

# **SPIRIT OF 1848: AWARD FOR** **BEST SONG, CHANT, AND SHORT VIDEO** **FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC HEALTH!**

To celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spirit of 1848, a Caucus in affiliation with the American Public Health Association that is dedicated to **linking social justice and public health**, we announce an **AWARD for BEST SONG, CHANT, AND SHORT VIDEO**; winning entries will be included in our program for the 142<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA; New Orleans, LA; November 15-19, 2014).

In 1912, after the victory of the Lawrence textile mill strike led by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), Ray Stannard Baker, a progressive US journalist published an article in which he commented on the inspiring use of song to keep up the spirits, unite, and educate the workers and community members, largely immigrants from many different European countries, about the strike issues and the broader struggle for social justice – and he wrote<sup>1</sup>:

**“Beware that movement,” said a wise Frenchman, “which generates its own songs”**

**Building on our rich traditions in labor, civil rights and grassroots organizing on so many different issues (e.g., economic & racial justice, environmental & climate justice, health & human rights, reproductive rights, Indigenous rights, occupational health, LGBT health, & universal health care, to name just a few), we need our own songs now to advance the ongoing work, in our generation, for social justice & public health!**

And so, in the Spirit of 1848 and the spirit of the 1912 Lawrence strike, we invite you to submit a **SONG, CHANT, OR SHORT VIDEO (up to 5 minutes in length)** that provocatively illuminates the issues and can stir up action! We especially encourage submissions that use humor and satire, and are sharp, rousing, and inspiring! There are cash prizes for the winners, and the winning entries and honorable mentions will be shown in our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary session in New Orleans!!

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**Background on the Spirit of 1848:** Back in 1994, when we founded the Spirit of 1848, we boldly announced our 1<sup>st</sup> public meeting as a place to bring together *“Politics, Passion, and Public Health.”* Our goal, then as now, was to “form a network concerned with social inequalities in health” and to create a place for those of us linking social justice & public health “to talk more with other people working to understand and change how social divisions based on social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, and age affect the public’s health.”

And here we are 20 years later, having established a critical forum that remains true to our name – which, as we explained in our original flyer:

“... captures our intentions: 1848 marks a high point in the early days of the worldwide public health movement and its links to other burgeoning movements for social justice – the anti-slavery movement, the women’s rights movement, the trade union movement, the child welfare movement, and other political movements calling for social and economic democracy. 1848 evokes a spirit of optimism and commitment to social change that we can learn from and build on, and that can still serve to inspire us in our daily work.”

Hence our **SPECIAL AWARD FOR SONGS, CHANTS, AND SHORT VIDEOS** to fuel our spirits and inspire action **LINKING SOCIAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC HEALTH!** – and we invite you to submit!!!

<sup>1</sup> Baker RS. The revolutionary strike: a new form of industrial struggle as exemplified at Lawrence, Massachusetts. The American Magazine 1912; 74:19C-30C (quote from p. 30A)

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPIRIT OF 1848 AWARD FOR BEST SONG, CHANT AND SHORT VIDEO LINKING SOCIAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC HEALTH

