Shortly after I arrived at PSR in 2017, I asked our staff, chapters, and board to prioritize a set of agreed-upon goals and measurable shorter-term objectives in our national programs.

Our Nuclear Weapons Abolition Program advances three long-term goals: (1) recruiting more medical voices at the local, state and national levels to make the health case for nuclear disarmament; (2) building a larger, more visible constituency of Americans who oppose funding nuclear weapons programs and support their elimination; and (3) working with Members of Congress to prevent a new nuclear arms race.

Our Environment and Health program engages health professionals in: (1) promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency; (2) opposing fracked gas along its entire supply chain; (3) safeguarding federal policies that protect clean air and water and combat climate change; and (4) encouraging American health professionals to identify climate change as a global health crisis and call for urgent, large-scale action to address it.

PSR advances a health case for these vital policies while encouraging our chapters to build intersectional partnerships with local social justice, nuclear, environment and health organizations, and to include a broader spectrum of communities in our work.

At the national office, we’ve renewed our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion across all our programs. I’m pleased and proud that the PSR Board of Directors recently approved a statement of values concerning Board diversity:

We welcome your ideas about supporting and strengthening broader movements and how PSR can add value as a movement partner, while centering voices that aren’t always heard. We’re counting on your continued support in the coming year.

Jeff Carter, JD
Executive Director

Statement of PSR Board Values: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
(September 1, 2018)
PSR has a long and rich history of working toward a healthy, just and peaceful world and strives to achieve challenging goals—including nuclear disarmament including demilitarization, and environmental and climate health through just means that benefit those who experience structural injustice the most. PSR seeks to maintain a Board comprised of talented and dedicated directors with a diverse mix of backgrounds, expertise, experience, and skills that promotes creativity and innovation. Celebrating and valuing diverse voices and perspectives will create the culture of inclusiveness and diversity throughout the organization needed to best accomplish our mission. PSR is committed to attracting and maintaining Board members representative of a diversity of race, age, gender, geography, and professional backgrounds. A diverse Board will elevate our collective skills and perspectives to value, support, and advance the voices and roles of communities systemically marginalized and disproportionately impacted by the gravest threats to human health and survival.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This September, I attended the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco. In my application, I explained that Physicians for Social Responsibility is a health voice on climate impacts, a critical perspective to include in climate events. Receiving an invitation felt like getting into medical school all over again.

GCAS highlighted exciting climate efforts in the United States and cities and countries around the world. I learned that the C40 agreement has grown to 96 affiliated mayors and cities. I met with amazing PSR San Francisco members and with the director of the Philadelphia Office of Sustainability. At the climate and global health side event, I learned about the health sector’s carbon footprint.

The energy at GCAS was rivaled by the Rise for Climate march and rally the week prior. Representatives from indigenous communities led the protest. A Bertha Caceres effigy reminded us of fallen environmental heroes. On the City Hall lawn, a structure displaying many colored tied ribbons instructed people: take a blank ribbon, write what you want to protect from climate disruption, tie the ribbon to the cord alongside, and take a tied ribbon and keep it. Thus, each ribbon-bearer became the keeper of another’s dream to protect what they love. I wrote, “I want to keep swimming in the oceans and smelling the salty air.” I tied it and took an already-tied ribbon the color of sunshine and read it — “the beautiful ocean + nature.” I tied it to my clutch, happy to share the same love and already working to protect it.

Weeks later, I noticed more writing on the other side of the ribbon: “Amanda, SF, 15.” I was shaken. I now had an unexpected, graver responsibility: protecting the beautiful ocean for a 15-year-old. Amanda has every right to the oceans and nature when she’s my age? I’ve kept the ribbon. Whenever I see news about Juliana v. United States, I think about Amanda, SF, 15.

