

**September 13-14, 2017**

**Courtyard Marriott Hotel  
Minneapolis Downtown**

*1500 Washington Ave. South,  
Minneapolis MN 55454*

For information and registration go to:  
**[www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org)**

# Northstar Public Health Conference on Gun Violence

*Mapping the Way Forward in Prevention*

## Featuring national experts:



**Amy Barnhorst**  
*University of  
California Davis*

**Erica Ford**  
*Life Camp,  
Bury Da Beef Campaign*



**Amber Goodwin**  
*Community Justice  
Reform Coalition*

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



**Rev. Michael  
McBride**  
*Live Free Campaign*

**Jeffrey Swanson**  
*Duke University  
School of Medicine*



**Nina Vinik**  
*Joyce Foundation Gun  
Violence Prevention  
program*

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.

18 breakout session topics will address gun violence and:

- racial and ethnic disparities
- adverse childhood experiences
- suicide risk factors among youth, veterans, seniors, and the LGBT community
- domestic violence
- mass incarceration
- mass shootings
- effective urban interventions
- community policing strategies
- legislation and public policy
- crisis counseling

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](http://www.protectmn.org)** for more information.

## Host organizations...

**PROTECT  
MINNESOTA**  
*working together to prevent gun violence*

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PUBLIC HEALTH**  
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ASSOCIATION**

# NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FORUM

## INSPIRING PEACEMAKING

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 state leaders to engage in facilitated higher-level dialogues specifically geared toward developing integrated solutions to gun violence in Minnesota.

**These invitation-only dialogues will take place from 1:00-4:50pm at the Northstar Public Health Conference on Gun Violence, September 13-14. They will result in a statewide action plan for gun violence prevention.**

For more information about the Nobel Peace Prize Forum at Augsburg College go to: [nobelpeaceprizeforum.org](http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org)

## Sponsorship Opportunities

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

Star Level	\$15,000
Platinum Level	\$10,000
Gold Level	\$5,000
Silver Level	\$2,500
Bronze Level	\$1,000
Individual Level	\$500

Sponsors may underwrite the entire Northstar Conference, or a specific plenary session (\$5,000), lunch panel (\$2,500), or breakout session (\$1,000). Tabling and other benefits will be available for those giving \$2,500 or more. For more information, go to [www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org), click on EVENTS, Northstar Conference.

## Northstar Conference Schedule

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

- 7:00am** Registration opens
- 9:00-11:00am** **Plenary I — Fact vs. Fiction: The Intersection of Guns and Mental Illness**  
Dr. Amy Barnhorst, MD, U.C.-Davis  
Dean John Finnegan, PhD, UofM School of Public Health  
Josh Horwitz, Consortium for Risk-Based Firearm Policy  
Rep. Dave Pinto, Minnesota House of Representatives  
Jeff Swanson, PhD, Duke University
- 11:15-12:40pm** **Lunch and Panel Discussion with Minnesota Mental Health Leaders**  
Sue Abderholden, NAMI-MN  
Glenace Edwell, Dir. of Children's Health, MDHS, Retired  
Jennifer Polzin, Tubman  
Dr. Daniel Reidenberg, MD, SAVE  
Dr. Michael Trangle, MD, Health Partners  
Emily Truscott, Tubman — Moderator
- 1:00-4:50pm** **Breakout Sessions** See listing at [www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org)
- 7:00-9:00pm** **Documentary Screening: Making A Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA**, hosted by the Minnesota Public Health Association, followed by discussion.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

- 9:00-11:00am** **Plenary II — Solutions to Urban Gun Violence**  
Erica Ford, Life Camp, Bury Da Beef, NY Peace Week  
Rev. Michael McBride, Live Free Campaign  
Amber Goodwin, Community Justice Reform Coalition  
Nina Vinik, Joyce Foundation
- 11:15-12:40pm** **Lunch and Panel Discussion with Minnesota Law Enforcement Leaders**  
John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney  
Chief John Harrington, Metro Transit Police  
Chief Scott Knight, Chaska Police  
Sondra Samuels, Northside Achievement Zone—Mod.  
Ben Schweigert, Assistant Hennepin County Attorney  
Lt. Myron "Mike" Taylor, City of Minneapolis Police  
Chief Mike Tusken, City of Duluth Police
- 1:00-4:50pm** **Breakout Sessions** See listing at [www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org)

### Registration Fees

Full Conference, September 13-14	
Early Bird (before Sept 10)	\$130
Standard (after Sept 10)	\$155
One day only, you specify the day	
Early Bird	\$80
Standard	\$100
Students in degree programs with valid ID	
\$35/one day only, \$60/both days	

**For more information and to register, go to [www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org)**

Hotel rooms at the discounted rate of \$169/night are available if you reserve your room soon.