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The mission of Historians for Peace and Democracy (H-PAD) is to stand up for peace and diplomacy internationally, and for democracy and human rights at home. To these ends, we are dedicated to fostering education on campuses and in communities, encouraging activism, and facilitating networking with organizations working for peace and justice.

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“MAGA and Project 2025: Historical Perspectives and Present Dangers”

On October 3, Historians for Peace and Democracy (H-PAD) and co-sponsors will host an online national teach-in to educate the public, and students in particular, about the origins of the MAGA movement and the Project 2025 policy plan for a second Trump administration prepared by the Heritage Foundation.

Three prominent scholars of racial and political history (**Carol Anderson**, **Nancy MacLean**, and **Paul Ortiz**) will speak on the history of the radical right, and illustrate how the proposed policy architecture of Project 2025 advances the long-sought goals of that movement.

See the teach-in [webpage](#) for more information.

MAGA and Project 2025: Historical Perspectives and Present Dangers

Speakers:



Carol Anderson, Emory University
(White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide)



Nancy MacLean, Duke University
(Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America)



Paul Ortiz, Cornell University
(An African American and Latinx History of the United States)



Moderated by
Bill Fletcher Jr.,
Standing for Democracy

Co-Sponsored by:
Historians for Peace and Democracy; American Association of University Professors; Berkshire Conference of Women Historians; Coalition for Action in Higher Education; Convergence; Labor and Working-Class History Association; Massachusetts Peace Action; Scholars for a New Deal for Higher Education; Zinn Education Project

October 3, 2024: 5-6pm (EST)
Livestream Teach-in
via **Youtube**
Learn more at:
historiansforpeace.org

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Organizing for Justice and Honest History

H-PAD website updates:

Over the summer we worked with a website designer ([PointPolish](#)) to modernize and improve the functionality and aesthetics of our website. The new website went live in mid-July and is accessible through any existing links at the same web address historiansforpeace.org

Check it out and let us know what you think.

Radical History Sessions at the American Historical Society Annual Meeting

Co-sponsored by [Historians for Peace and Democracy](#) and the [Radical History Review](#)
January 3-6, 2025, New York City.

Since 2020 H-PAD has partnered with Radical History Review to organize a mini-conference within the American Historical Association's (AHA) annual meetings. Alongside traditional conference sessions we have worked with our colleagues to pass AHA resolutions, organize rallies, round table discussions on political developments, and more.

Sponsored panels include:

- Comics and Recent History: Culture, Politics, and Subversion
- Teacher Unions and the Battle for Racial Justice, Academic Freedom, and Progressive Education in K-12 Classrooms
- Boycotts and Divestment in Historical Perspective
- Reflections on the New Cold War: Perils and Prospects
- The Past and Present of Hindutva
- The 2024 Presidential Election: Where Do We Go from Here?
- Labor Educators, Labor Historians, and Labor Activists: A Conversation
- Genocide in Palestine: Understanding the Nakba and the Holocaust
- Middle and High School Educators Teaching Uncomfortable, Contentious, and Difficult Subjects in Politically Volatile Times
- Histories of the Hidden Global Economy
- Bourgeois Deviance, Bourgeois Decadence: Sexuality and the American Left
- Xi Jinping's China as History: Roundtable Organized by the Critical China Scholars

Co-sponsored panels include:

- Challenges of Teaching African American History in Secondary Schools
- Global Currents of Colonial Violence and Third World Intellectual Exchange: Looking South toward Palestine
- Academic Freedom in Historical Perspective
- Teaching History with Integrity in Public: Contested Memories, Memorials, and Memorialization of Modern Atrocity and Trauma
- Women, Gender, and Conservatism in Latin America during the Interwar Period

Introducing new SC members:



David Barber: I have been teaching US history at the University of Tennessee at Martin for the past 19 years. My activism dates back to Columbia SDS, Fall 1968 -- the Columbia rebellion took place in Spring 1968. I have been active in movements in solidarity with the Black Freedom Struggle, the FSLN, and the Cuban Revolution. Since the murder of George Floyd I have been working for a university requirement for the study of Black History and in opposition to our state's divisive concept laws. I follow Malcolm, Stokely and the early Panthers in believing that the responsibility of white people is to organize against racism in our own communities. I'm the author of a history of SDS, [Hard Rain Fell: SDS and Why it Failed](#).



Elizabeth Bishop: who completed a PhD in the history of the modern Middle East at the University of Chicago (1997), is co-editor of [Imperialism on Trial: International Oversight of Colonial Governance in Historical Perspective](#) (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield, 2006) with Michael Callahan, and Raymond Douglas.