Our third annual Visionary Leaders Awards Reception was a perfect example of what this great organization is capable of. PSR honored individuals and organizations for outstanding work to abolish nuclear weapons and to curb environmental hazards to health, such as effects of climate change. It was wonderful to connect with like-minded organizations, chapters, friends and allies. Chapter representation at the awards reception showed the valuable network we have and must continue to cultivate and build. I also loved seeing our new student board members from the Emerging Leaders Council (ELC), where rising health professionals can connect with a like-minded network, find mentorship among PSR’s board members, and develop skills to become future champions of PSR.

I commend and thank PSR’s amazing staff for excellent execution and effort invested not only in the awards reception’s success but in everything PSR does. PSR depends on contributions from steadfast and generous donors. Please support our work towards the healthy world that young people like Amanda, SF, 15 deserve.

Lastly, I want to thank the PSR board. Welcome, new members, and to veteran board members, thank you for your incredible skills, knowledge and history. I look forward to working with you all again this year.

Pouné Saberi, MD, MPH
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Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility has made great strides to reduce nuclear weapons dangers at the local and state level in Washington State. Their nuclear policy efforts are led in part by Lilly Adams, WPSR’s Security Program Organizer. Lilly Adams spoke with PSR about WPSR’s work with local communities and social justice organizations and how to engage younger generations on nuclear weapons issues. Here are some excerpts.
What are you most proud of among the accomplishments of WPSR’s Security Program?

I’m most proud of building a new state-wide movement through our coalition, Washington Against Nuclear Weapons, and working strategically with our Members of Congress to get them to take a more active stance on nuclear weapons.

Dr. Bruce Amundson, WPSR’s Vice President, was the catalyst for thinking about building a statewide movement. I started at the very beginning of the coalition process and led that effort when I became a staff person. It’s grown so much more than we even expected. We now have 40 organizations in the coalition.

I started as staff after there had been a lot of hard work by Bruce and Laura Skelton, our Executive Director. We also have a great task force, WPSR members who volunteer to set our strategy and help carry it out. I’m coming on the heels of really impressive groundwork laid by all those people.

What attracted you, as a millennial, to work on nuclear weapons issues? What do you think are the most effective approaches to reach other people like you and engage them on this issue?

I knew nothing about nuclear weapons a few years ago. An opportunity came up to intern with WPSR just over two years ago, and I thought “Nuclear weapons — that’s an interesting issue that I’ve never thought about. I guess I’ll see what it’s about.” My first job at WPSR was creating fact sheets, and I really got immersed in the issue.

When I started, what really shocked me was: I had grown up in the Seattle area, living twenty miles from over a thousand nuclear weapons, and I never knew it. No one in my family knew it. None of my friends knew it. I was also shocked at the spending. I have all of these causes that I care so much about that so desperately could use that money.

It seemed to me like the government had sacrificed vulnerable communities to produce and test these weapons and had okayed this huge injustice. I think that’s what really fuels my work now and keeps me in it.

I hear all the time from people who’ve done nuclear weapons activism for so long, that younger people are ignorant or lazy, because they don’t share their passion for nuclear weapons issues. That’s a mistake. WPSR found that when we do talk about nuclear weapons with young people, they’re shocked and they do care. Young people absolutely do engage with this issue, but we can’t patronize them. We have to tie this to issues they feel are more pressing. Young people are more clued into and passionate about social justice issues. A lot of our interns become interested in working with us because they learned about those connections.

Show them how it affects their lives. How can money spent on nuclear weapons pay for college tuition or student loans, or other issues they care about? The false alert in Hawai’i made this issue feel more tangible. Find things that make the issue feel more real to people who didn’t experience the Cold War, duck-and-cover drills, the Cuban missile crisis, all that history.

Read the full PSR interview with Lilly Adams online: psr.org/lillyadams

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States voted to adopt the historic Treaty in 2017

States have signed on to the Treaty

States have ratified the Treaty

States must ratify the Treaty in order for it to enter into force

View the latest updates on the Treaty’s signatory status at www.icanw.org
"A new #nuclear #armsrace, threatened by this president, is the height of irresponsibility, given the monstrous #humanitarian risks from these weapons" - Dr. Bruce Amundson @psr_washington on the need to preserve not withdraw from the historic #INF Treaty.

