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Partners in Prevention: Engaging the Campus Community to Prevent Gender-Based Violence

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SPEAKER BIOS

Suzanne Goldberg
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Ms. Suzanne Goldberg has served in the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights since day one of the Biden-Harris administration as Acting Assistant Secretary (January – October 2021) and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Operations and Outreach. Goldberg brings extensive experience in civil rights leadership, with expertise in gender and sexuality law, and many years as a university administrator and faculty member. Before joining the U.S. Department of Education, Ms. Goldberg was the inaugural Executive Vice President for University Life at Columbia University and on the faculty of Columbia Law School, where she is on a public service leave from her role as the Herbert and Doris Wechsler Clinical Professor of Law at Columbia Law School. She founded the Law School’s Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic, the first of its kind in the nation, and was co-founder and co-director of the Law School’s Center for Gender and Sexuality Law. Ms. Goldberg earlier served as a senior staff attorney with Lambda Legal, a national legal organization committed to the full recognition of the civil rights of LGBT people and people living with HIV. Ms. Goldberg holds a law degree with honors from Harvard University and a bachelor’s degree with honors from Brown University and was a Fulbright Fellow at the National University of Singapore.
Mia Maxwell  
Title IX Coordinator, Tuskegee University, an HBCU in Alabama  

Ms. Mia Maxwell is the Title IX Coordinator for Tuskegee University. Previously, Ms. Maxwell worked as a practicing attorney serving clients in real estate law, family law and criminal law. She is a graduate of Tuskegee University and Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law.

Meg Bossong  
Director, Sexual Assault Response, and Health Education, Williams College, a private liberal arts college in Massachusetts  

Ms. Meg Bossong is the Director of the Prevention, Education, and Advocacy in Community (PEACe) Office at Williams College. In that role, she is responsible for all aspects of student-facing sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking prevention, response, and advocacy programs as well as the broader health education program at Williams. The most exciting thing she’s thinking about right now is the connection between transformative justice practices and prevention. Prior to Williams, she worked for 7 years in several roles at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, organizing communities to prevent sexual violence and working with colleagues and partners across sectors to improve prevention opportunities and systems responses based on the experiences of those harmed by sexual violence. While her education has come partly from institutions (Ms. Bossong holds a B.A. in Political Science from Williams College and an M.S. from Northeastern University in Law and Public Policy.), it comes more fully from the history of many justice movements, books and podcasts, storytelling, being in community with people, and in the words of Amita Swadhin, “people who trusted me with wisdom that goes beyond my own experience,” for which she is deeply grateful.
Ryan Kane
Assistant Vice President, Equity and Access, and Title IX Coordinator, Valencia College, a community college in Florida

In his role as Assistant Vice President, Equity and Access, Mr. Ryan Kane has served as Title IX Coordinator at Valencia College since spring, 2015. Mr. Kane leads the Equal Opportunity, Employee Relations, Leave & Access Services, and Employee Records and Services teams; leads the College’s Equal Opportunity Coordination Committee and also serves as the College’s Section 504 Coordinator. As Title IX Coordinator, Mr. Kane developed and facilitated trainings for students and employees. Prior to arriving at Valencia, Ryan most recently served as Director of Student Conduct & Deputy Title IX Coordinator at Towson University, where he also enjoyed roles in Housing & Residence Life, Academic Advising and taught as part-time faculty. Mr. Kane earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Franklin & Marshall College and a master’s degree in Counseling Psychology from Towson University.

