



## Bernie Sanders for President

**Peace Action endorses Bernie Sanders for President. Vote in the Massachusetts primary election, March 1, 2016!**

The largest systemic barrier to progress on our issues is the political power of the defense contractors and their allies in government. In his stump speeches, Sen. Sanders frequently denounces the military-industrial complex by name, and its political influence. Sanders' record on the military budget is unique for its consistency and courage over decades. He has opposed every annual defense authorization and appropriation bill submitted during his tenure.

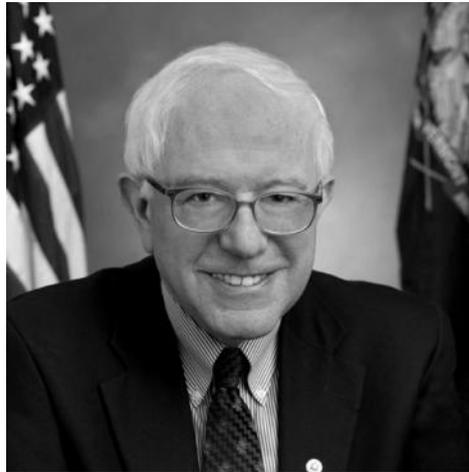
He calls for subjecting the military budget to the same audits to which the rest of the federal budget is subjected and to drastically cutting it in order to fund programs needed to address social inequality.

Sanders has advocated for rebuilding the nation's infrastructure, rapidly shifting to a non-carbon, highly efficient energy system based on renewable sources, and funding unmet human needs for education, health and housing.

Alone among his fellow Democrats, Sen. Sanders has identified climate change as the greatest single threat to our country and has clearly spelled out a solution which includes the U.S. leading a new international collaboration necessitating a close, friendly joint effort between the U.S., Russia, China, and India, among many other nations.

His platform concerning peace and war calls for a strong military, capable of meeting threats to the nation and its vital national interests — but rejects the role of world policeman. It recounts Sanders' history of opposition

to all of the wars we have engaged in since he began public life except for Serbia/Kosovo and Afghanistan. In two recent Democratic debates he strongly opposed the US policy of regime change, from Arbenz through Gaddafi to the current effort against Syria's



Assad. Sanders is one of only three senators to cosponsor the SANE bill, which would significantly cut spending on US nuclear weapons. He has consistently opposed the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), and calls for developing a system of fair trade rather than free trade agreements. His theme is always, in every crisis, to try diplomacy and to exhaust it before taking up arms.

Bernie Sanders' campaign against inequality is critical to building the peace movement. The group that benefits directly from our foreign policy is the economic elite, the billionaires, and they dictate the terms of our foreign policy in their interest. Today, 10% of Americans control 60% of national income. Bernie Sanders' challenge to Wall Street, the billionaires, and government/corporate collusion is exactly what will empower the 99% and make possible a Foreign Policy for All.

Bernie Sanders is not a flawless peace candidate. He has not challenged the Administration's acquiescence to Israel's settlements and violence or on the billions it gives annually to Israel's military. His proposals on the Syria/Iraq war would allow US military support of a Saudi-led anti-ISIS coalition, if one were to emerge, he has not ruled out killings by drone.

But he comes closer than any candidate in decades who has had a serious chance to win the presidency, embodying the values of peace and justice. In challenging the elites (or "establishment"), and in seeking to restore democracy by mounting a people's campaign capable of a political revolution, the Sanders campaign stands out as a unique force. It comes at a time when it just might have a shot at winning. Massachusetts Peace Action is proud to be part of that effort.

The decision to endorse was made by both our national board and our Massachusetts state board. National and state members each supported the endorsement by more than a 3 to 1 margin in an email poll.