Happy birthday to trailblazing late former Congresswoman #ShirleyChisholm, a champion of critical issues from civil rights to healthcare rights to women's rights... to nuclear nonproliferation! She was part of the effort in #Congress to stop development of the MX missile.

"The #WoolseyFire likely released and spread radiological and chemical contamination that was in [the #SantaSusana Field Laboratory's] soil and vegetation via smoke and ash" - @bobdodge, president of @PSRLA.

Due to smoke, air pollution, particulates and other environmental #health hazards, yesterday California areas' air quality was the worst in the world, above regularly plagued cities in India and China.

PSR is proud to be at the release of the critical #LancetClimate18 report. #ClimateChange is already here, and heat waves are having the biggest effect -and vulnerable communities are being hit the hardest by #health and socioeconomic impacts.

The proposed Weymouth compressor station in #MA could aggravate #health risks and accelerate #climatechange. #PSR joins local health and environmental organizations calling for a fair, unbiased health impact assessment and discussion of @MassDPH study. @gb_PSR #ProtectNotPollute.

This @BBC article on the closure and attempted clean up of the Thorp #nuclear reprocessing plant reveals the "hugely toxic legacy" of such plants for future generations. Communities near #nuclear sites can suffer severe health consequences.

#ClimateChange puts outdoor workers' health at risk by causing extreme heat, which can lead to dehydration, heat stroke, and death. #ActOnClimate.

#PSR is a public voice for health and medical professionals- join us Nov. 8 in DC as we honor our #2018VisionaryLeaders Awards recipients for outstanding efforts to address the impact of #nuclearweapons and #climatechange on #health and survival.

Join the conversation! Follow @PSReenvironment and @PSRnuclear.
Our Emerging Leaders Council (ELC), formerly known as Student PSR (SPSR), is steadily growing, spearheaded by a strong group of medical students determined to advance progress on critical issues impacting health—and their future patients.

As a longtime trusted public health voice, PSR has a critical responsibility to help new generations of health professionals, advocates, and movement leaders to rise up and build collective power. Younger generations have not had a say in past decisions that have exacerbated threats to human health and survival. Nevertheless, in the United
States and around the world, young people will bear the brunt of the consequences of those reckless decisions, and so will generations that follow. Fittingly, young people also have a key role to play in devising, implementing and advocating for local and large-scale solutions. PSR’s ELC empowers new generations of health professionals and advocates to work toward a healthier, safer, more just and peaceful future.

The ELC offers rising health professionals and early career health advocates critical opportunities to engage with fellow students, health organizations and social justice organizations on issues that matter; mentorship and education opportunities through work with PSR board members and with medical faculty; critical information impacting current and future medicine and tools to harness and communicate that information to reach others; and opportunities to advocate for policies that ensure the health and safety of their patients and communities.

ELC leaders may serve alternately on PSR’s board as student representatives or as heads of the student chapter, carving a bold vision for health and planet and helping to determine and implement PSR’s core mission and goals. Currently, the ELC leadership includes Christian Cayon, Sidhant Gugale, Yazeed Ibrahim, and Autumn Vogel.

“When I was a student member of PSR, I found it really important to have the opportunity to work with PSR members who provided mentorship about how I can best use my voice to advocate for change,” said Lauren Zajac, MD, MPH, a member of PSR’s national board of directors and active member of PSR-New York who has been helping to lead efforts to expand the ELC’s outreach and membership. “Our current national student leaders aim to unite students, trainees, and early career health professionals under the ELC umbrella to advocate for issues critical to patients and communities. The ELC provides a mechanism to connect these young professionals with mentors and build skills to become leaders in the fight against climate change and nuclear weapons. I am excited to be a part of such an inspiring initiative, led by impressive student leaders, that will build the capacity of the medical community to become effective advocates for change.”

