

# **THE SPIRIT OF 1848 INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:**

at the 125th meeting of the American Public Health Association, Indianapolis, IN (Nov 9-13, 1997)

## **SOCIOECONOMIC INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF WELFARE REPEAL AND DOCUMENTING DISPARITIES IN HEALTH BY CLASS, RACE/ETHNICITY, IMMIGRANT STATUS, GENDER, AND AGE**

*DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF P ELLEN PARSONS, FOUNDING MEMBER OF SPIRIT OF 1848,  
LONGTIME ACTIVIST FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE*

**Monday, November 10 \*\*\* 2:15 to 3:45 pm \*\*\* Convention Center 206 (Session 1100)**

Analyzing the political economy of welfare repeal, job loss, and growing inequalities in wealth can help us understand important social determinants of population health. Come to a session to learn about who loses--and who gains--from current economic and social policies. And come too to engage in spirited discussion about how to expand our capacity, in public health, to monitor the impact of these policies on the health of our nation and to reduce socioeconomic inequalities in health.

- 2:15 Introduction--**Nancy Krieger, PhD and Oliver Fein, MD**  
2:20 Welfare Repeal: Who Loses, Who Gains--**Ruth Sidel, PhD**  
2:35 Urban Policies, Job Loss, and Growing Inequalities in Wealth: What are the Connections? --  
**Yvette Marie Alex-Assensoh, PhD**  
2:50 Implementing Welfare Reform in the Pacific Northwest: Implications for Public Health--  
**Mary Lou Finley, PhD; Clarence Spigner, DrPH**  
3:05 Can We Monitor Socioeconomic Inequalities in Health? A Survey of Socioeconomic Data and Vital  
Statistics Collected by US State Public Health Departments--**Nancy Krieger, PhD; Jarvis T. Chen, MS;  
Gregory Ebel, MS**  
3:20 Discussion

**Primary Sponsors:** Spirit of 1848 and Medical Care Section.

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## **CURRICULA IN SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN HEALTH: CRITICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY**

**Tuesday, November 11 \*\*\* 8:30 to 10:00 am \*\*\* Convention Center 102 (Session 2075)**

Diversity, inequality, social change, and health: tough issues--and necessary topics--we must engage when training public health students. How can we teach about root causes of--and solutions too--social inequalities in health? Come learn about courses that address these topics, and get ideas for your own syllabi.

President: **Carles Muntaner, MD, PhD**

- 8:30 Issues in Health Advocacy--**Ramon Castellblanch, MPP**  
8:45 Controversies in Epidemiology: Teaching Causality in Context--**Donna L. Armstrong, PhD**  
9:00 Maternal and Child Health in the Urban Environment--**Robert Aronson, PhD; Patricia O'Campo, PhD**  
9:15 The Use of Allegory in Teaching about Race and Racism--**Camara Jones, MD, PhD**  
9:30 Discussion

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# WHO WILL BE THE PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS AND WHO WILL MENTOR THEM: FACING THE CHALLENGE

**Tuesday, November 11 \*\*\* 2:15 to 5:15 pm \*\*\* Westin, Capitol 2 (Session 2230)**

Successful mentoring is instrumental for developing public health leaders, especially for groups long excluded from positions of power. How can we develop a new cadre of public health leaders, for whom power is premised upon diversity and inclusion? Come join a frank and constructive discussion engaging the chairs of APHA Caucuses and participants to create new equitable mentoring strategies at the Caucus level and across Caucuses, finding ground for common action.

