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# Gun Violence and Public Health



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## Gun Violence and Public Health

Friday, April 8, 2022

8:00 **REGISTRATION**

8:30 Welcome: **Lisa Saladin, PhD** Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

8:35 Introductory Comments: **Grant Goodrich, PhD**

8:45 Keynote: **Panel on the Effects of Gun Violence**

Moderator: **Jennifer Baker, PhD**

**Annie Andrews MD** Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina, **Keith Smalls** founder and director of My Community's Keeper Mentor Group, **R.J. Lambert PhD** Assistant Professor for Academic Excellence and Writing Center at MUSC, **Tisa Whack** co-founder of We Are Their Voices, **Alyssa Rheingold PhD** Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Medical University of South Carolina

9:45 **Audience Q&A**

10:00 **Coffee Break**

### *SESSION I: GUN VIOLENCE, POLICY, AND PUBLIC HEALTH*

Moderator: **Jonathan Neufield, PhD**

10:15 **Joseph Richardson, PhD** Joel and Kim Feller Endowed Professor of African American Studies and Anthropology, University of Maryland

***Gun violence as a social determinant of health***

10:45 **Philip Cook, PhD** ITT/Terry Sanford Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Public Policy Studies, Duke University

***Gun Violence and Public Policy***

11:15 **Panel Discussion and Q & A**

11:45 **Lunch**

### *SESSION II: DEBATING THE BOUNDRIES OF THE 2ND AMENDMENT*

Moderator: **Nancy Zisk**

1:00 **Robert J. Cottrol** Harold Paul Green Research Professor of Law, George Washington University

***If you want to curb gun violence, embrace the Second Amendment!***

1:30 **Joseph Blocher** Lant L. Smith '67 Professor of Law, Duke University

***Will the Second Amendment Leave Space for Evidence-Based Gun Policy?***

2:00 **Panel Discussion and Q & A**

2:30 **Coffee Break**

### *SESSION III: BREAKING THE CYCLE: INTERVENTIONS FOR STOPPING GUN VIOLENCE*

Moderator: **R. J. Lambert, PhD**

2:45 **Ashley Hink, MD** Assistant Professor of Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina

***The Role of Healthcare Based Solutions and Hospital Violence Intervention Programs***

3:15 **Gary Ivory** President of Youth Advocate Programs

***Community interventions: connecting past offenders with their communities***

3:45 **Panel Discussion and Q & A**

### *SESSION IV: PANEL DISCUSSION*

Moderator: **Grant Goodrich, PhD**

4:00 **Panel Discussion:** All speakers and Audience

4:30 **Adjourn**

## Speaker Biographies

**Dr. Annie Andrews** is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina. There she served as the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship Director and the Director of Advocacy for the Department of Pediatrics, until she stepped back from these roles and went part-time in Jan 2022 to run for the US House of Representatives in South Carolina's 1st district. She has received NIH and AHRQ funding to study pediatric asthma. She is a gun violence prevention researcher and community advocate working to reduce the frequency of pediatric firearm injuries with a focus on secure storage counseling and gun safety education in the community.

**Joseph Blocher** is the Lanty L. Smith '67 Professor of Law at Duke Law School, where he also co-directs the Center for Firearms Law. He has published articles on the Second Amendment in leading law reviews—including Yale, Harvard, Stanford, NYU, Virginia, and Chicago—as well as popular outlets like the New York Times and Washington Post. With Darrell A.H. Miller, he is co-author of *The Positive Second Amendment: Rights, Regulation, and the Future of Heller* (Cambridge 2008).

**Philip J. Cook** is emeritus professor of Public Policy and Economics at Duke University. He is one of the first scholars to research gun-violence prevention. In 2020 his contributions in this area were recognized by the award of the Stockholm Prize in Criminology. Earlier, in 2001 he was elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine. He is co-author of *The Gun Debate* (Oxford University Press 2014, 2020) intended for a general audience seeking an objective assessment of the relevant issues. He is currently directing a multi-faceted project to improve clearance rates for shooting cases.

**Robert J. Cottrol** is the Harold Paul Green Research Professor of Law and Professor of History and Sociology at George Washington University. His writings have been cited in opinions in the United States Supreme Court and in the 3rd and 9th Circuit Courts of Appeals. He is the editor of *Gun Control and the Constitution: Sources and Explorations on the Second Amendment*. He co-authored *Brown v. Board of Education: Caste, Culture and the Constitution*. He is the author of *The Long, Lingering Shadow: Slavery, Race and Law in the American Hemisphere*. He has a forthcoming co-authored book: *Insurgent Victory, Heller, McDonald and the Restoration of the Second Amendment* which is forthcoming with the University Press of Kansas.