**Massachusetts Peace Action  
2016 Annual Meeting  
Saturday, March 12, 11am**

*First Church in Cambridge*

*11 Garden St*

*Keynote Speakers:*

**Phyllis Bennis; Rep. Jim McGovern**



## Students Launch Peace Organizing Drive

Caitlin Forbes, MAPA Organizer



Massachusetts Peace Action has focused on developing young leaders since 2014. We do this through our Student Organizing Program, which identifies future student peace leaders and supports them in establishing college, university and high school student chapters. Like MAPA's working groups, each chapter picks an issue of interest and then promotes a peaceful US response through activist and educational events on campus. These groups are giving the peace movement a voice on campuses across Massachusetts. Moreover, each organizer becomes an invested member of the peace community.

A sustainable peace movement requires youth involvement. Without it, we risk irrelevance. Although most youth are strongly pro-peace, there remains a disconnect between our movement and the youth population. Our Student Organizing Program counteracts this disconnect while bringing valuable and passionate voices to the peace movement.

Seed money came from the Steven Brion-Meisels Youth Fellowship, a fund created by our generous donors to support youth development in memory of our former board chair. The Student Organizing Program has made enormous strides over the past two years. Following in the footsteps of Peace Action New York State, we reach out to schools through career sites, professors and direct appeals, looking for students who are passionate about the peace movement and are interested in taking on a leadership position. Once a

student organizer (SO) has been selected, he or she begins to work towards starting a campus-recognized Peace Action club.

As student outreach coordinator, I initiate all recruitment and I provide our SOs with continuous support. I am passionate about the peace movement, have a background teaching college students, and an advanced degree in literature with a focus on Islamic studies. I support each SO through weekly meetings, a student outreach manual,



UMass student Mira Rifai at Dec. 10 vigil

handouts and graphic design support, and consistent email support.

Our Student Organizers have been gaining continuous momentum over the past year.

We have gone from having one fledgling student chapter to having five student organizers.

Harvard Peace Action and Holy Cross Peace Action were both active chapters in the Fall 2015 semester and both are poised for recognition this spring as official campus clubs.

Harvard Peace Action focuses on nuclear disarmament, in particular the Don't Bank on the Bomb! Campaign, which challenges university investments that support nuclear weapons production. HPA sponsored physicist Max Tegmark for an exciting talk and question session in November.

With a focus on Middle Eastern issues, Holy Cross Peace Action hosted a documentary screening and discussion program and a lunchtime roundtable.

Two new SO's are starting work in Spring 2016, one at UMass Lowell and one at Emmanuel College. UMass Lowell's organizer is in communication with a graduate student peace group and has already begun developing useful contacts and garnering interest. Emmanuel's SO is committed to challenging Islamophobia and is excited to get the conversations rolling on her campus.

Alongside our college students, two high school organizers in Newton have been hard at work. Newton South Peace Action is in the middle of final requirements for official recognition, having already found a faculty advisor and fellow interested students. Jenny Horsburgh, an organizer at Newton North, has been hosting informal meetings with her classmates and bringing them to MAPA events. A poised 16-year old, Jenny chaired a panel in front of 250 people at our "Building Sustainable Security" conference in November 2015, got her photo in the *Boston Globe* at our vigil on December 10 (page 5), and has recently joined our board as a student representative.

We are committed to continuing to grow our Student Organizing Program. We welcome applications from student activists and donations to support the work (please write "Steven Brion-Meisels Fellowship" on the memo line).

## Looking Back at 2015 and Ahead at 2016

John Ratliff, Cambridge



2015 ends and 2016 begins on a note of cautious hope. After December's U.N. Conference on Syria, chaired by Secretary John Kerry, the U.S. and Russia mounted a visible concerted push encouraging each country's allies (many of whom have objections) to implement the measures outlined in the joint declaration of October 30. It calls for a cease-fire and negotiation under UN auspices of an agreement to resolve the Syrian civil war, which has cost over 250,000 lives and made many millions of Syrians desperate refugees in their own country, neighboring lands, and in Europe and beyond.

