



Standing Our Holy Ground Webinar Series

The Mental Health Myth: The Role of Mental Health in Gun Violence & How the Media Often Gets It Wrong

October 22, 2019 at 2pm (EST)

Register [Here](#)

When a mass shooting occurs, media coverage often jumps to questions of mental health. In reality, only 3-5% of all violent acts are committed by people with serious mental illness and a majority (65%) of gun related deaths are suicides. This webinar in the “[Standing Our Holy Ground](#)” series will explore the relationship between mental health and gun violence and debunk the myths/misperceptions surrounding it.

Panelist Background



Dr. Beth McGinty is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. At Johns Hopkins, Dr. McGinty serves as the Deputy Director of the Center for Mental Health and Addiction Policy Research and the Associate Director of the ALACRITY Center for Health and Longevity in Mental Illness. Her research focuses on developing communication strategies to reduce stigma toward and increase public support for policies benefiting people with mental illness and substance use conditions. She also conducts policy evaluations of mental health and substance use policies. Dr. McGinty received her MS from Columbia University in 2006 and her PhD from Johns Hopkins in 2013.



Jennifer Bronson is a founding member of the American Public Health Association’s (APHA) Maternal and Child Health Gun Violence Prevention workgroup, established in 2013. Since then she has spoken about and organized numerous sessions, webinars and events on gun violence in addition to co-editing a book on gun violence in the US. She currently works for the Department of Justice where research on children’s exposure to violence and correctional health topics form a central part of her portfolio. Jennifer has published several articles and book chapters on health disparities and human rights. She has a PhD from Howard University in Medical Sociology and a BS and MS from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Stay up to date on the series by following the [Presbyterian Peacemaking Program on Facebook](#) and on our website presbyterianmission.org/standingourholyground



Presbyterian Mission
**Presbyterian
Peacemaking Program**