Younger generations are key to determining the future of medicine and health policy, and they have a critical role to play in serving as a public health voice for present and future generations. From attending policy meetings to authoring op-eds to visiting the offices of Members of Congress to represent a public health voice, the Emerging Leaders Council has already been making an impact. PSR is excited this year to continue to build and energize a growing group of future health professionals, by providing messaging, training, tools and resources they need to reach patients, health providers, and communities.
A series of reports released this fall have deepened our understanding of climate change’s serious threat to human health and survival, and emphasized the need for swift, bold action.

In October, the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a global coalition of climate scientists, released a report, *Global Warming of 1.5°C*, warning that a 2°C rise above preindustrial temperatures would mean dangerous levels of harm to our planet, including massive floods, droughts, and irreversible sea-level rise. The report called for immediate sweeping, society-wide actions to reduce or halve carbon pollution in all countries over the next 12 years to keep the global temperature rise to just 1.5°C by the end of this century.

In November, the U.S. Global Change Research Program released its *Fourth National Climate Assessment*, detailing current climate change impacts in every U.S. region. It cited “growing challenges to human health and quality of life, the economy, and the natural systems that support us” and projected billions of dollars in economic losses if climate change isn’t drastically curbed.

Most recently, *Lancet Countdown: Tracking Progress on Health and Climate Change 2018* offered in-depth analyses of climate change’s health impacts, as well as labor and economic impacts.

PSR tackles this urgent problem by channeling the health voice into state and local initiatives to replace fossil fuels with clean, safe, renewable energy.

In November, Portland, Oregon passed the landmark Portland Clean Energy Initiative, the nation’s first-ever clean energy fund for climate justice, which will raise...
$30 million annually to invest in renewable energy, energy efficiency, home weatherization, living-wage job training, local sustainable food production and more. Low-income residents and communities of color will be the first beneficiaries. PSR Oregon served on the community-led campaign steering committee, organized and trained hundreds of volunteers to collect signatures to get the measure on the ballot, and recruited PSR members to phonebank and canvass to make the health case for the initiative. PSR Oregon health professionals also participated in coalition press events, rallies and letter-writing.

Washington PSR undertook similar efforts, helping Spokane become the third city in Washington to commit to 100% renewable electricity, a goal Spokane pledges to reach by 2030. City operations will run entirely on renewable energy by 2020.

PSR Florida helped pass Amendment 9, prohibiting offshore oil and gas drilling in state coastal waters, protecting Florida communities from water, beach and wildlife contamination while curbing leakage of methane or “natural gas,” a major climate change accelerator, from drill rigs, pipelines and other infrastructure. This is a major victory, given oil and gas industry lobbyists’ power and influence in Florida.

PSR San Francisco Bay Area members added their health voice to a broad coalition, signing letters and petitions and speaking publicly to make the health case and build support for the California Clean Energy Act of 2018, increasing California’s Renewable Portfolio Standard to mandate 60% carbon-free electricity by 2030, and 100% by 2045.

In Tucson, PSR Arizona facilitated successful collaboration between the local government and businesses, training local businesses to benchmark and retrofit their buildings to achieve at least 30% reductions in energy, water, waste and transportation costs.

Sadly, a potentially historic carbon fee referendum in Washington didn’t pass, despite the efforts of an historically broad and inclusive coalition, including health professionals led by Washington PSR, tribal nations, unions, communities of color, businesses, faith leaders and environmental groups. PSR members knocked on thousands of doors, collected over 9,000 signatures to put the initiative on the ballot, rallied, phonebanked and made media appearances to support investing carbon emissions revenue into clean energy. While the measure was defeated, Washington PSR helped build a statewide climate justice movement, championing clean energy and communities’ health and building momentum for future initiatives.