Presider: **B. Cecilia Zapata, PhD**

*American Indian, Alaska Native &  
Native Hawaiian Caucus--***Patricia A. Cochran**  
*Asian Caucus--***Stella M. Yu, ScD**  
*Black Caucus--***Michelle S. Davis, MSPH**  
*Health Equity & Public Hospital Caucus--***Alan Sager, PhD**  
*Caucus on Homelessness--***Beth Weitzman, PhD**  
*Latino Caucus--***Dennis A. Lopez, MPH**  
*Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Caucus--***Cynthia A. Gomez**  
*Peace Caucus--***Patrice Sutton**

*Caucus on Public Health and the Faith  
Community--***Rueben C. Warren, DrPH**  
*Public Health Student Caucus--***Deborah Suess**  
*Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant  
Health--***Sherry Riddick, MPH**  
*Socialist Caucus--***Linnea Capps, MD**  
*Women's Caucus--***Shauna L. Heckert**  
*APHA Staff Liaison--***Katherine S. McCarter, MHS**

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## POLITICS, PASSION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

**Tuesday, November 11 \*\*\* 12:30 to 2:00 pm \*\*\* Radisson, Circle East**

Come to a working meeting of The Spirit of 1848, a **NEW APHA CAUCUS** and network concerned with social inequalities in health. Our committees focus on the politics of public health data, public health curricula, mentoring, and history of public health. We will be planning projects for the coming year; join us, and get involved!

**NOTE: WE ARE ALSO CO-SPONSORING:**

- 1) **Memorial for Rachel Fruchter** (Monday, Nov 10, 7:30-9:00 pm, Radisson Circle West)
- 2) A session jointly sponsored by Medical Care Section, Forum on Bioethics, and the Sigerist Circle: **Social Movements and Public Health** (Session 3215: Wed, 2:15-5:15 pm)
- 3) Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health: **Impact of Welfare Reform on Refugee and Immigrant Health** (Session 2100: Tues, 12:15-1:45 pm)
- 4) Caucus on Homelessness: **Poster Session** (Session 2104: Tues, 8:30-10:00 am); **Characteristics and Needs of Homeless People in the US** (Session 2099: Tues, 12:15-1:45 pm); **Health Issues of Homeless People** (Session 2221: Tues, 2:15-5:15 pm); **Homeless Youth--Issues, Needs, and Access** (Session 3012: Wed, 8:30-10:00 am); **Victimization among Homeless People** (Session 3098: Wed, 12:15-1:45 pm); **Symposium: Loss of SSI/SSDI Eligibility for Drug Addiction and Alcoholism--Homelessness, Community Responses and Policy Option** (Session 3208: Wed, 2:15-5:15 pm)

# **POLITICS PASSION & PUBLIC HEALTH**

- \* Are you interested becoming part of a network--and now a **NEW APHA CAUCUS**--concerned with social inequalities in health?
- \* Do you want to talk more with other people working to understand and change how social divisions based on social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, and age affect the public's health?
- \* Do you want to be more engaged in the politics of public health data--discussing how and why we measure and study social inequalities in health; influencing the data collected in US vital statistics, health surveys, and disease registries; and clarifying how these data shape efforts to reduce social inequalities in health?
- \* Do you want to know more about the historical origins of the public health theories, research, and programs in your area of work?
- \* Do you want a forum in which to strategize about how to get these types of issues and questions addressed in courses offered at schools of public health?

If so, come to the fourth annual meeting of *The Spirit of 1848*. We're a new network--and a newly approved APHA caucus--working on projects in and outside of APHA. We've chosen our name because it captures our intentions: 1848 marks a high point in the early days of the worldwide public health movement and its links to other burgeoning movements for social justice--the anti-slavery movement, the women's rights movement, the trade union movement, the child welfare movement, and other political movements calling for social and economic democracy. 1848 evokes a spirit of optimism and commitment to social change that we can learn from and build on, and that can still serve to inspire us in our daily work, especially in these times of reaction and retrenchment.

To learn more about the events of 1848 and how we can build on our progressive foundations in the current era, join with us on:

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**CHECK OUT THE SPIRIT OF 1848**

## 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); in England, Edgar 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, and Budapest; 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 (Medicinische 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

Henry Thoreau publishes Civil Disobedience, to protest paying taxes to support the United States 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)