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what we  
cannot cure*

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Dear Josh,

I would like to start off 2026 with a huge THANK YOU to all who supported and gave to Oregon PSR at the year's end. We are so grateful, and because of your generosity we can continue to fight for an Oregon that is free from fossil fuels and nuclear power.

We are gearing up for a busy legislative session, with our legislative priorities set to be announced next week. While we continue to combat the countless threats to our democracy and work to protect the planet from climate change and nuclear war, we are motivated and ready to go. Our goal remains clear: to ensure that everyone who lives in our great state will be able to breathe clean air and live in safe, healthy communities, not next to datacenters powered by nuclear reactors.

Like most of you, we are horrified, disgusted, and angered over the actions of ICE. As an organization of healthcare professionals and advocates, the murder of an ICU nurse in Minnesota, Alex Pretti, hits particularly close to home. We know how selfless nurses are and the incredible and often thankless work they do on a daily basis. We stand with all of those in Oregon and throughout the country living through this nightmare and fighting back every day in support of their families, their neighbors, and their communities. We encourage you, if you're able, to support organizations working to [support their community in Minnesota](#), as well as local organizations such as [Oregon Worker Relief](#), providing support to families impacted by ICE arrests, and [PIRC](#). While our organizational focus is on confronting climate change and the nuclear threat, we know these struggles are deeply intertwined with fights against racism, economic inequality, and imperialism. We will never stop fighting for you and advocating on your behalf. Thank you again.



As the climate crisis intensifies, so does the threat to our health. That's why bold legislation is needed. Oregon PSR is thrilled to announce that we've joined the Make Polluters Pay coalition, standing shoulder to shoulder with passionate advocates and organizations to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for the damage they have caused. We're energized to champion legislation that will help Oregon transition to a clean, renewable energy future and empower Oregonians to adopt energy-efficient, electric appliances and technologies.



## [Make Polluters Pay Storytelling Workshop](#)

Join us and the **Make Polluters Pay Coalition** for a virtual storytelling workshop focused on building support for the Climate Resilience Superfund bill and holding major polluters accountable for climate damages.

Everyone has a story worth sharing.

Join us to learn how to find yours, and craft it into a short, compelling message that will convince your neighbors and lawmakers alike that big oil and gas companies need to pay their fair share for the climate impacts they've caused. We hope to see you there!

**WHEN:** TONIGHT, January 27 | 6:00–7:30 PM

**WHERE:** Zoom (link shared with those registered)

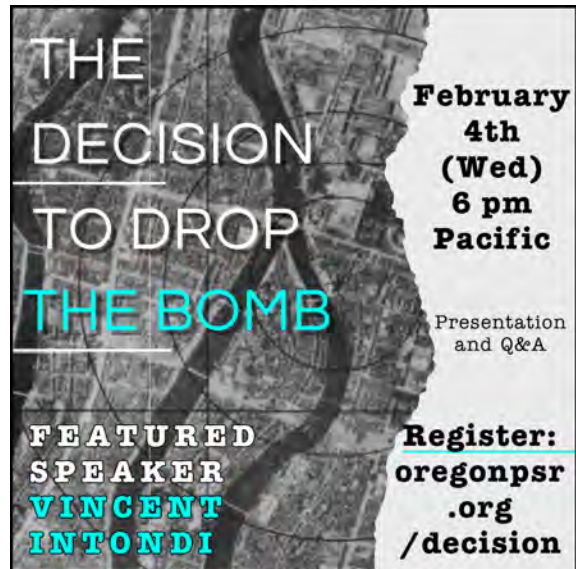
Register for the Workshop

## [The Decision to Drop the Bomb](#)

February 4 (Wednesday) | 6:00 PM | Zoom

Earlier this month, you saw [Bombshell](#), and learned the story of the propaganda and cover up that took place following the dropping of the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Now, join us next week, on **Wednesday, February 4 at 6:00 PM** to learn the real history of **the decision to drop the bomb**.



Oregon PSR presents a virtual presentation by Executive Director **Vincent Intondi**. Register for the zoom at [oregonpsr.org/decision](https://oregonpsr.org/decision).

The presentation takes place on **World Cancer Day**, a moment that underscores the importance of examining nuclear weapons decisions, given the well-documented links between [nuclear weapons radiation exposure](#) and [increased cancer risk](#).

## Register for the Zoom



Today, January 27, 2026, marks the **75th anniversary of the first atmospheric nuclear test at the Nevada Test Site**, the beginning of more than 900 nuclear tests conducted there through 1992. Last fall President Trump announced his decision to resume nuclear testing - a position on which Oregon PSR [vehemently disagrees](#). For more on the terrible consequences of previous nuclear tests, check out the documentary [Downwind](#), co-directed by Portland's Mark Shapiro ([seen here](#) on a panel with Vin at last fall's Powerhouse Film and Book Festival).

**Today is also the unveiling of the [2026 Doomsday Clock](#).** In 2025, the Doomsday Clock was set at 89 seconds, the closest to midnight, since the clock was established in 1947. That record has been broken today. The Clock, designed to

demonstrate how close humanity is to extinction, was moved to [85 seconds to midnight](#) this morning.