SAFE, RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM SOURCES LIKE THIS WIND FARM IN TEXAS WILL HELP KEEP COMMUNITIES HEALTHIER AND SAFER, WHILE ENSURING A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.
The 2018 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5 °C detailed critical findings on health and climate. It concluded that global warming must be limited to 1.5°C in the next 12 years — lower than the Paris Accords’ target, 2°C — to avert catastrophic effects on humans and our planet. Here are potential results of global warming at 1.5°C and 2°C, compared.

### GLOBAL SEA LEVEL RISE

**1.5°C Celsius:** Global sea levels will rise **10 – 30 inches higher** than pre-industrial levels by 2100.

**2°C Celsius:** Global sea levels will rise **4 inches higher compared to 1.5°C**, exposing **10 million more people** to related impacts such as saltwater intrusion, flooding and infrastructure damage.

### HEAT WAVES

Heat-related deaths will increase due to rising temperatures, largely due to cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, and respiratory effects. Urban heat islands will amplify impacts on cities.

### SPREAD OF DISEASE

Diseases like **dengue fever, Lyme and malaria** will spread, partly due to a rise in extreme weather and spread of mosquito-borne diseases. **Geographic range and level of risk** associated with certain vector-borne diseases may change, exposing new populations.

### HUMAN HABitat

Areas that cease to be inhabitable by humans will fuel an accelerated **refugee crisis**. Resources like **agriculture and crops** will be harmed in key areas impacted by climate change.

### POVERTY CRISIS

At 2°C warming compared to 1.5°C, **62 – 457 million more people** would be exposed to multi-sector climate risks and vulnerable to poverty.
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If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit PSR and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to $100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the money. This law no longer has an expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to our organization this year and well into the future.

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Q: Can my gift be used as my required minimum distribution under the law?
A: Yes, absolutely. If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution, the IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement. Contact your IRA custodian to complete the gift.

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Q: I have two charities I want to support. Can I give $100,000 from my IRA to each?
A: No. Under the law, you can give a maximum of $100,000. For example, you can give each organization $50,000 this year or any other combination that totals $100,000 or less. Any amount of more than $100,000 in one year must be reported as taxable income.

Q: My spouse and I would like to give more than $100,000. How can we do that?
A: If you have a spouse (as defined by the IRS) who is 70½ or older and has an IRA, he or she can also give up to $100,000 from his or her IRA.

This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney or tax advisor. Figures cited in examples are for illustrative purposes only. References to tax rates include federal taxes only and are subject to change. State law may further impact your individual results.
The Visionary Leaders Award, now in its third year, recognizes individuals and organizations for their exemplary efforts in advancing nuclear weapons abolition and/or addressing environmental risks to human health, including the catastrophic consequences caused by climate change through, collaborations that strengthen the PSR mission.

Dr. Daniel Ellsberg

Dr. Fernando Llorca Castro, Ambassador of Costa Rica to the United States (pictured here with his wife, Evelyn Cermeño) accepted the award on behalf of the Hon. Elayne Whyte Gómez, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and President of the United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading toward their total elimination.

President of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, with nearly forty years' experience researching nuclear waste and abolition, controlled nuclear fusion and alternative energy sources.

AWARDEE: Dr. Arjun Makhijani

Executive Director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 under her leadership.

AWARDEE: Beatrice Fihn

Author of over a dozen books based on climate change, fossil fuel divestment and the environment, and founder of 350.org, the first planet-wide, grassroots climate change movement.

AWARDEE: Bill McKibben

Hip hop artist, activist, author and Youth Director of the Earth Guardians, and powerful voice on the front lines of a global youth-led environmental movement.

AWARDEE: Xiuhtezcatl Martinez

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

Since 1994, Congresswoman Norton has introduced nuclear disarmament legislation to disable and dismantle U.S. nuclear weapons and reinvest funds for nuclear weapons in critical domestic programs and services. Representing the District of Columbia since 1991, she is the first member of the United States Congress to openly support a nuclear weapons ban treaty.

