



Weill Cornell Medical College

The Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights

To our Future Patients...

I promise to view all of my future patients through a lens of inclusivity, openness, and appreciation for the unique cultures and backgrounds that they bring into the exam room. It is my hope that the community that we all belong to will be made stronger for it.

I promise to help you make the choices that are right for you.

I promise to treat each one of you with respect, regardless of where you come from or what you look like or who you love.

I promise to work every day to understand the perspectives of those who are different from me.

I promise to care for all of my future patients to the best of my ability, regardless of their gender, race, beliefs, or immigration status.

I promise to listen to your stories.

I promise to do everything in my power to make you feel safe in my care.

I promise that you come first.

I promise to treat each of my patients equally and to always have their wellbeing be my first priority.

I promise to push and pull and fight for you.

I promise that I will be an advocate for patients in need and strive for justice in the care of the sick.
— Weill Cornell Hippocratic Oath

I promise to treat you with compassion and dignity.

I promise to keep learning and challenging myself to be a better professional and a better person.

I promise that we are in this together.

I promise to honor the complexity of your identity.

I promise to look beyond the physical aspects of your body, and do my best to understand the life you live and challenges you face.

I am committed to being a safe and nonjudgemental platform where you can share your voice, your values, your experiences, your emotions, your fears, your triggers, your hopes, and dreams.

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Statistics

We have conducted **314** evaluations for **272** clients from **57** countries.

We have trained **486** medical students to evaluate clients for signs of physical and psychological trauma.

Upcoming Events

WCCHR Annual Holiday Party

Friday, Dec. 2, 6:30 PM
Belfer Research Building

Fall Semester Debrief

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7:00 PM
Rockefeller University

Immigration Law Educational Event

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Dinner at 6:30 PM
Discussion beginning at 7 PM
Room C1A of the Public Health Building (402 E 67th St)

Winter Asylum Evaluation Training

Saturday, Feb. 4, 8 AM – 1PM
Location TBD

WCCHR Visits Brooklyn Law

Early this month, WCCHR's Co-Medical Director, Dr. Thomas Kalman, together with our incoming Executive Directors, Nicholas Hernandez and Andrew Milewski, spoke to students of Brooklyn Law School's Safe Harbor Clinic, an elective course in which law students work to secure asylum and other forms of humanitarian relief for their clients. The evening's discussion included an introduction to WCCHR's clinic, an overview of psychological evaluation of torture survivors, and a conversation about vicarious trauma.



Photo credit: Andrew Milewski

Physicians for Human Rights Conference

Six members of WCCHR's Student Board attended Physicians for Human Rights National Student Conference hosted by the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College in early November. The theme of this year's conference was Violence Against Difference. Students attended sessions exploring this theme, specifically as it relates to racial violence, gender violence, and violence against healthcare workers.



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Spotlight on...

Eliza Gentzler, MS2

Eliza Gentzler is a second-year MD candidate at Weill Cornell Medical College. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2014 from Duke University with a B.S. in Neuroscience and a Certificate in Global Health. At Duke, Eliza spent time in Nicaragua working with survivors of domestic violence through the student organization GlobeMed. She also volunteered for City Year, an Americorps program providing tutors and mentors to students at risk for dropping out of high school. She believes that human rights and safety are fundamental to health, and spent the past year as WCCHR's Public Relations Coordinator.



Nishant Patel, PsyD

Nishant Patel, Psy.D. is a clinical psychologist with the Trauma Services department at the Washington DC VA Medical Center and provides individual therapy at Fort Belvoir to veterans afflicted with traumatic stress. Dr. Patel completed his doctorate in clinical psychology at Widener University and his post-doctoral fellowship while working with Heartland Alliance in Kurdistan (Northern Iraq). In his role with Heartland Alliance, Dr. Patel conducted trainings and delivered technical assistance to local mental health paraprofessionals, provided therapy to Iraqi survivors of torture, and managed programs. Prior to his position at DC VAMC, Dr. Patel served as the program coordinator and later as acting director of the Cross-Cultural Counseling Center at the International Institute of New Jersey, where he provided treatment to survivors of torture seeking political asylum, to international human-trafficking survivors and to immigrant survivors of domestic violence. Dr. Patel's professional interests primarily include trauma work and cultural psychology.