The Iran nuclear deal went into effect January 16. Iran sent 98% of its enriched uranium out of the country, destroyed the core of its Arak reactor, and decommissioned most of its centrifuges, making it impossible for Iran to build a nuclear bomb for at least 15 years. In return, the US, UN, and EU dropped their sanctions on Iran, opening the country to international trade and freeing up billions of Iranian assets which have been frozen for years. The Iran deal has reduced the tensions which many had felt made war with Iran almost inevitable.

Neither of these actions occurred in a vacuum. We in the peace movement have played an important role from the beginning, opposing our government's effort to impose military solutions in Syria and defending victories at the negotiation table. In a massive antiwar turnout in fall 2013 the American people blocked an earlier effort to bomb Syria

and forced a turn to diplomacy. With people power this summer we supported the Iran nuclear deal against a massively funded effort to undermine and overturn it, which threatened to leave no other options but war.

### Building Sustainable Security

Massachusetts Peace Action convened the **Building Sustainable Security** conference November 21 at Harvard Law School. Attended by some 325 people, the conference brought labor, racial justice, anti-incarceration, and climate justice activists together with peace activists to examine the ways our struggles are linked. 15 workshops examined a variety of movement-building strategies.

The Paris COP-21 Conference was cau-



*Building Sustainable Security conference* Syria, supporting different

tiously hailed as a very important first step to prevent or at least limit devastating climate change. Officials representing most of the nations in the world agreed to targets and to specific steps each would take to reduce its carbon footprint. The voluntary commitments were far too small to save the planet, but the agreement included periodic check-ins and modification.

It was the people of the world, led by young climate activists and scientists, who should get the credit for the important victories they won in Paris and for decisions against the Keystone XL pipeline and Arctic drilling as 2015 closed

out. Mass. Peace Action played a part in these victories as well. Our conferences on Convergence, a Foreign Policy for All, and Building Sustainable Security educated participants on the need for a foreign policy that places the peoples' interest for survival ahead of the need for corporate profit and advocated a unity of movements to struggle for the future. We are organizing peace movement participation in the campaign for climate justice and in the movements for racial and economic justice.

2015 ended with a new budget agreement which avoided a federal government shutdown and avoided many of the worst provisions which Republican legislators had attempted to impose. But it increased military spending, already larger than that of the next 9 countries combined, and committed us to the first year of a trillion dollar nuclear weapons modernization drive which literally threatens the existence of the human race. As US and Russian jets fly over

sides in a deadly civil war, we need to get back to serious work for the abolition of nuclear weapons before someone uses one of them again.

Massachusetts Peace Action focused on nuclear disarmament, building the Peace and Planet mobilization in April and the Remember Hiroshima events in August.

In 2016, the presidential candidates will discuss all our issues and we have a great opportunity to mobilize the voters. Americans are fundamentally for peace but they are also subject to fear. We must reach them with our message in 2016.

## Welcome Refugees—No to Islamophobia!

Hayat Imam, Dorchester

Remarks at “Welcome Refugees—Stop the Bombing” Vigil, December 10, 2015



Fifty years ago, along with millions of other immigrants in our history, I came to these shores as a young Muslim woman. Over the years, I learned, and I educated others; I worked, and I employed others; I trusted, and I was trusted; I loved you, and you loved me back; I made a home here, and I felt at home. Today I hear, if I go abroad, I will not be welcome to come back again to my country. I want to tell my fellow American, Donald Trump, that this is NOT OKAY!

It does not fit into the values we and millions of others in this country are committed to. We are not a nation that brands all Christians for the actions of some, nor all Jews for the actions of some, nor all atheists for the actions of some. We must not do this to Muslims. Like every group, Muslims come in all stripes. Some manipulate the message of peace in Islam to suit their needs, and



others practice compassion and truth.

Anti-extremist efforts are rising strongly in the global Muslim community. In Indonesia, 50 million Muslims have started a peace campaign to counter extremists and denounce the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Syria. Across the US and Europe, Muslim groups are rejecting and condemning extremist actions.