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Senior Vice President of Climate, Environmental Justice & Community Revitalization for the Hip Hop Caucus and co-host of Think 100%, a weekly radio show and podcast that challenges environmental injustices and shares just solutions to climate change, including a transition to 100% clean energy for all. He is a founding member of the EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice.

AWARDEE: Earthjustice

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Patrice Simms, Vice President for Litigation at Earthjustice, accepts the award on behalf of Earthjustice from PSR Executive Director Jeff Carter. Earthjustice is a nonprofit environmental law organization that focuses on protecting wildlife, advancing clean energy, and combating climate change.

The legendary whistle-blower who revealed the Pentagon Papers to The Washington Post and several other newspapers in 1971, has spent over forty years as an anti-nuclear activist.

Since 1994, Congresswoman Norton has introduced nuclear disarmament legislation to disable and dismantle U.S. nuclear weapons and reinvest funds for nuclear weapons in critical domestic programs and services. Representing the District of Columbia since 1991, she is the first member of the United States Congress to openly support a nuclear weapons ban treaty.

Senior Vice President of Climate, Environmental Justice & Community Revitalization for the Hip Hop Caucus and co-host of Think 100%, a weekly radio show and podcast that challenges environmental injustices and shares just solutions to climate change, including a transition to 100% clean energy for all. He is a founding member of the EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice.

Antoine Smith is an actress, writer, Broadway performer, Grammy Nominated singer, and co-host of Think 100%. Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr. is President and CEO of the Hip Hop Caucus and co-host of Think 100%. He is a national leader and peacemaker within the green movement and has been successfully bridging the gap between communities of color and environmental issue advocacy for the past four years.
THANK YOU!

PSR wishes to thank past-president Lynn Ringenberg, M.D., F.A.A.P. (Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics, University of South Florida), for her many years of service to PSR. As she steps down from PSR’s National Board of Directors, Dr. Ringenberg reflects on her engagement with PSR.

What first drew you to PSR and made you want to join the organization? Has that changed over the years?
I was in private practice in Florida, and realized that “my kids” (patients) were getting sicker, especially with asthma. I was seeing younger children and even babies, and they required more and stronger medication to help them breath better so they could play and enjoy being a kid. In the early 1990's after joining USF Health this pattern of sicker kids continued. Now I’m seeing more kids with learning disabilities, behavioral issues, autism, developmental issues that I couldn’t explain. I started looking into environmental possibilities and this led me to PSR. Although it is often difficult to make direct links from environmental exposures and harm to health, it started an ongoing passion to explore the science and become a stronger advocate for my patients and their families.

Share a brief memory from your time at PSR about something that really resonated or stuck with you.
Hosting a Chapter Leaders meeting in Florida and being so energized and uplifted by the dedicated, knowledgeable, and caring “PSR leaders” from around the country. These folks give it their all...“working toward a healthy, just and peaceful world”!

You’ve made a great contribution to PSR’s success over the years. What are you most proud of?
1) starting the Tampa Bay Chapter of PSR in 2008, and then expanding that to the entire state in 2012, along with student chapters in Tampa and Miami. I’ve spent my entire academic life teaching residents and students the art and science of pediatric medicine, so to add educating PSR student groups on climate change and health, environmental toxics, and the need to abolish nuclear weapons was extremely satisfying; and 2) having the honor to serve as the PSR Board president for two years; working with dedicated, passionate, professional and fun board members and staff in PSR’s Washington office was a terrific and rewarding experience

What are your hopes for PSR and PSR’s work in the future?
My hope for the future is that PSR can continue to grow, adding new and younger members and more chapters (one in every state!) who can take on our critical work to abolish nuclear weapons and become national leaders in the climate change and health crisis affecting our country. Recent sobering reports from the United Nations IPCC, the National Climate Assessment (NCA) and Lancet all stress urgency in addressing climate change to keep global temperatures below 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit). The health professional voice is critical to this discussion... we have an obligation to protect patients from this grave harm. PSR
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