Lisa Evaneski
Title IX Coordinator, SUNY Oswego, a public college in New York

Ms. Lisa M. Evaneski is the Title IX Coordinator at SUNY Oswego. Ms. Evaneski earned a Master of Education in college student development and counseling from Northeastern University and a Bachelor of Science in education from Wheelock College. She has worked in Higher Education for 35 years serving primarily in Title IX, student conduct, new student orientation and residence life. Lisa has been instrumental in campus wide compliance with Title IX at SUNY Oswego and has presented and consulted at the national and regional level, specifically related to her work with Clery, Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act as well as social justice. Lisa received the ACPA Diamond Honoree Award in March 2022 and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in August 2022.
Katryna Saris  
Director, Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center, University of Missouri-Columbia, a public university in Missouri

Ms. Katryna Sardis oversees the Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center located within the University of Missouri-Columbia. During her four years in the professional field, Ms. Sardis has worked her way up from a graduate assistant to an education coordinator, to achieving the director position. Ms. Sardis holds a master’s degree in Social Work and is currently obtaining her Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Throughout her professional career, she has learned the nuances of producing sexual violence response, education, and prevention efforts within higher education. In her role, Ms. Sardis facilitates and oversees all relationship and sexual violence case management services, prevention, and education for the campus and develops a network of professionals passionate about creating a more secured campus community for students, staff, and fac. She strives to ensure she educates the campus community on how they can protect each other from power-based personal violence throughout all her work.

Sarah DeGue  
Senior Scientist, Research and Evaluation Branch, Division of Violence Prevention, CDC

Dr. Sarah DeGue, PhD, is a Senior Scientist in CDC’s Division of Violence Prevention. Dr. DeGue’s research is focused on the development and rigorous evaluation of strategies for the primary prevention of sexual and dating violence perpetration. Since 2008, she has served as a federal subject matter expert on sexual violence prevention within CDC and in consultation with other federal agencies and departments, community-based organizations, and educational institutions. As lead for CDC’s Dating Matters® teen dating violence prevention initiative, her work has focused on national dissemination of the first comprehensive, multi-level teen dating violence prevention model to ensure widespread adoption of this evidence-based strategy in communities across the US. Her other current research interests include law enforcement-related violence and targeted violence. Dr. DeGue earned her Ph.D. in Clinical (Forensic) Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and BA in Psychology/Sociology from the University of Michigan.
Karla Arango  
Student & President, Norse Violence Prevention Ambassador Program, Northern Kentucky University, a public university in Kentucky

A curious soul who has found her voice through her resilience. As a first-generation student at Northern Kentucky University, she has had to find how to navigate a system that is foreign to her while trying to find herself. In 2019, she became a survivor and since then has been using her strength to empower other survivors and amplify their voice. Ms. Karla Arango works directly with her university's violence prevention program as the student coordinator where she does advocacy and prevention work for survivors of interpersonal violence. She helps coordinate and facilitate workshops regarding bystander intervention and consent.

Rosie Hidalgo  
Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence and Special Assistant to the President, Gender Policy Council, The White House

Ms. Rosie Hidalgo currently serves as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence at the White House Gender Policy Council. She has worked in the movement to end gender-based violence for over 25 years as a public interest attorney and as a national policy advocate. Most recently, she was the Senior Director of Public Policy for Esperanza United, a national resource center with a focus on providing training, research, and policy advocacy to prevent and end domestic violence and sexual assault. Ms. Hidalgo previously served as the Deputy Director for Policy at the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice during the Obama-Biden Administration and served on a detail to the Office of the Vice President, working with the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women.

Silvia Zenteno  
Senior Director of Education and Research, It’s On Us

Ms. Silvia Zenteno is the Senior Director of Education and Research at It’s On Us, the nation’s largest nonprofit program dedicated to activating students on campuses on sexual assault prevention and awareness. Ms. Zenteno is a proud Latina, a survivor activist, and an expert in national campus sexual assault programming and data collection. She has worked with multiple federal, state, private, and nonprofit groups to improve their response to violent crimes.
Her work is rooted in improving access to sexual assault response and prevention services for students and ensure they are relevant and effective. Born in Bolivia and raised in Alexandria, VA, Ms. Zenteno stayed close to home to attend George Washington University, where she earned a B.S. in Political Science in 2015. She currently lives with her dog, Collin (also from Bolivia), in Washington, DC.