In New York, non-Muslims are beating and attacking Muslim men, women and

children. So-called leaders like Trump are only leading in one thing, and that is fomenting hatred. I reject their brand of intolerance!

Today, instead, we have come out in large numbers to welcome our Syrian brothers and sisters to this country.

The UN says there are 60 million people forcibly displaced as a direct result of the wars in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen and South Sudan. The largest number are Syrians. I was lucky enough to live in Syria for two years as a child and I have wonderful memories of it! Four million Syrians have fled for their lives, caught in a bitter civil war. The USA is implicated as well: Syrians have experienced more than 7900 air strikes by US planes, which are now joined by Britain, France and Russia. The bombs are targeting IS, but civilian deaths are inevitable.

Bombings and war are no answer. After we bombed Iraq to smithereens, we disbanded the Baath party civil servants, and systematically destroyed the institutions and civil structures of Iraq. The resulting vacuum was filled by competing factions, often leading to the rise of irrational forces, as in the emergence of IS. We then similarly destabilized Libya.

Bombings only cause suffering for innocent men, women and children. In the name of the millions of suffering Syrians who have lost everything, we ask for a complete ceasefire from all sides and diplomatic efforts to get every key group in Syria to the table for dialogue. It may be hard for us to believe this, but Syrians have the right, and the means, to

sort out their own problems. A good example of this: today, the Syrian government and local rebels have succeeded in negotiating a truce in the city of Homs. However, let's keep in mind that outside military intervention makes internal solutions impossible.

In the meantime, to those Syrians who have weathered so much and sacrificed everything to come to our country, we welcome you here!

## What will it Take to Bri

Jeff Klein, Dorchester



As the war in Syria enters its sixth year, hundreds of thousands have been killed and mil-

lions have been forced to become refugees. It is now more important than ever to recognize the decisive role of outside forces in fueling the conflict. And it's not just in the bombings by the US and its allies or the introduction of Russian air power on behalf of the Syrian government. Foreign intervention was involved from the very beginning of the conflict.

This is not to deny that Syrians had ample reason to resent the decades-old authoritarian state whose leadership Bashir al-Assad had inherited from his father Hafiz. When the currents of the Arab Spring reached Syria in 2011, there was already a volatile mix of discontent, especially in Syria's provincial cities, where the population swelled with impoverished and unemployed migrants — most of them religiously conservative -- from a countryside devastated by a multi-year drought.

But outside interests were also active in fomenting unrest. Documents which have come to light

through WikiLeaks sources illustrate US and its allies to Syrian regime internal opposition 2011. The simple narrative of peacefully suppressed Syrian government years of organizing religious extremists supported by the chies, especially S

These efforts had "promoting democracy where the principles about backing imperial regimes. Rat independence from and its coalition Lebanese Hezbollah "resistance front Israeli-Saudi he made it a target conflagration un US invasion of I the Saudi and Qa enabled by Syria' Turkey have espe violence that i apart.

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## Fear, Knowledge and War

wants to raise the number of Syrians we're taking in to 60,000 and I don't think it's a good idea. Is that even safe? I mean, all these mass shootings we've been having lately, they've all been by Muslims."

I was pretty thrown. I told her, "There was a shooting at Planned Parenthood in Colorado just recently by a white, non-Muslim, American man."

She ignored that and went on to say that it is "in their religion" for Muslims to commit violence.

"No, it's not," I said. I tried to explain the difference between Muslims and extremists like ISIS who are perverting Islam. It's a far too long and complicated story to explain during the ten minutes of homeroom, though.

As soon as news broke of the Paris and then San Bernardino attacks I heard the expected hysteria, fear-mongering and prejudice. This was the first time I'd run into such Islamophobia and my friend didn't come up with this herself. It's something that she has been taught by the dangerous narratives in our country. No wonder the emails that arrive in my inbox tell me that the American support for war is high. What I heard from my friend is the rhetoric that people are swallowing. This is the story presented as truth: we are under threat, Muslims are at fault and we can't accept them into our country because they would endanger us.