One way in which we risk moving closer to our own extinction would be to allow an unconstrained nuclear arms race to develop between great powers. On February 5th, the New START Treaty is set to expire, and with it, the last remaining formal limits on US and Russian strategic nuclear arsenals. If the New START Treaty were to expire, it would be against the wishes of [over 90% of registered voters](#), who believe that current limits should be maintained or that both the United States and Russia should have their arsenals reduced.

[Click here](#) to listen to statements from members of Congress on the looming threat of New START expiring.

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## Two Events for Global Nuclear Disarmament in Corvallis

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Executive Director **Vincent Intondi** will be featured at two upcoming events in Corvallis focused on global nuclear disarmament, alongside musical guests **Masumi Timson, Halie Loren, Eli Cherry, and Stephen Pierce**.

### Saturday, February 7

📍 *Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan*

333 NW 35th St, Corvallis

🕒 2:00–3:30 PM

🎤 Lecture and discussion

📄 Donations accepted

### Sunday, February 8

📍 *Corvallis Museum*

411 SW 2nd St, Corvallis

🕒 2:00–4:00 PM

🎵 Fundraiser with live music

📄 \$5 museum admission (students free)

These events offer opportunities to engage with the urgent need for nuclear disarmament, support local art and advocacy, and also serve as a reminder of the



many people, across communities and around the world, working toward justice, sustainability, peace, and a better tomorrow.

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### [Make Polluters Pay Advocacy Training for Health Professionals](#)

Join health professional colleagues from across the country to learn about how to make the most of your voice to safeguard the health of our communities by advocating to hold polluters accountable for the health harms of fossil fuels.

We will learn how to use a carefully developed narrative developed by the Fossil Free for Health (FFH) Coalition—linking science, equity, and lived experience through powerful storytelling and advocacy engagement.

We hope you'll join us to boost your advocacy skills and connect with the community working for the success of visionary Make Polluters Pay campaigns!

This is a 90-minute training on **Thursday, February 12, 2026** from 12-1:30pm PT

**Register Here**

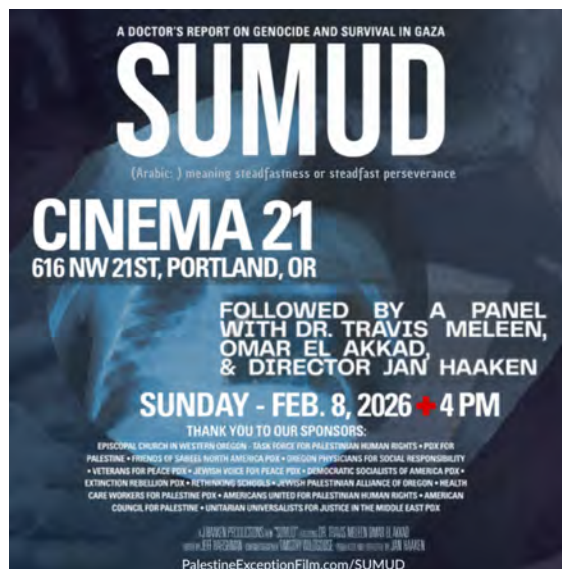
This session is hosted by [Fossil Free for Health](#) Coalition and other health organizations. Please share among your health networks!

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## [Film Screening and Panel](#)

### **SUMUD: A Doctor's Report on Genocide and Survival in Gaza**

From the dismantling of Gaza's health care system, destroyed hospitals, and unavailable medical supplies, to health care workers struggling to survive and continue their work, every aspect of life in Gaza is being destroyed. At this crucial moment, the short film *SUMUD: A Doctor's Report on Genocide and Survival in Gaza* (2025) documents these realities through the voices of those bearing witness.



As journalists in Gaza are increasingly killed, Gazan health care workers and international medical volunteers serve as vital reporters of the ongoing genocide. The 26-minute film follows Portland-based anesthesiologist **Travis Meleen** volunteering in Gaza, with commentary from journalist and author **Omar El Akkad**, author of *One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This*. A panel discussion will follow the screening.

*SUMUD* is directed by **Jan Haaken**, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Portland State University, and is a sequel to *The Palestine Exception*. Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility is a sponsor of this event.

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

4:00 PM

[Cinema 21](#)

616 NW 21st Ave, Portland, OR



### **[Silent War: The Shadow of Atomic Bombs \(2025\)](#)**

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Executive Director **Vincent Intondi** will participate in a film screening and roundtable discussion examining the global history and legacy of the atomic bombings of Japan and Cold War era nuclear weapons testing.

The film *Silent War: The Shadow of Atomic Bombs* is based on Dr. Robert Jacobs' book *Nuclear Bodies: The Global Hibakusha* and will be followed by a roundtable discussion of the film and Dr. Jacobs' work.

