

The *Center on Social Disparities in Health* and *Student Health Professionals for Social Responsibility* present:

"War, Terrorism, and Public Health"

by

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(Lunch will be provided!)

Victor Sidel is a graduate of Princeton University with honors in physics and of Harvard Medical School with honors in biophysics. After training in internal medicine and in biophysics at Harvard Medical School and at the National Health Institute in Bethesda, he headed the Community Medicine Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital and studied epidemiology and biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Sidel has served as president of the American Public Health Association. He was one of the Founders of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) in 1961 and was its president in 1987-88. In 1980 he was one of the founders of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), the recipient of the 1985 Nobel Prize for Peace, and was its co-president from 1993-1998. He has spoken and published extensively on the nature of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and the health consequences associated with their production, storage, use and disposal and on the diversion of resources and the curtailment of human rights entailed in responses to the threat of bioterrorism. Dr. Sidel is co-editor with Dr. Barry Levy of *War and Public Health* (Oxford University Press, 1997; updated paperbound edition, American Public Health Association, 2000) and of *Terrorism and Public Health* (Oxford University Press, 2003).