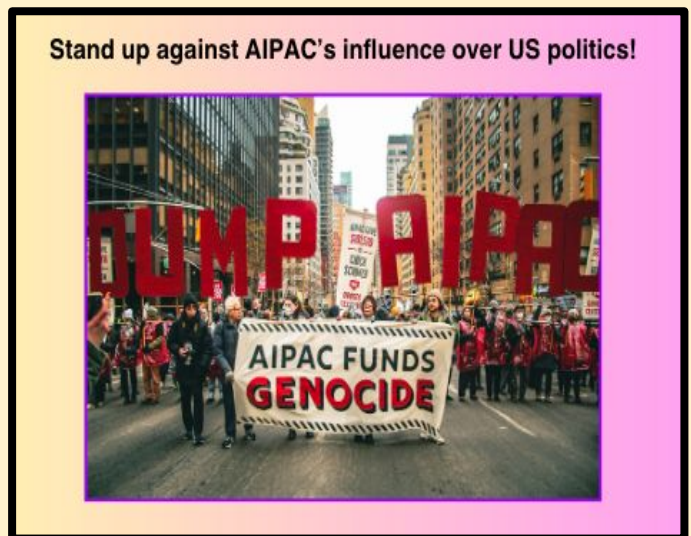
Report from the Israel Palestine Working Group

We have continued to produce short videos that [can be viewed on youtube](#). Our most recent videos cover [AIPAC](#) and the influence of Israel's lobbying power on US politics, the impact of [student protests/encampments](#) for university divestment from Israel, and a video on why [criticism of Israel is not anti-semitic](#).

We assisted in the drafting of a resolution to be voted on at the American Historical Association's annual meeting in January condemning the Scholasticide happening in Gaza (**see page 4**).

Our members have published two recent articles on Birmingham, Alabama based [AL.com](#) and Boulder, Colorado based [dailycamera.com](#).

We welcome new members. Please contact Margaret Power (power@iit.edu) if you are interested in working with us.



Resolution to Oppose Scholasticide in Gaza

Whereas the US government has underwritten the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) campaign in Gaza with over \$16 billion in military aid between October 2023 and June 2024.

Whereas that campaign, beyond causing massive death and injury to Palestinian civilians and the collapse of basic life structures, has effectively obliterated Gaza's education system;

Whereas in April 2024, UN experts expressed "grave concern over the pattern of attacks on schools, universities, teachers, and students in the Gaza Strip" including "the killing of 261 teachers and 95 university professors . . . which may constitute an intentional effort to comprehensively destroy the Palestinian education system, an action known as scholasticide."

The bases for this charge include:

- The IDF's destruction of 80 percent of schools in Gaza, leaving 625,000 children with no educational access;
- The IDF's destruction of all 12 Gaza university campuses;
- The IDF's destruction of Gaza's archives, libraries, cultural centers, museums, and bookstores, including 195 heritage sites, 227 mosques, three churches, and the al-Aqsa University library, which preserved crucial documents and other materials related to the history and culture of Gaza;
- The IDF's repeated violent displacements of Gaza's people, leading to the irreplaceable loss of students' and teachers' educational and research materials, which will extinguish the future study of Palestinian history;

Whereas the United States government has supplied Israel with the weapons being used to commit this scholasticide;

Therefore, be it resolved that the AHA, which supports the right of all peoples to freely teach and learn about their past, condemns the Israeli violence in Gaza that undermines that right;

Be it further resolved that the AHA calls for a permanent ceasefire to halt the scholasticide documented above;

Finally, be it resolved that the AHA form a committee to assist in rebuilding Gaza's educational infrastructure.

If you are a member in good standing of the AHA and would like to endorse this resolution please complete the form linked [here](#).

Urgent Legislative Working Group Update:

Restore Funding to UNRWA 202-224-3121

As urgently needed polio vaccines are being rushed into Gaza, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) remains the primary humanitarian aid organization working there. Unfortunately, the US Congress has passed a bill prohibiting American funding of the organization.

This Friday, Congressional Reps *Jayapal, Carson and Schakowsky* are introducing a bill that would restore funding to UNRWA. This bill currently has 58 Co-Sponsors. They are hoping to add more by week's end, *before it is introduced in the House.* (See list below)

If your member of Congress is NOT a co-sponsor, **please call today, and ask them to co-sponsor this bill, restoring US funding of UNRWA**, by contacting the offices of Jayapal, Carson or Schakowsky.

Congressional Switchboard 202-224-3121

This funding will save lives.

Original Cosponsors (58): Balint, Barragan, Beyer, Bowman, Bush, Cárdenas, Casar, Castro, Chu, Cleaver, Davis (IL), Dean, DeLauro, DeSaulnier, Dingell, Doggett, Escobar, Evans, Foushee, Frost, Garamendi, García (IL), Green, Grijalva, Hayes, Huffman, Jackson (IL), Jacobs, Johnson (GA), Khanna, Kildee, Lee (CA), Lee (PA), Leger Fernandez, Lofgren, Lynch, McCollum, McGovern, Moore (WI), Norton, Ocasio-Cortez, Omar, Pingree, Pocan, Pressley, Ramirez, Raskin, Sanchez, Stansbury, Tlaib, Tokuda, Tonko, Velazquez, Waters, Watson Coleman

Please let one of us know, if you have made the call:

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