA abstract submission website; see: <http://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual>

Note: to address the on-going problem of student uncertainty about funding, which has led to students with accepted posters withdrawing their submissions, we will continue with the successful approach we newly implemented in 2016, whereby we will: (1) accept the top 10 abstracts (the limit for any poster session); (2) set up a waitlist of all runner-up potentially acceptable posters (ranked in order of preference); and (3) reject abstracts that either are not focused on issues of social justice and public health or are not of acceptable quality. If any accepted poster is withdrawn, we will replace it with a poster from the waitlist (in rank order).

For any questions about this session, please contact Spirit of 1848 Student Poster Coordinating Committee members Jerzy Eisenberg-Guyot (jerzy@uw.edu), Nylca Muñoz (nylca.munoz@upr.edu), Jennifer Tsai (jennifer_tsai@brown.edu), Lauren Stein (lajstein@gmail.com), David Stuppelbeen (dstupp@hawaii.edu), Jelena Todic (jelena_todic@utexas.edu), and Monique Hosein (monique_hosein@berkeley.edu)

APHA ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS & CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS:

NOTE: it is important that our Spirit of 1848 sessions be approved for CE credits, so that public health & clinical professionals can get CE credits in sessions focused on the links between social justice & public health! – so please be sure to read these instructions carefully!!!

1) APHA ABSTRACT REQUIREMENTS

- Abstracts should be no more than 250 words
- All presenters must be Individual members of APHA in order to present.
- All presenters must register for the meeting.
- Abstracts cannot be presented or published in any journal prior to the APHA Annual Meeting.

2) CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

APHA values the ability to provide continuing education credit to physicians, nurses, health educators, veterinarians, and those certified in public health at its annual meeting. Please complete all required information when submitting an abstract so members can claim credit for attending your session. These credits are necessary for members to keep their licenses and credentials.

For a session to be eligible for Continuing Education Credit, each presenter must provide:

- **An abstract free of trade and/or commercial product names** (and this includes the names of any books you have published!)
- **At least one MEASURABLE outcomes** (DO NOT USE “To understand” or “To learn” as objectives, they are not measurable).
 - Examples of Acceptable Measurable Action Words: Explain, Demonstrate, Analyze, Formulate, Discuss, Compare, Differentiate, Describe, Name, Assess, Evaluate, Identify, Design, Define or List.
- A **signed Conflict of Interest (Disclosure) form** with a **relevant Qualification Statement**. See an example of an acceptable Qualification Statement on the online Disclosure form.

-- Examples of Acceptable Biographical Qualification Statement:

“I have been the principal or co-principal of multiple federally funded grants focusing on the epidemiology of drug abuse, HIV prevention and co-occurring mental and drug use disorders. Among my scientific interests has been the development of strategies for preventing HIV and STDs in out-of-treatment drug users.”

“I am qualified because I have conducted research in the area of maternal and child health for the past 20 years and have given multiple presentations on this subject.”

Please note that ***I am the Principle Investigator of this study is NOT an acceptable qualification statement. Nor it is acceptable to state: “I am qualified because I am a professor at XYZ University.”***

Contact Mighty Fine at mighty.fine@apha.org if you have any questions concerning continuing education credit. Please contact the program planner for all other questions.

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF 1848
& HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER AND SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LISTSERVE:**

For additional information about the Spirit of 1848, including our mission statement and why our name is “Spirit of 1848,” please see below--and also please visit our website, where you can learn more about our Caucus and see past sessions that we have organized at APHA: <http://www.spiritof1848.org/>

And, if you are a dues-paying APHA member:

A) at our website you can sign up on our form to state your affiliation with our Caucus

https://harvard.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_86XQ5KQvFCgCpFP

(& for more explanation about why we need this information, see: <http://spiritof1848.org/listserv.htm>)

B) you can also modify your APHA member profile to show you consider yourself to be affiliated with our Caucus

- 1) login in at: <http://apha.org/>
- 2) click on the bottom part of where your name shows up, which will reveal the “menu” for options
- 3) click on “update profile”
- 4) click on the tab for “communities”
- 5) scroll down to “caucuses,” go to “Spirit of 1848,” and choose the option for “current participant”!
(note: selecting a Caucus affiliation does NOT count against the choice of 2 Section affiliations)

Lastly, if you are interested in subscribing to our email bulletin board, we welcome posting on social justice & public health that provide:

- a) information (e.g. about conferences or job announcements or publications relevant to and making explicit links between social justice & public health), and
- b) substantive queries or comments directly addressing issues relevant to and making explicit links between social justice and public health.

If your posting is only about social justice/political issues, or only about public health issues, and does not explicitly connect issues of social justice & public health, please do not post it on this listserv.

Please note that the listserv does not accept attachments. For petitions, please post only the text, accompanied by the explicit instruction not to reply to the listserv but to reply to you directly with signatures.

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For more information, please see the Spiritof1848 Listserv Semi-Regular Reminder or e-mail the list owner.

SPIRIT OF 1848 MISSION STATEMENT

November 2002

The Spirit of 1848: A Network linking Politics, Passion, and Public Health

Purpose and Structure

The Spirit of 1848 is a network of people concerned about social inequalities in health. Our purpose is to spur new connections among the many of us involved in different areas of public health, who are working on diverse public health issues (whether as researchers, practitioners, teachers, activists, or all of the above), and live scattered across diverse regions of the United States and other countries. In doing so, we hope to help counter the fragmentation that many of us face: within and between disciplines, within and between work on particular diseases or health problems, and within and between different organizations geared to specific issues or social groups. By making connections, we can overcome some of the isolation that we feel and find others with whom we can develop our thoughts, strategize, and enhance efforts to eliminate social inequalities in health.

