

# Yale University's Violence and Health Study Group

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Violence and Health is a group at Yale University that aims to function as a center of expertise for the integration of science, practice, and policy in the area of violence prevention and health promotion. By strengthening collaborations between stakeholders across disciplines and drawing upon the unique and combined skills of all members of the group, it aims to advance scholarly understanding as well as to produce practical and programmatic recommendations. Members' expertise spans from self-directed to interpersonal to collective violence. Together their goal is to share information across disciplines and sectors to better address the commonalities that underlie different types of violence and to help create a more peaceful world.

Our goals include the following:

- To develop an interdisciplinary dialogue
- To serve as an interface between scholarship and practice
- To host conferences that bring together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers
- To compile and synthesize evidence through systematic literature reviews and journal special issues
- To inform our work through various collaborations and to offer our writing, teaching, training, and capacity-building services
- Our disciplines and areas of expertise include:
  - Public Health, Psychiatry, Law, International Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, and Political Science
  - The Middle East, Africa, Asia, and North America

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