Never mind that refugees are fleeing the same people we're thirsting for war with. Never mind that these refugees are victims, not aggressors. Never mind that it was our military's misadventures that caused the crucible of instability and bru-

ality and devastation that spawned ISIS. Never mind that we bear heavy responsibility not to turn our backs on the refugees we created. Never mind that 60,000 people isn't so much compared to the numbers that countries like Lebanon and Jordan are shouldering. Never mind that fear, ignorance and the impulse to rush to military solutions first were what landed everyone in this lunatic blowback machine to begin with. To reject refugees plays right into the hands of ISIS and their beliefs about the West.

But no, never mind all that. (Actually, please do mind.) The line is the same as it always is: be afraid, be very afraid.

Fear is useful to the architects of war and other foreign policy. The fear that makes us malleable is a tool that will be used against us, to drum up support for wars. This is the fear that makes us accede to legislation that strips away our rights and laws—like the Patriot Act—and to wars that drain money and human lives. This is the fear that spirals into apathy when our reaction is to batten down the hatches and seal ourselves off from what we may call terrorism.

Fear is inevitable in our volatile world, and it may well be justified. But that we are so willing to accept spoon-fed fear is scarier to me than the amorphous threat of the terrorists, the newest enemy of the week, who are coming to get us.

Knowledge is one of the best antidotes to mindless, racist fear. Awareness of the facts on the ground and the possible courses of action. What will cause the least damage and heal the most wounds that we have been creating for so long?. And the knowledge that this atmosphere of fear and instability and warmongering is a strategy, advancing the interests of the corporate and military elite. It has been done before and it will be done again. To quote a line from the punk rock band Anti-Flag in its song Anatomy of Your Enemy (10 Easy Steps to Create an Enemy and Start a War): "We need to see these tactics as a weapon against humanity and not as truth."

Jenny Horsburgh, Newton

Remarks at "Welcome Refugees—Stop the Bombing" Vigil, December 10, 2015



Yesterday morning at school, a friend began complaining about Hillary Clinton. Initially, I nodded along, but then she said, "Hillary

## ing a Just Peace to Syria?

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intervention may have staved off battlefield defeat of the Syrian government, but the rebel forces are far from being beaten and can still rely on massive financial and military support from their Gulf allies. Meanwhile, heightened tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran make inclusive negotiations more difficult — which may have been the aim of the provocative execution of a Shi'a cleric by the Saudi regime.

As for the US peace movement, our principles should be to oppose the illegal bombing of Syria by the US and its allies; stop all outside military and financial support for rebel groups; pressure US allies, especially Turkey and the Gulf States, to halt their funding and arming of opposition factions within Syria; pursue diplomatic efforts -- including with Russia and Iran -- conforming with international law and the UN Charter, to stop the fighting and advance a peaceful political solution; and increase funding for refugee relief, preferably through UN agencies.

The future of Syria is for Syrians to decide, but we should support, in principle, an outcome that protects the rights and safety of all Syrians, including women and ethnic/religious minorities.

## Making the Connections: Climate and Peace

Rosalie Anders, Cambridge



The Pentagon calls climate change a threat multiplier. Drought and desertification of agricultural land has destabilized Syria and Mali. Millions of people have suffered from the ensuing violence. Water conflict looms over India, Pakistan and China, three nations bristling with nuclear weapons. Control over access to water is a key issue in the territorial struggle between Israelis and Palestinians. When there's not enough food, water, shelter or work, violence can thrive.

While some places have too little water, others have too much, and virulent storms and flooding have also affected millions of people. The number of climate and war refugees continues to grow, with no solutions in sight.

The United States puts the military at the center of its approach to foreign conflict. The military uses staggering quantities of resources—land, people, money and technological research—but offers few real solutions and in fact often makes matters worse. U.S. planning for dealing with the global unrest caused or abetted by climate disruption mostly centers around military thinking. The lesson that violence begets violence is not one that our nation has learned yet.

