

September 13-14, 2017

**Courtyard Marriott Hotel
Minneapolis Downtown**

*1500 Washington Ave. South,
Minneapolis MN 55454*

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***Featuring these and other
national gun violence
prevention experts...***



**Josh
Horwitz**
*Consortium
for Risk-Based
Firearm Policy*



**Rev.
Michael
McBride**
*Urban
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Live Free
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**Amber
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Justice Reform
Coalition*



**Jeffrey
Swanson**
*Duke
University
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Medicine*

Northstar Public Health Conference on Gun Violence

Mapping the Way Forward in Prevention

Gun violence is a pervasive negative influence in America today, stealing lives, devastating families, oppressing communities, and costing Minnesota over \$2 billion every year.

Every community is impacted by gun violence. While gun homicide presents a seemingly intractable challenge in some urban communities, three-quarters of gun deaths in Minnesota and similar states are suicides, which occur disproportionately in rural areas. Nationally, gun violence claims over 33,000 American lives every year—as many as are lost to the opioid epidemic.

Although often portrayed as a political issue with no remedy, the Northstar Conference will focus on gun violence as an array of inter-related public health problems that *can* be solved through integrated, community-based responses. The Conference will explore the causes and characteristics of gun violence in various populations, and present emerging research and best practices related to mental illness, suicide, urban violence, domestic violence, and law enforcement.

Workshop topics will address gun violence and:

- racial and ethnic disparities
- adverse childhood experiences
- suicide risk factors among youth, veterans, seniors, and the LGBT community
- mass incarceration
- gun violence in the media
- community policing strategies
- legislation and public policy
- pastoral care

Participation in the Northstar Conference will be helpful to policy makers, public health and mental health professionals, physicians, nurses, social workers, law enforcement personnel, educators, community leaders, clergy, gun violence prevention advocates, and the media. This Conference is eligible for continuing education credits; Certificates of Attendance will be awarded. Go to www.protectmn.org for more information.

Host organizations...

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The 29th Annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum will take place at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 15 – 16, 2017, with gun violence being one of its focus areas. The Forum will bring national and local leaders with different views on this topic together to find common ground.

In preparation, the Forum will invite these leaders to engage in facilitated higher-level dialogues specifically geared toward developing integrated solutions to gun violence in Minnesota. **These dialogues will take place as one of two tracks offered at the Northstar Public Health Conference on Gun Violence, September 13 - 14.**

For more information about the Nobel Peace Prize Forum at Augsburg College go to: nobelpeaceprizeforum.org

Sponsorship Opportunities

In order to keep registration fees as low as possible, we are seeking sponsors to help defray the costs of the Northstar Public Health Conference on Gun Violence.

Platinum Level	\$15,000
Gold Level	\$10,000
Silver Level	\$5,000
Bronze Level	\$2,500
Orange Level	\$1,000
Advocacy Level	\$500

Sponsors may underwrite the entire Northstar Conference, or a specific plenary session (\$5,000), lunch panel (\$2,500), breakout session (\$1,000) or activist workshop (\$500). All sponsors will be listed prominently in the Conference program. Tabling will be available for those giving \$2,500 or more. For more information, contact Nancy Nord Bence at ed@protectmn.org or 763-639-5941.

Northstar Conference Schedule

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

9:00am	Registration
10:00-11:50am	Plenary I — <i>Fact vs. Fiction: The Intersection of Guns and Mental Illness</i> Josh Horwitz, Consortium for Risk-Based Firearm Policy Jeff Swanson, Ph.D, Duke University Amy Barnhorst, Ph.D, UC-Davis
12:00-12:50pm	Lunch and Panel Discussion: Minnesota Mental Health Leaders Respond
1:00-4:50pm	TRACK 1 General track breakout sessions on suicide, domestic violence and mass shootings TRACK 2 Nobel Peace Prize Forum higher-level dialogues (Invitation only)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

8:00-9:50am	Plenary II — <i>New Public Health Research on Gun Violence</i> Presented by the Office of the Dean University of Minnesota School of Public Health
10:00-11:50am	Plenary III — <i>Preventing Urban Gun Violence: What Doesn't Work, and What Does</i> Rev. Michael McBride, Live Free Campaign Amber Goodwin, Community Justice Reform Coalition
12:00-12:50pm	Lunch and Panel Discussion: Minnesota Law Enforcement Leaders Respond
1:00-4:50pm	TRACK 1 General track breakout sessions on urban gun violence, disparities, and effective interventions TRACK 2 Nobel Peace Prize Forum higher-level dialogues (Invitation only)

More detailed information about breakout sessions will be available soon.

Optional Advocacy Seminar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The Northstar Conference will also offer an optional evening seminar with dinner for gun violence prevention advocates featuring a panel of state-based organization leaders sharing their most successful legislative strategies, followed by activist workshops. This Seminar will be open to both Conference attendees and the general public, and will be funded separately from the rest of the Northstar Conference.

Registration Fees

Full Conference without Advocacy Seminar	
Early Bird (before August 15)	\$130
Standard (after August 15)	\$155
One day only, without Advocacy Seminar	
Early Bird	\$80
Standard	\$100
Advocacy Seminar only, or as add on	
Early Bird	\$35
Standard	\$45

For more information and to register, go to www.protectmn.org

Registration is open.
Calling for presentations.

Hotel rooms at the discounted rate of \$169/night are available if you reserve your room before August 22, 2017.