1) Submissions due:	<b>APRIL 30, 2014</b>
2) Requirements:	<p>To qualify for submission, the material submitted must be newly created (within the last year), original, and submitted by its creators:</p> <p>a) date created/produced/published: on or after January 1, 2013</p> <p>b) must be submitted by someone who authored/produced/published or otherwise played a creative role in generating the work</p>
3) Submission format:	<p>a) send requested material to: <a href="mailto:spiritof1848@yahoo.com">spiritof1848@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>b) in the subject of the email, state: "entry for Spirit of 1848 award"</p> <p>c) in the body of the email provide the following information:</p> <p>-- AUTHOR/CONTACT: your name, email address, and organizational affiliation</p> <p>-- CATEGORY: SONG, CHANT, or SHORT VIDEO</p> <p>-- ENTRY INFORMATION: text and weblink, as described below</p> <p>i) <b>SONG</b>: send <u>title and lyrics of song, and date of its creation</u>, in the email text and include weblink to video performance of song</p> <p>ii) <b>CHANT</b>: send <u>title and words of chant, and date of its creation</u>, in the email text and include weblink to video performance of chant</p> <p>Note: by chant, we mean a short political statement/slogan that people can chant when at a demonstration, marching, etc; classic examples are: "What do we want?/Health care/When do we want it?/Now"; "This is what democracy looks like"; "El pueblo, unido, jamas seras vencido/The people, united, will never be defeated")</p> <p>iii) <b>SHORT VIDEO</b>: the video should be no longer than 5 minutes; in the email text, include the video's title, length, and <u>weblink to the video, and also its date of creation</u></p> <p><b>DO *NOT* INCLUDE ANY ATTACHMENTS TO THE EMAIL!!!!</b></p>
4) Award	<p><b>BEST SONG: \$ 175</b> <b>BEST CHANT: \$ 25</b> <b>BEST VIDEO: \$ 300</b></p> <p><b>All winners and honorable mentions will be shown at the Spirit of 1848 APHA 2014 session:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CELEBRATING &amp; CRITICALLY REFLECTING ON 20 YEARS OF THE SPIRIT OF 1848: PASSION, POLITICS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH</b></p> <p><b>Monday, November 17, 2014, 4:30 to 6:00 pm, 142<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA; New Orleans, LA; November 15-19, 2014)</b></p> <p>Note: we give our thanks to California Newsreel for providing the prize money!</p>
5) Judging	Judges will be drawn from the members of the Spirit of 1848 Coordinating Committee, the filmmakers who created "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?," and the leadership of the Praxis Project.
6) Notification of winners	<p><b>June 2, 2014</b> (to coincide with when APHA announces abstract decisions)</p> <p>-- <b>Winners &amp; honorable mentions will be posted on the Spirit of 1848 listserv and website</b> (and will also be notified individually, using email address entered with the submissions)</p>

## **ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF 1848:**

We invite you to visit our website, at <http://www.spiritof1848.org/> , and also to subscribe to our listserv – see details below, along with our mission statement.

### **SPIRIT OF 1848 LISTSERVE**

We welcome posting on social justice & public health that provide:

- a) information (e.g. about conferences or job announcements or publications relevant to and making explicit links between social justice & public health), and
- b) substantive queries or comments directly addressing issues relevant to and making explicit links between social justice and public health.

If your posting is only about social justice/political issues, or only about public health issues, and does not explicitly connect issues of social justice & public health, please do not post it on this listserv.

Please note that the listserv does not accept attachments. For petitions, please post only the text, accompanied by the explicit instruction not to reply to the listserv but to reply to you directly with signatures.

#### **Community email addresses:**

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For more information, please see the Spiritof1848 Listserv Semi-Regular Reminder or e-mail the list owner.

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November 2002

The Spirit of 1848: A Network linking Politics, Passion, and Public Health

Purpose and Structure

The Spirit of 1848 is a network of people concerned about social inequalities in health. Our purpose is to spur new connections among the many of us involved in different areas of public health, who are working on diverse public health issues (whether as researchers, practitioners, teachers, activists, or all of the above), and live scattered across diverse regions of the United States and other countries. In doing so, we hope to help counter the fragmentation that many of us face: within and between disciplines, within and between work on particular diseases or health problems, and within and between different organizations geared to specific issues or social groups. By making connections, we can overcome some of the isolation that we feel and find others with whom we can develop our thoughts, strategize, and enhance efforts to eliminate social inequalities in health.

Our common focus is that we are all working, in one way or another, to understand and change how social divisions based on social class, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, and age affect the public's health. As an activist and scholarly network, we have established four committees to conduct our work:

- 1) Public Health Data: this committee will focus on how and why we measure and study social inequalities in health, and develop projects to influence the collection of data in US vital statistics, health surveys, and disease registries.
- 2) Curriculum: this committee will focus on how public health and other health professionals and students are trained, and will gather and share information about (and possibly develop) courses and materials to spur critical thinking about social inequalities in health, in their present and historical context.
- 3) E-Networking: this committee will focus on networking and communication within the Spirit of 1848, using e-mail, web page, newsletters, and occasional mailings; it also coordinates the newly established student poster session.
- 4) History: this committee is in liaison with the Sigerist Circle, an already established organization of public health and medical historians who use critical theory (Marxian, feminist, post-colonial, and otherwise) to illuminate the history of public health and how we have arrived where we are today; its presence in the Spirit of 1848 will help to ensure that our network's projects are grounded in this sense of history, complexity, and context.