Working to stop climate change is interchangeable with working for peace. Both movements are based on a reverence for life and desire not to destroy it, a realization that the world

is interconnected, and a commitment to a more equal world. Many peace activists are also climate activists.

How can we best translate these moral, economic and strategic connections into effective collaboration? Do peace and climate activists share a similar timetable for action? Are we working in the same venues? Trying to reach the same people? Is there agreement that we won't make the changes needed until we tackle exploitive capitalism?



At MAPA's November 21 sustainable security conference, speakers highlighted some potentially linking issues: campaign finance reform; a new economy that is greener and fairer, with less money for the military and more for creating assets like transit, education, renewable products; and promoting peaceful alternatives to international conflict, like negotiation. Might we come together more deliberately to work on 2016 elections, or to promote the people's budget in Congress?

A new MAPA task force, partnering with climate justice advocates, will look at these questions with the goal of helping to make our work for change more effective. Join us as we tackle these key questions. The Iran nuclear accord was a breakthrough. A moment when negotiation overcame war mongering. The climate movement, the Paris climate agreement was also a

breakthrough, as the world's nations finally came together to commit to taking action. Let's build on this momentum. Contact the office to get involved.

## Beyond Boston

Carol Coakley, Millis

**Newton Ballot question wins!** The Boston Downwinders carried the message to shut down Pilgrim nuclear power plant now. The question on the ballot was, "...shall Governor Charles Baker instruct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to revoke the operating license of the 43-year old Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station, because the safety of the public cannot be assured?" 69% said yes. Congratulations Newton!

**Watertown** Citizens for Peace, Justice and the Environment held a vigil in Watertown Square welcoming all refugees to Massachusetts. On Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> an event sponsored by the Watertown Citizens Refugee Support Group will present the history and culture of Syria. Through personal stories, this event will strengthen connections and provide insights into the situation of Middle Eastern refugees and immigrants.

In **Fall River**, a dozen peace activists met at Government Center on Thurs-



Sheila Matthews photo day December 10th to mark International Human Rights Day by showing their support for Syrian refugees. Fall River was one of several U.S. cities

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## “A New Day” Conference Organizes to Change US Israel/Palestine Policy

Hayat Imam & Jeff Klein, Dorchester

Massachusetts Peace Action’s Palestine/Israel Working Group organized a conference on November 14, 2015 entitled **A New Day: Organizing to Change U.S. Policy on Israel and Palestine**. Attended by some 165 people representing all 9 Massachusetts Congressional districts, it offered participants both a strong information base, as well as the opportunity to organize by district.

David Zackon convened the conference, and Jeff Klein gave the political introduction (“our weapons and our diplomatic shield protect Israel from accountability”). The conference provided information and tools for creating organized pressure on our legislators. Just as Congress now feels it dares not go against the Israel lobby, our goal is to make Congress feel it is a risk to go against our wishes!

Palestinian/Lebanese journalist **Rami Khouri** proposed that we take advantage of certain positive changes in peoples’ perceptions, especially in churches, youth and labor unions. Capitalize on the US public’s bent towards fairness; show how the occupation of Palestine is the last vestige of colonialism; and insist that the US cannot mediate peace talks unless it advo-

cates equally for the rights of both parties, not just of Israel.

**Nadia Ben-Youssef**, human rights law-

Palestine issue.

Since the conference, A New Day organizing meetings have been held in seven of the nine Congressional districts (all except McGovern and Tsongas’ districts). The organizers addressed two projects.

**Israel Junkets:** Ten State Senators took an all-expenses-paid trip to Israel in December funded by a pro-Israel group – right after passing a pro-Israel resolution in the state legislature. We have met with the State Ethics Commission and

Mass. Common Cause and are working towards a formal conflict of interest complaint. Police chiefs and district attorneys, faith leaders, city councilors, and students have all been sent on fully funded vacations to Israel.