Our common focus is that we are all working, in one way or another, to understand and change how social divisions based on social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, and age affect the public's health. As an activist and scholarly network, we have established four committees to conduct our work:

- 1) Public Health Data: this committee will focus on how and why we measure and study social inequalities in health, and develop projects to influence the collection of data in US vital statistics, health surveys, and disease registries.
- 2) Curriculum: this committee will focus on how public health and other health professionals and students are trained, and will gather and share information about (and possibly develop) courses and materials to spur critical thinking about social inequalities in health, in their present and historical context.
- 3) E-Networking: this committee will focus on networking and communication within the Spirit of 1848, using e-mail, web page, newsletters, and occasional mailings; it also coordinates the newly established student poster session.
- 4) History: this committee is in liaison with the Sigerist Circle, an already established organization of public health and medical historians who use critical theory (Marxian, feminist, post-colonial, and otherwise) to illuminate the history of public health and how we have arrived where we are today; its presence in the Spirit of 1848 will help to ensure that our network's projects are grounded in this sense of history, complexity, and context.

Work among these committees will be coordinated by our Coordinating Committee, which consists of chair/co-chairs and the chairs/co-chairs of each of the four sub-committees. To ensure accountability, all public activities sponsored by the Spirit of 1848 (e.g., public statements, mailings, sessions at conferences, other public actions) will be organized by these committees and approved by the Coordinating Committee (which will communicate on at least a monthly basis). Annual meetings of the network (so that we can actually see each other and talk together) will take place at the yearly American Public Health Association meetings. Finally, please note that we are NOT a dues-paying membership organization. Instead, we are an activist, volunteer network: you become part of the Spirit of 1848 by working on one of our projects, through one of our committees--and we invite you to join in!

NB: for additional information the Spirit of 1848 and our choice of name, see:

--Coordinating Committee of Spirit of 1848 (Krieger N, Zapata C, Murrain M, Barnett E, Parsons PE, Birn AE). Spirit of 1848: a network linking politics, passion, and public health. *Critical Public Health* 1998; 8:97-103.

--Krieger N, Birn AE. A vision of social justice as the foundation of public health: commemorating 150 years of the spirit of 1848. *Am J Public Health* 1998; 88:1603-6.

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***** **Selected notable events in and around 1848** *****

1840-1847: Louis Rene Villermé publishes the first major study of workers' health in France, A Description of the Physical and Moral State of Workers Employed in Cotton, Linen, and Silk Mills (1840) and Flora Tristan, based in France, publishes her London Journal: A Survey of London Life in the 1830s (1840), a pathbreaking account of the extreme poverty and poor health of its working classes; in England, Edwin Chadwick publishes General Report on Sanitary Conditions of the Laboring Population in Great Britain (1842); first child labor laws in the Britain and the United States (1842); end of the Second Seminole War (1842); prison reform movement in the United States initiated by Dorothea Dix (1843); Frederick Engels publishes The Condition of the Working Class in England (1844); John Griscom publishes The Sanitary Condition of the Laboring Population of New York with Suggestions for Its Improvement (1845); Irish famine (1845-1848); start of US-Mexican war (1846); Frederick Douglass founds The North Star, an anti-slavery newspaper (1847); Southwood Smith publishes An Address to the Working Classes of the United Kingdom on their Duty in the Present State of the Sanitary Question (1847)

1848:

World-wide cholera epidemic

Uprisings in Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Sicily, Milan, Naples, Parma, Rome, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, and Dakar; start of Second Sikh war against British in India

In the midst of the 1848 revolution in Germany, Rudolf Virchow founds the medical journal Medical Reform (Die Medizinische Reform), and publishes his classic "Report on the Typhus Epidemic in Upper Silesia," in which he concludes that preserving health and preventing disease requires "full and unlimited democracy"

Revolution in France, abdication of Louis Philippe, worker uprising in Paris, and founding of The Second Republic, which creates a public health advisory committee attached to the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce and establishes network of local public health councils

First Public Health Act in Britain, which creates a General Board of Health, empowered to establish local boards of health to deal with the water supply, sewerage, cemeteries, and control of "offensive trades," and also to conduct surveys of sanitary conditions

The newly formed American Medical Association sets up a Public Hygiene Committee to address public health issues

First Women's Rights Convention in the United States, at Seneca Falls

Seneca Nation of Indians makes and adopts its Constitution for elected government

Henry Thoreau publishes Civil Disobedience, to protest paying taxes to support the United State's war against Mexico

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels publish The Communist Manifesto

1849-1854: Elizabeth Blackwell sets up the New York Dispensary for Poor Women and Children (1849); John Snow publishes On the Mode of Communication of Cholera (1849); Lemuel Shattuck publishes Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts (1850); founding of the London Epidemiological Society (1850); Indian Wars in the southwest and far west (1849-1892); Compromise of 1850 retains slavery in the United States and Fugitive Slave Act passed; Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes Uncle Tom's Cabin (1852); Sojourner Truth delivers her "Ain't I a Woman" speech at the Fourth Seneca Fall convention (1853); John Snow removes the handle of the Broad Street Pump to stop the cholera epidemic in London (1854)