

# **Kristie Holmes**

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## **Description**

KRISTIE HOLMES, PhD, LCSW, specializes in topics related to global health, gender and media, as well as technology's impact on relationships. She has spent a significant amount of time in the past 8 years working on projects related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals) and human rights with Zero Mothers Die and Millennia 2025 Foundation.

She has a passion for helping other women find their voice. She has acted as moderator for an NGO at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, as well as participated as a panelist at the Women Leaders Forum as part of the United Nations General Assembly. Currently, she serves on the board of United Nations Women U.S. National Committee and works with Give an Hour, which donates clinical time to veterans in need of services who are often on a waiting list. She serves on Disaster Mental Health Deployments with the American Red Cross. Holmes ran for Congress in 2014 in California's District 33.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Corporate Training

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## **Industry Expertise**

Women, International Affairs, Education/Learning, Health Care - Providers, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Services, Legislative Office, Government Relations

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## **Topics**

school shootings, Generation Z, maternal, Women, Technology's Impact on Relationships, Gender and Media, Global Health, United Nations, disaster response, mortality, Equality - Political

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## **Affiliations**

National Association of Social Work, Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy, United Nations Women US National Committee, Global Goals United Nations (Sustainable Development Goals), American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health

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## **Sample Talks**

## **World Social Work Day 2018**

<https://www.worldsocialworkday.com/speaker/dr-kristie-holmes/>

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### **Past Talks**

#### **Women Leaders Forum**

United Nations General Assembly

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### **Education**

#### **University of Southern California**

M.S.W.

#### **California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo**

B.S.

#### **Capella University Minneapolis Minnesota**

Ph.D. Human Services, Community (Macro) Social Work

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### **Accomplishments**

#### **Commendation Los Angeles Mayor's Office**

In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the social and political fabric of Los Angeles and beyond... Your contributions to enhance the lives of women and girls through your activism, professional and volunteer efforts, talents and passion to see more women elected and appointed to office, led to your nomination for the prestigious honor designed to celebrate the remarkable contributions made by women like you in our community. Congratulations on this significant honor.

#### **California State Assembly Legislative Commendation**

In recognition of your dedication and leadership in increasing women's participation in the political process, and through your achievements furthering equality for all women. On behalf of the 50th Assembly District of the State of California, acknowledgement is merited and hereby rendered with sincere congratulation and appreciation.

#### **California State Controller Commendation**

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In honor and recognition of your exemplary leadership and dedication to your community, congratulations on being honored by the National Women's Political Caucus. Best wishes for your continued success.

### **California State Senate Commendation 2016**

Presented to Dr. Kristie Holmes in honor of your outstanding contributions to the social and political fabric of Los Angeles Westside and beyond, The NWPC project is designed to celebrate remarkable contributions made by women like you in our community. Your contributions enhance the lives of women and girls through your activism, professional and volunteer efforts, talent and passion to see more women elected and appointed to office led to your nomination for this prestigious honor.

### **National Women's Political Caucus, 12 Remarkable Women 2016**

"Women are underrepresented at every level of government across the country. There is a vital need for a substantive discussion about ways to work towards equal representation," said Levinson. "I am thankful to NWPC for providing this platform, and for recognizing the important work these women and this organization perform throughout the community."

The event recognizes the outstanding contributions and remarkable achievements made by the women who live, work and give back to our community.

### **Women Leader, Women Leader's Forum United Nations**

United Nations General Assembly (twice honored).

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## **Testimonials**

### **Barbi Appelquist**

"Dr. Holmes speaks to hearts and minds. She is able to connect with any audience, from medical professionals to stay-at-home moms, by sharing her personal stories about overcoming obstacles while also discussing data points at macro and micro levels. Her ability to highlight data in a personal way makes her an effective and empathetic speaker."

### **Shannon Russell**

"In today's healthcare, it's so important to hear about various medical therapies through patients who have experienced the treatment firsthand. Kristie has served as an advocate for the growing population of heart disease patients by sharing her incredible story of recovery after suffering a spontaneous coronary dissection. Kristie's delivery is captivating, honest and even (somehow in her unique way) peppered with comic relief. She has a special way of reaching any audience, allowing them the opportunity to truly connect with her and clearly understand the importance of her message. "

## **OWN IT EVENTS TEAM**

"Our team at USC OWN IT are so appreciative you came to our event this past Saturday, September 24th. We want to write our genuine thanks for your time and wisdom shared with our student attendees.

This was our first time hosting OWN IT at USC, and furthermore, USC's first undergraduate women's leadership conference. Before the event, we were excited to hear about the widespread enthusiasm amongst both male and female students looking forward to this Saturday. After the event, we were more than ecstatic to hear students asking us to do this again in the following years. Your participation was ultimately responsible for the success of USC OWN IT.

Because of your time, over 450 undergraduate women and men left feeling a sense of empowerment or identification with the values we hold. A large part of our university student body has been deeply moved by your insight and advice - most who are only freshmen or sophomores. Thank you for playing your part in mentoring the next group of industry movers and shakers!

Thank you again for making this event so special to our students and so fun for us to plan! We hope to see you next year!"

### **Dr. Angela Henderson**

"We received enthusiastic feedback in response to your talk on Capitol Hill. It tied together the contributions each Congressperson made to the advancement of Social Justice Issues. Participants left with insight and next steps to inspiring advocacy at their own universities and communities in a practical way. Your presentation balanced both education and engagement of the audience - which is a challenge for most speakers. Thank you! "

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