**Wednesday, February 11**

4:00–6:30 PM

University of Oregon

McKenzie Hall 129

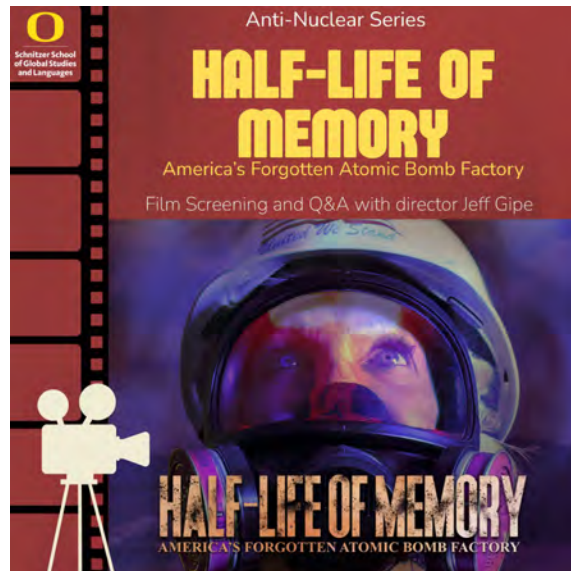
Roundtable presenters include **Dr. Robert Jacobs**, **Dr. Ran Zwigenberg**, and **Dr. Vincent Intondi**.

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### Film Screening and Q&A

#### **Half-Life of Memory: America's Forgotten Atomic Bomb Factory**

*Half-Life of Memory* exposes the legacy of Rocky Flats, the central nuclear weapons production facility in the United States from 1952 to 1989, and the long-term consequences of radioactive contamination and secrecy surrounding the site.



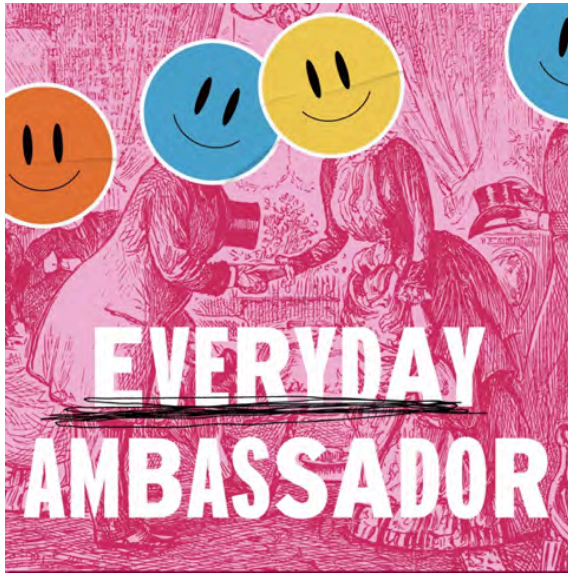
The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the film's director, **Jeff Gipe**, whose work examines the lasting impacts of the U.S. nuclear weapons complex.

**Wednesday, February 25**

5:00–6:30 PM

University of Oregon

Lawrence Hall 115



**Vincent Intondi**  
**Featured on**  
**Everyday**  
**Ambassador**

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Executive Director **Vincent Intondi** was recently featured on the podcast [Everyday Ambassador](#), where he discussed the pivotal role Black Americans have played in opposing nuclear weapons.

The conversation explored how African American leaders, artists, clergy, and organizers have historically connected nuclear disarmament to struggles against racism, colonialism, poverty, and environmental injustice, and how communities of color have borne disproportionate harms from nuclear weapons production, testing, and use. Intondi also reflected on debates within the disarmament movement, the importance of coalition-building, and the unfinished work of nuclear abolition today.

[Listen Here](#)

This appearance follows Intondi's recent speaking engagement at Linn-Benton Community College honoring Martin Luther King Jr., which was covered by the [Linn County Democrats](#).

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[Video for Rumble on the River 28: What's the Deal with Data Centers? is now available](#)

If you weren't able to attend **Rumble on the River 28: What's the Deal with Data Centers?** held earlier this month, you can now watch a video of the event [here](#).

Panel:

**Sarah Wochele**, Equity Analyst & Advocate with Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

**Nellie McAdams**, Executive Director of Oregon Agricultural Trust

**Kelly Campbell**, Policy Director with Columbia Riverkeeper

**Kaleb Lay**, Director of Research & Policy with Oregon Rural Action

**Dr. Ana Carolina de Assis Nunes**, Post-Doctoral Fellow at Data & Society Research Institute



### Want to learn more on the impact of Data Centers?

On Thursday January 29th 5pm PT, **Nuclear Energy Information Service** presents their monthly event, **Night With The Experts!**

This month's **Night With The Experts** is on [Atomic Convergence: Artificial Intelligence and Nuclear Power](#) and is featuring Lloyd Marbet and Cathryn Chudy of the Oregon Conservancy Foundation.

[Click to register for Atomic Convergence](#)

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As always, we are deeply grateful for your continued support of Oregon PSR and all that you make possible. Your dedication helps us protect community health, confront the threats of climate change and nuclear weapons, and work for a more peaceful and just future.

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