Work among these committees will be coordinated by our Coordinating Committee, which consists of chair/co-chairs and the chairs/co-chairs of each of the four sub-committees. To ensure accountability, all public activities sponsored by the Spirit of 1848 (e.g., public statements, mailings, sessions at conferences, other public actions) will be organized by these committees and approved by the Coordinating Committee (which will communicate on at least a monthly basis). Annual meetings of the network (so that we can actually see each other and talk together) will take place at the yearly American Public Health Association meetings. Finally, please note that we are NOT a dues-paying membership organization. Instead, we are an activist, volunteer network: you become part of the Spirit of 1848 by working on one of our projects, through one of our committees--and we invite you to join in!

NB: for additional information the Spirit of 1848 and our choice of name, see:

--Coordinating Committee of Spirit of 1848 (Krieger N, Zapata C, Murrain M, Barnett E, Parsons PE, Birn AE). Spirit of 1848: a network linking politics, passion, and public health. *Critical Public Health* 1998; 8:97-103.

--Krieger N, Birn AE. A vision of social justice as the foundation of public health: commemorating 150 years of the spirit of 1848. *Am J Public Health* 1998; 88:1603-6 .

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**1840-1847:** Louis Rene Villermé publishes the first major study of workers' health in France, *A Description of the Physical and Moral State of Workers Employed in Cotton, Linen, and Silk Mills* (1840) and Flora Tristan, based in France, publishes her *London Journal: A Survey of London Life in the 1830s* (1840), a pathbreaking account of the extreme poverty and poor health of its working classes; in England, Edwin Chadwick publishes *General Report on Sanitary Conditions of the Laboring Population in Great Britain* (1842); first child labor laws in the Britain and the United States (1842); end of the Second Seminole War (1842); prison reform movement in the United States initiated by Dorothea Dix (1843); Frederick Engels publishes *The Condition of the Working Class in England* (1844); John Griscom publishes *The Sanitary Condition of the Laboring Population of New York with Suggestions for Its Improvement* (1845); Irish famine (1845-1848); start of US-Mexican war (1846); Frederick Douglass founds *The North Star*, an anti-slavery newspaper (1847); Southwood Smith publishes *An Address to the Working Classes of the United Kingdom on their Duty in the Present State of the Sanitary Question* (1847)

**1848:**

World-wide cholera epidemic

Uprisings in Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Sicily, Milan, Naples, Parma, Rome, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, and Dakar; start of Second Sikh war against British in India

In the midst of the 1848 revolution in Germany, Rudolf Virchow founds the medical journal *Medical Reform* (*Die Medizinische Reform*), and publishes his classic "Report on the Typhus Epidemic in Upper Silesia," in which he concludes that preserving health and preventing disease requires "full and unlimited democracy"

Revolution in France, abdication of Louis Philippe, worker uprising in Paris, and founding of The Second Republic, which creates a public health advisory committee attached to the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce and establishes network of local public health councils

First Public Health Act in Britain, which creates a General Board of Health, empowered to establish local boards of health to deal with the water supply, sewerage, cemeteries, and control of "offensive trades," and also to conduct surveys of sanitary conditions

The newly formed American Medical Association sets up a Public Hygiene Committee to address public health issues

First Women's Rights Convention in the United States, at Seneca Falls

Seneca Nation of Indians makes and adopts its Constitution for elected government

Henry Thoreau publishes *Civil Disobedience*, to protest paying taxes to support the United States' war against Mexico

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels publish *The Communist Manifesto*

**1849-1854:** Elizabeth Blackwell sets up the New York Dispensary for Poor Women and Children (1849); John Snow publishes *On the Mode of Communication of Cholera* (1849); Lemuel Shattuck publishes *Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts* (1850); founding of the London Epidemiological Society (1850); Indian Wars in the southwest and far west (1849-1892); Compromise of 1850 retains slavery in the United States and Fugitive Slave Act passed; Harriet Beecher Stowe publishes *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852); Sojourner Truth delivers her "Ain't I a Woman" speech at the Fourth Seneca Fall convention (1853); John Snow removes the handle of the Broad Street Pump to stop the cholera epidemic in London (1854)