

Conflict, Resilience and Health

The Conflict, Resilience, and Health Program engages academics, practitioners, policy-makers, and the Yale student body to promote innovations in science and policy. It hosts interdisciplinary initiatives to build resilience and evaluate programs to alleviate violence. This academic year, the program focused on humanitarian settings – starting specific projects to put ideas into practice, launching new publications, workshop discussions, and global partnerships.

New Initiatives: Led by Catherine Panter-Brick, Mark Eggerman, and Alastair Ager, the Program’s research consortium evaluates the effectiveness of a humanitarian program designed to alleviate toxic stress in young Syrian refugees. The scientific goal is to help humanitarian workers make informed choices regarding innovative methods for program evaluation. Ongoing research partnerships include humanitarian policy-makers from Mercy Corps and scientific collaborators from Hashemite University, Harvard University, and the University of Western Ontario.

The Program also supported the dissertation research of Anthropology PhD students Kristen McLean (*Fatherhood in Sierra Leone*) and Aaliya Sadruddin (*Aging and Caregiving in Rwanda*), as well as short-term projects of YSPH students Rebecca Wener and Sarah Yazji (*Mental health and resilience in Jordan*) and GHLI intern Lauren Gaston-Hawkins (*Early child development in refugee camps*).

New Awards

UK award (2015-16)	Measuring the Health Impacts of a Psychosocial Intervention with Refugee Youth Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises, UK partnership on Enhancing Learning and Research for Humanitarian Assistance administered by Save The Children Fund.
NSF award (2015-17)	Masculinity and Fatherhood in Post-trauma and Post-conflict Contexts led by Catherine Panter-Brick and Kristen McLean.

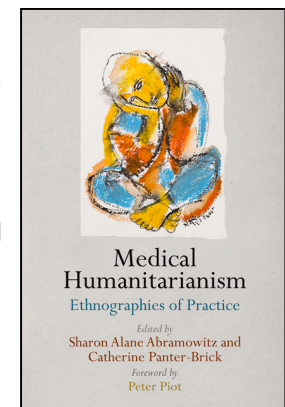
Workshops and Peacebuilding Consortium

The *Men and Families - Parenting Interventions in Conflict Settings* workshop was convened at Yale in 2015 by Catherine Panter-Brick, Jeannie Annan (International Rescue Committee), and Brandon Kohrt (Duke University), with support from the Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies. Scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers met to discuss current research and project evaluations, as well as future collaborative work.

The *Early Child Development and Peacebuilding Consortium* was convened for a stakeholder meeting in Turkey (June) at a conference hosted by UNICEF and the Yale-AÇEV Partnership. This is one example of the initiatives creating global partnerships on violence prevention and peace-building which is actively supported by the Program.

New Courses: Catherine Panter-Brick and Unni Karunakara taught *Humanitarian Interventions, Complex Emergencies* and *Ethics and Moral Dilemmas in Humanitarian Action*.

Publications: These include the guest-edited Special Issue on Medical Humanitarianism for *Social Science & Medicine* (2014), two new books - *Medical Humanitarianism: Ethnographies of Practice* (Abramowitz & Panter-Brick, Penn University Press 2015) and *Pathways to Peace* (Leckman, Panter-Brick & Saleh 2014) – and a review on Health, Risk, and Resilience in *Annual Review of Anthropology*.



Goals: Next year, the Program will host the international *Colloquium on Violence, Agency and Innovation*, develop a communication platform for the *Early Child Development and Peacebuilding Consortium*, and complete the funded projects in conflict settings. For more information on the program, please visit <http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/crh/index.html>