

Preventing Campus Sexual Violence in Virginia: Using a Social Justice Lens to Advance our Work
Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center
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Session Descriptions

Keynote Presentation (9:00 – 10:15 am)

Connecting the Dots: Sexual Violence Prevention as Social Justice

Duane de Four

(Roanoke Ballroom C/D)

This keynote will use current examples from the media to explore systemic acceptance of sexism and its connection to sexual violence; as well as violence prevention work and other efforts to achieve social justice.

Breakout Time Slot #1 (10:30 – 11:45 am)

A. Mentors in Violence Prevention

Duane de Four

(Roanoke Ballroom E)

In this session participants will engage in interactive discussions based on elements of the MVP curriculum. It will be an opportunity to learn more about the MVP program and how it has managed to find success in a variety of settings, including; high schools, college athletic departments, professional sports teams and the US military.

B. You Da Man: Understanding the Pressure to “Man Up” and Its Impact on College Men

Robert Franklin, Virginia Department of Health

(Roanoke Ballroom F)

This workshop explores masculinity and male gender roles within the context of sexual violence prevention. Participants will be able to define the challenges of engaging men in prevention, learn ways to overcome those barriers and gain a knowledge of programs that engage men as part of the solution to ending sexual violence.

C. Effective Sexual Violence Prevention on Campus: 9 Keys to Building Sustainable Programming

Liz Cascone, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

Jonathan Yglesias, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

(Roanoke Ballroom G/H)

During this workshop participants will learn about *Virginia’s Guideline’s for the Primary Prevention of Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence*. These guidelines were developed based on the experiences of local prevention practitioners and the best available research in the field of sexual and intimate partner violence prevention. Whether you are just beginning to develop programming on your campus or you are looking for ways to improve and expand your existing programs, this tool offers concrete bench marks, best practices, and examples to help you take the next step.

Breakout Time Slot #2 (1:00 – 2:15 pm)

A. Human Trafficking: A Look Beneath the Surface

Sara Pomeroy, Richmond Justice Initiative

(Roanoke Ballroom E)

Attendees will learn about the issue of human trafficking locally and globally. They will learn the portrait of a victim, signs of suspicious activity and who to call to report such activity. They will get an overview of Virginia state legislation that has passed and where weak areas still remain. They will learn about the work of Richmond Justice Initiative, their programs, and our affiliated organizations and learn practice steps on how to be a part of ending human trafficking and being a part of the solution.

B. Preventing Sexual Violence Through Bystander Intervention

Rebecca Wilder, Project Horizon

(Roanoke Ballroom F)

Utilizing information from three national bystander intervention programs - Green Dot, Bringing in the Bystander, and Step Up, this workshop will provide participants with information on the concept of bystander intervention, and how that can be applied to the prevention of sexual violence. Participants will get an overview of the different bystander roles before, during, and after an event; they will come to understand the barriers to bystander intervention and techniques to overcome them; and they will become aware of the different skills needed to intervene as a bystander. The presenter will also discuss ways in which college campuses can convey the message that everyone has an important role in the intervention and prevention of sexual violence.

C. Prevention programming on a budget: How to get the most BANG for your limited BUCKS!

Kate McCord, Public Awareness Coordinator, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

Kristen Morrow, Empowerment Evaluation Coordinator, Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

(Roanoke Ballroom G/H)

During this workshop participants will learn about how to stretch limited funds while still implementing effective prevention programming. We will discuss a range of prevention strategies and how campus to prioritize strategies that are relevant to their campus and fit within already existing programming. The reality of shrinking budgets exists for most campuses today; therefore this workshop will introduce how to create a realistic and budget-friendly plan to develop programming over time.

Breakout Time Slot #3 (2:30 – 3:45 pm)

This time slot of the conference agenda will consist of three moderated discussions on topics related to the conference theme – preventing campus sexual violence using a social justice lens. The moderated discussions will give participants the opportunity to dig deeper into the topic, engage in intentional discussion, learn from the perspectives from others in the field, share ideas and challenges, and brainstorm solutions and action items.

A. Moderated discussion on campus and community collaboration

Laura Guilliams, Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley

Jen Underwood, Virginia Tech

(Roanoke Ballroom E)

This moderated discussion will focus on the impacts of campus-community collaborations on advancing sexual violence prevention work on college campuses. Preventing sexual violence is a

primary concern of both community agencies and campuses, yet there are often challenges in working together. Participants will engage in discussion around those challenges by dispelling myths and assumptions, understanding how federal and state guidelines impact the functioning of both types of organizations, and discovering ways to leverage the strengths of each system to best serve college and university students.

B. Moderated discussion on working with non-traditional campuses

***Sarah Higginbotham, Jefferson College of Health Sciences
(Roanoke Ballroom F)***

This moderated discussion will focus on sexual violence prevention work on non-traditional campuses, including community colleges, specialized and professional colleges, branch campuses, for-profit colleges, and others. Participants will engage in discussion around the variety of campus cultures, physical spaces, student characteristics, and salient issues impacting various non-traditional campuses. Participants will also have time to discuss successful initiatives they have implemented, barriers that have been encountered, and possible ideas for overcoming those challenges.

C. Moderated discussion on the impact of federal legislation on campus prevention work

***Christine Dennis Smith, Virginia Tech
(Roanoke Ballroom G/H)***

This moderated discussion will focus on the role federal legislation plays in designing and implementing sexual violence prevention initiatives on campuses. Title IX and the Clery Act both include language about prevention work, yet that language is often overshadowed by the response requirements of those pieces of legislation. Participants will engage in discussion around the impacts of federal and state legislation on campus prevention work, including sharing successes and challenges and looking at potential ways of leveraging the legislation to improve campus sexual violence prevention programming.