**Dr. Ashley Hink** is an assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Trauma, Burns & Surgical Critical Care at MUSC. Her expertise is injury and violence prevention, specifically understanding the risk factors for intimate partner and community firearm violence, outcomes after violent injury, and how public health and health care entities can improve the prevention of and response to violence. She is a member of multiple national committees, including the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Injury Prevention & Control Committee. Dr. Hink is the founder and medical director of the MUSC Turning the Tide Violence Intervention program, the first hospital-based violence intervention program in S.C.

**Gary Ivory** is currently President of Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. YAP is a 501 c 3 organization dedicated to developing community-based alternatives for high-risk and high-need young people and their families so that they rely less on out-of-home care. Prior to becoming the President of YAP, Gary has served in a variety of positions at YAP including the Regional Director for Texas where he helped to develop a truce between warring Crip and Blood gang members. He was also one of ten national leaders to be awarded the Children and Family Fellowship at the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

**R.J. Lambert** is an Assistant Professor for Academic Excellence and Writing Center at MUSC. Raised in Colorado, he survived the 1999 Columbine High School shootings and has since been interested in how individuals and communities respond to crisis through writing. He has published and presented on teaching and modeling healthy risks during critical times, failed crisis response following environmental disasters, and the poetry and poetics of HIV/aids. He was a mental health panelist for MUSC's 2020 Culturally Sensitive Care Workshop and serves as a reviewer for national journals and conferences in communication and the humanities.

**Alyssa Rheingold, PhD** is a licensed clinical psychologist and Professor at the National Crime Victim's Research and Treatment Center (NCVC) within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina. She is the Director of Clinical Operations at the NCVC and Associate Director of the Sleep and Anxiety Program. Her clinical expertise includes the treatment of anxiety disorders and trauma related mental health issues. Her main research interests include child sexual abuse prevention, loss by homicide, traumatic grief, etiological factors and treatment outcome research of trauma related psychopathology.

**Dr. Joseph Richardson** is the Joel and Kim Feller Professor of African-American Studies and Medical Anthropology and one of eight individuals selected as an inaugural MPower Professor. MPower is a collaboration between the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park to strengthen Maryland's innovation economy, advance interdisciplinary research, and solve important problems for the people of Maryland and the nation. Dr. Richardson is the Lead Epidemiologist for the Center for Injury Prevention and Policy at the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center where he investigates gun violence, violent injury and community trauma.

**Keith Smalls** is a Violence Intervention Prevention Client Advocate at MUSC. He is also the Founder and Executive Director of My Community's Keeper Mentor Group. He is a frequent speaker on community issues including gun violence prevention, criminal justice reform, and grassroots community improvement and revitalization projects. He is also a Community Representative for the Charleston County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and a Community-engaged Researcher for Everyday Democracy as part of the MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge Initiative. He serves as a Victim Impact Panel speaker and as a Certified Volunteer Juvenile Arbitrator for the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office Juvenile Diversion Program.

**Tisa Whack** is the Co-Founder of We Are Their Voices, a non-profit organization that focuses on the victims and survivors of gun violence. She is also a founding member of Taking Back Our Village, a community organization made up of volunteers dedicated to improving the overall well-being of our local community, and she is a member of Everytown Survivor Network where she serves as a Survivor Fellow and former Deputy Chapter Lead for the SC Chapter of Moms Demand Action. Ms. Whack is a native of Summerville, SC, and she currently works at MUSC as a Manager within Revenue Cycle.

## Program Venue:

Due to COVID-19 precautions, we will only have seating for 40 people (not including speakers and moderators). The entire lectureship will be available online. Please consider attending the online version. Registration will be available at <https://education.musc.edu/leadership/provost/human-values/thomas-pitts-lectureship>. You will be able to select your preference to attend in-person or online.

All in-person sessions will take place at:

MUSC Baruch Auditorium  
284 Calhoun Street  
Charleston SC, 29425

## Continuing Education Credit

The Office of Continuing Medical Education (CME) charges \$25.00 for a certificate of attendance. However, credit earned by MUSC personnel will be loaded into CME Tracker and you may view and print an unofficial transcript at no charge.

See <<https://medicine.musc.edu/education/cme/report>>

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## Accreditation Statement

The Medical University of South Carolina is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

## Objectives:

At the conclusion of this activity participants will be able to:

- Discuss the impacts of gun violence on patients and healthcare
- Discuss how hospital and public policies affect gun violence
- Describe how to use hospital services to prevent future gun violence

## Parking:

Attendees may park in the Jonathan Lucas Garage: 97 Jonathan Lucas Street, near the corner of President and Doughty Streets, directly across from the Clinical Science Building. Entrance into the garage is on Doughty Street, immediately behind the College of Nursing Building. (See map)

