

PROTEST PSYCHOLOGISTS' INVOLVEMENT IN ABUSIVE INTERROGATIONS AND ILLEGAL DETENTION



Come join Boston Psychologists for an Ethical APA

"Thou shalt not be a victim. Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander."

- Yehuda Bauer,
United States
Holocaust
Memorial Museum

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn!"

- Robert Burns,
from "Man was made to Mourn:
A Dirge, 1785"

Psychologists' complicity in interrogation and detention abuses committed in the "War on Terror" is by now well-documented. These abuses violate our fundamental professional obligation to "Do No Harm."

Voice your outrage at APA's continued acceptance of psychologists' participation in interrogations where human rights and international law are continually violated.

WHERE: Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
Plaza - front entrance - 415 Summer St.

WHEN: Saturday, August 16th, 12:00-2:00

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

- Dan Aalbers
- Ghislaine Boulanger, Ph.D.
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- Ruth Fallenbaum, Ph.D.
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- Brad Olson, Ph.D.
*Researcher, Activist,
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- Anthony Marsella, PhD
Professor Emeritus, U. of Hawaii, APA Fellow
- Nathaniel Raymond
*Physicians for Human Right's Campaign
Against Torture*
- Steven Reisner, Ph.D.
*Candidate for President of the
American Psychological Association*
- Stephen Soldz, Ph.D.
Professor, Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis
- Bryant Welch, J.D., Ph.D.
Author and first Executive Director APA Practice Directorate

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- ...the APA alone among professional healthcare provider organizations failed to unequivocally condemn torture and mandate that its members not associate themselves with the Bush Administration techniques.
- *Scott Horton, Harpers, 2008*
- ... unredacted report confirms psychologists supported illegal interrogations in Iraq and Afghanistan."
- *ACLU*
- The Hippocratic oath says 'do no harm.' It does not say 'measure harm and see if it is the correct amount'.
- *Steven Reisner*
- I ... discovered that psychologists weren't merely complicit in America's aggressive new interrogation regime. Psychologists, working in secrecy, had actually designed the tactics and trained interrogators in them while on contract to the C.I.A.
- *Katherine Eban, "Rorschach and Awe," Vanity Fair, July 17, 2007*
- Just imagine what it's like. You're the psychologist in the room and your job...is to determine when to say 'no.' One of the jobs of psychologists is to advise the interrogators when to be more or less coercive. That's their language, not mine. So, until the psychologist says 'no,' there's an implicit 'O.K.'
- *Len Rubenstein, President, Physicians for Human Rights*
- "... it would be difficult to find any precedent in American history for the scale, brutality and illegality of the torture and degradation inflicted on detainees over the last six years...
- *Alan Brinkley, review of Jane Mayer's The Dark Side, New York Times Book Review, Aug. 3, 2008*
- Why, then, was the leadership of the APA, an organization representing one of the most liberal professions imaginable, so willing to essentially acquiesce with a conservative administration's efforts to torture prisoners?
- *The Washington Monthly, January/February 2007, "Collective Unconscionable", Arthur Levine*
- The Hippocratic oath...is simple. Do no harm. Based on this mandate, American psychologists should have nothing to do with the interrogation of terrorist suspects in prisons such as Guantanamo Bay.
- *Houston Chronicle, Editorial, 08/23/2007*
- We are concerned that military psychologists cannot function in an ethically correct way in sites where basic human rights are systematically violated, and where appropriate international bodies of control are denied access.
- *Tor Levin Hofgaard, President, Norwegian Psychological Association, letter to Alan E. Kazdin, President APA*
- No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
- *Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 5*