**Congressional action on settlements:** At least four CD groups have written to their House members asking them to advocate for reaffirming US policy on the “illegitimacy” of Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territory. Unfortunately, recent Congressional action – at the behest of the Israel Lobby – has attempted to blur the distinction between Israel proper and the West Bank settlements, in opposition to long-standing US policy.



yer and advocate for the rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel, thinks it may be strategic to build bridges with folks below the very top tier, who are harder to reach, concentrating on the media, think tanks, and those doing work in the community. Exposing Israel’s supremacist ideology can reach concerned people, students, people of color, building solidarity along the way.

**M.J. Rosenberg**, a former AIPAC employee who became critical of Israel, posits that the new generation of Jewish youth are not like their parents, so there is a chance to reach them. Democrats – more than Republicans -- are generally dependent on Jewish money, yet only 4% of Jewish voters choose candidates based on the Israel/

## Beyond Boston (cont.)

that responded to a call by the Peace and Planet network to mark the occasion with a message of solidarity with Syrian refugees and against Islamophobia.

**Metrowest** Peace Action met with State Sen. Karen Spilka to discuss her upcoming trip to Israel and asked that she seek information on the conditions of Palestinians in the West Bank. They have a follow-up meeting with her on Jan. 29

and are meeting State Sen. Richard Ross on Feb. 16.



Holliston Reporter photo

On January 26, **Milton High School’s** Amnesty International Club joined Milton for Peace to discuss the legality and morality of drone strikes. Kade Crockford of the ACLU said that President Obama’s targeted killing policy has overturned due process, Magna Carta, and centuries of law. BU professor and retired Col. Andrew Bacevich said there is little evidence US drone strikes destabilize targeted organizations; he urged the US not to attack ISIS militarily but contain it and do educational work to curtail recruitment.

## Peace and Justice Calendar

<i>Winter 2016</i>	<i>www.masspeaceaction.org/events</i>
February 11 7:00 pm	<b>A New Cold War?</b> Michael Klare on Geopolitics Harvard University, Bolyston Hall
February 16 7:00 pm	<b>Ward Wilson:</b> Eliminating Nuclear Weapons Central Square Library, 45 Pearl St, Cambridge
February 18 7:00 pm	<b>Hillary Chute:</b> Graphic Novels: Hiroshima & Nagasaki Central Square Library, 45 Pearl St, Cambridge
February 25 7:00 pm	<b>Elaine Scarry:</b> Democracy & Nuclear Weapons? Central Square Library, 45 Pearl St, Cambridge
February 27 7:30 pm	<b>Music for Peace:</b> All-Schubert Program Harvard-Edworth Methodist Church, 1555 Mass Ave
February 28 5:30 pm	<b>Middle Eastern Refugee Solidarity Dinner</b> First Parish Church, 10 Parish St, Dorchester
March 12 11 am - 4 pm	<b>Mass. Peace Action 2016 Annual Meeting</b> Phyllis Bennis, Rep Jim McGovern First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St
March 18 6:00 pm	<b>"This Changes Everything"</b> screening, Metrowest P.A. Millis Public Library, 961 Main St.,
April 2 9 am - 5 pm	<b>Reducing the Dangers of Nuclear War</b> MIT room 34-101, Cambridge
April 9 7:30 pm	<b>Music for Peace:</b> The Three Brahms Violin Sonatas Harvard-Edworth Methodist Church, 1555 Mass Ave

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Massachusetts Peace Action or MAPA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit membership organization working to develop the sustained political power to foster a more just and peaceful U.S. foreign policy.

We are an affiliate of Peace Action, the nation's largest grassroots peace and disarmament membership organization, with more than 18,000 members and 30 state affiliates across the country.

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- Mobilize and educate our members to become active advocates for peace and justice issues with their elected officials and within their communities.
- Organize events to educate the public on issues of peace, war, disarmament, and military spending.
- Address specific issue areas in our working groups
- Make peace a priority in all elections at all levels by educating voters and candidates on just and

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