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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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**HPAD, the Palestinian Historians Group, and Historians for Palestine at the 2026 AHA business meeting after a successful vote.**

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Are you a grad student interested in getting more involved with HPAD? Email us at [stone.hpad@gmail.com](mailto:stone.hpad@gmail.com) and we will add you to our grad student focused signal chat.

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## [Vote to Democratize the AHA!](#)

Below are the AHA candidates that HPAD endorses. If you are an AHA member we encourage you to vote for them between **June 1-July 15**. To join the [AHA click here](#).

### **HPAD Endorsed Candidates by Petition:**

- **President-elect [Eve Troutt Powell](#)**

University of Pennsylvania (professor, modern Middle East, slavery in the Nile Valley and the Ottoman Empire)



- **Vice President Research Division**

  - [Sherene Seikaly](#)**

University of California, Santa Barbara (associate professor; modern Middle Eastern capitalism, consumption, and development)



- **Council Member Professional**

  - Division [Ellen Schrecker](#)**

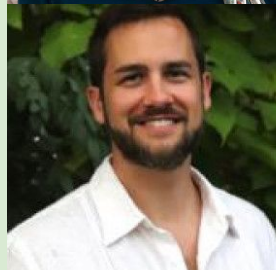
Yeshiva University (professor emerita; McCarthyism, social movements, political repression, and higher education)



- **Council Member Research Division**

  - [Kevin A. Young](#)**

University of Massachusetts Amherst (associate professor; History of Latin America, Imperialism, Political economy, Social movements. Political sociology, Media studies)



- **Council Member Teaching Division**

  - [Alan Parkes](#)**

Longwood University (assistant professor; twentieth-century US music, urban, and political history, and secondary education)



On June 9 we hosted a Virtual Town Hall with AHA Democracy Slate Candidates: Eve Troutt-Powell, Sherene Seikaly, and Ellen Schrecker. The town hall was moderated by Aslı Ü. Bâli. [Click here to view the recording.](#)

## AHA Democracy Slate Virtual Town Hall

Tues. June 9, 12-1:30 PM EDT (Zoom)

Meet the candidates and learn more about the importance of this election for the future of the American Historical Association.

[Register here!](#)



**Eve Troutt-Powell**  
Candidate for President-elect



**Sherene Seikaly**  
Candidate for Vice President,  
Research Division



**Ellen Schrecker**  
Candidate for Council Member,  
Professional Division



**Aslı Ü. Bâli**  
Moderator

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## **H-PAD New Resources on the US/Israeli attack on Iran**

Now that the U.S. government has attacked Iran, with tragic effects there, and across the globe, many of our members are quickly incorporating work on this crisis with ongoing work on US policy and the situation in Gaza and the West Bank.

H-PAD has rapidly compiled some resources, which should be of assistance in this work.

**These include:**

**A list of Middle East/ Iran specialists, who are willing to be a zoom guest in people's classes, or in meetings with members of Congress or their staff. (See page 4 for the specialists and their profiles)**

**A list of organizations that are focusing on the Iran situation and are putting out materials that can be of help in your classes or meetings.**

**An update on Congressional resistance to the war, focused on the situation in Iran, to be followed with subsequent information on legislation concerning Gaza and the West Bank.**

Some Useful Sources of Up-to-Date Information:

Quincy Institute, *Responsible Statecraft* [Home – Responsible Statecraft](#)

superb articles and webinars appearing every day.

National Iranian Commission (NIAC) <https://niacouncil.org>

especially helpful from [NIAC is their Iran Unfiltered](#)

Democracy Now, <https://www.democracynow.org>

In depth programming and articles about the wars in Iran and Lebanon

A New Policy PAC <https://anewpolicypac.org>

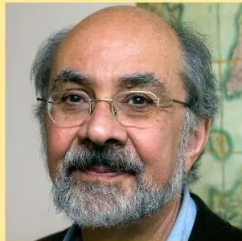
Founded by two former officials from the Biden Administration, in protest of its misguided policy towards Gaza. Excellent source for finding out upcoming, important Congressional legislation.

### **Congressional Opposition to the War**

Congressional opponents of the war will be introducing a series of War Powers Resolution to keep forcing debate on the Administration's policy. Constituents can play an important role by calling Senators and their Representative—pressing them to speak out against the Iran War, and to support War Powers legislation designed to end it. Senators and Representatives can be reached through the **Congressional Switchboard:**

**202-224-3121.**

**Experts on the Middle East and Iran, able to zoom into campus classes or meetings, or to join lobbying sessions with members of Congress or their staff.**



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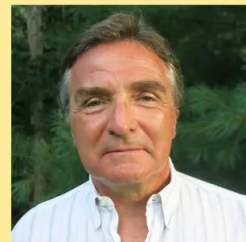
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**Links to recent HPAD statements:**

## ***HPAD Steering Committee's Response to AHA Executive Committee***

On Tuesday, May 26, the AHA's Executive Committee (six members of the 16-person Council) sent an email to all AHA Members titled [Crucial Information for Members on the AHA Election](#).

This email characterizes the debates over our resolutions against scholasticide in Gaza over the past eighteen months in ways that are highly inaccurate. It challenges HPAD's running our [Democracy Slate](#) in the election that begins this Monday, June 1, clearly encouraging members to vote against our candidates, which constitutes elections interference.

Our Steering Committee has prepared a [Response to the AHA Executive Committee Letter](#), outlining in detail the omissions and distortions in the Executive Committee's letter.

We urge all of you to [confirm your AHA membership](#) if you have not already done so, and to vote for all five of our candidates.

In January our resolutions were once again passed by the membership vote at the AHA business meeting and once again vetoed by AHA council, see our response below:

[Victories and Vetos at the 2026 AHA: AHA Members Support Our Resolutions.](#)

See the response from our comrades in the Palestinian Historians Group below:

[We Refuse to be Silenced: The Palestinian Historians Group Responds to the AHA Council Vetoes](#)