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‘Weaving a World without Violence: Transformative Possibilities’

September 14-16, 2017

The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center

Thursday, September 14

Time	Activity Title and speakers	Description	Location
8:15am-10:00am	Loretta Ross - Opening Keynote (continental breakfast 8:15am-9:30am; keynote 8:45am-10am)		King Street Ballroom
10:00am-10:15am	Break		
	Transforming Trauma: Desire Magsombol, Vanessa Sapien	This workshop will examine strategies being used to transform a California prison where sexual abuse of women prisoners by staff and other inmates is commonplace. Speakers will highlight wellness, trauma, art, and community programming for the women living there and how community based rape crisis agencies can use some of these tools to build relationships with their local detention facilities	Shaker Room
	Loretta Ross Workshop		2 King Street Ballroom
	Uplifting and Engaging Marginalized Communities in Anti-Sexual Violence Work: Bridgit Burke, Brittni Gulotty, Brett L. Eisenberg, Phillip A. Burse, Donna Young	We know the statistics surrounding sexual violence but what about the narratives behind the numbers? Women of color, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ individuals, and college students are all communities that disproportionately seek supportive services following their experiences with sexual violence. Research suggests that in institutions where participants feel that the institution is inclusive and welcoming, individuals of these communities are 27 % less likely to be sexually assaulted. This session will explore what an anti-sexual violence strategy looks like through	4 King Street Ballroom



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		<p>an intersectional lens. Participants will leave with a deeper sense of what sexual violence means to certain marginalized communities as well as concrete ways agencies can increase their inclusiveness to survivors and the community.</p>	
	<p>Creative Partnerships: Moving Beyond Law Enforcement. Leah Green</p>	<p>Rural dual/multi-service advocacy agencies traditionally have worked closely with law enforcement, prosecution, and medical staff. While these systems have important roles in our community, there are many other resources and community partners survivors could benefit from. By expanding our idea of community partners we can better meet the needs of survivors.</p>	<p>7 Fort Orange Ballroom</p>
	<p>Collaborating with the Disability Service System to Prevent Sexual Assault and Support Survivors: Meg Stone</p>	<p>Changing social norms, increasing bystander skills, and instituting strong policies are recognized strategies for preventing sexual violence within organizations. Community-based day services, residential programs, and schools for people with disabilities provide unique opportunities and challenges for addressing sexual violence at the organizational level. This workshop will describe the IMPACT:Ability program, an abuse prevention initiative that seeks to change policies and organizational culture within disability service organizations in Massachusetts. Evaluation results will be presented as well as tools to help sexual violence preventionists understand disability services and collaborate effectively.</p>	<p>9 Fort Orange Ballroom</p>
<p>11:45am-12:00pm</p>	<p>Break</p>		



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12:00pm-2:30pm	Power of Our Truths Panel (lunch 12-1pm; panel begins at 12:30pm): Luz Marquez Benbow, Tarana Burke, Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Erin Esposito, Ignacio Rivera, Strong Oak Lefebvre	We believe that ending child sexual abuse is possible. As survivors, we are re-imagining a world without the abuse of children that is grounded in the practice of survivor leadership and activism. Where survivors, organizations and funders are working together to build a vibrant and sustainable movement to end child sexual abuse. During this general session, you will hear from 5 survivor leaders and their work to end child sexual abuse. You will hear storytelling and survivor wisdom; real talk about the experiences and work to end child sexual abuse. This will be an interactive session for rich dialogue.	King Street Ballroom
2:30pm-2:45pm	Break		
2:45pm-4:00pm	Racial Justice Institute panel: Nadya Lawson, Strong Oak Lefebvre, Tracy Wright, Jean Fei, Michelle Dixon-Wall	<p>Transforming our Work: holistic approaches to ending sexual and gender-based violence. How do we work to end violence within a system that is violent at its core? What is our place in transforming the system that fails to protect us from sexual assault? How do we resist participating in the unjust treatment of sexual assault survivors by the criminal justice system and challenge its context of economic inequality, social, political, racial and cultural biases and violence?</p> <p>Panelists Michelle Dixon-Wall, Jean Fei, Strong Oak Lefebvre, and Tracy Wright use personal stories and insights to examine why we talk about racial justice at a conference on ending sexual assault. In small groups,</p>	King Street Ballroom



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		participants will look at the possibilities and challenges of transformative justice and what it means to commit to “All of us or none of us”. Facilitated by Nadya Lawson and Naomi Jaffe from the Dismantling Racism Project of the Social Justice Center of Albany.	
4:00pm-4:15pm	Break		
	White Folks Breakout Session	4 King Street Ballroom	
	People of Color Breakout Session	2 King Street Ballroom	
5:15pm-5:45pm	Wrap up Racial Justice Institute		King Street Ballroom



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Friday, September 15

Time	Activity Title and speakers	Description	Location
8:15am-10:00am	Strong Oak Lefebvre - Keynote (continental breakfast 8:15am-9:30am; keynote 8:45-10am)		King Street Ballroom
10:00am- 10:15am	Break		
	Why Black Lives Matter to the Anti-Sexual Violence Movement Part 1: Michelle Dixon-Wall, Tracy Wright	Join Michelle and Tracy for a facilitated conversation to explore the intersections between the Black Lives Matter movement and the movement to end sexual violence. How do we create positive change that will benefit survivors that live at these intersections?	2 King Street Ballroom
	Role of Respondent Services in Title IX Equity: Michelle Carroll	Earlier this summer, the Trump Administration effectively signaled to collegiate anti-sexual assault advocates that the focus of the next four years will be rolling back the Obama era Title IX guidance and commitment to student survivors. During this workshop, NYSCASA's Director of Campus Projects will present a draft version of NYSCASA's Sample University Respondent Support Program. In introducing this program, we hope to provide support to advocates who work on college campuses as well as promote long-term culture shift on university campuses	24 High Street Conference Center



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Time	Activity Title and speakers	Description	Location
10:15am-11:45am cont.	Sexual Abuse to Sexual Freedom: Ignacio Rivera	In our current system most of us form our sexuality in secret. It is in this culture of silence that sexual abuse is nurtured. Reframing the solution through a lens of comprehensive, intersectional sex(quality) education and open celebration of sexuality shifts the role of power, is preventative and can be used as a healing tool for survivors	4 King Street Ballroom
	Providing Rape Crisis Services to Incarcerated Survivors: Eirik Bjorkman, Jessica George, Lindsey Crusan-Muse, Christopher Bromson, Clarissa Espinoza	This workshop will begin with an overview of the Prison Rape Elimination Act and the federal guidelines as they pertain to rape crisis programs. The federal guidelines will be explored at a deeper level in respect to New York State specifically. Four rape crisis service programs from throughout New York State will discuss their experiences in working with survivors that are incarcerated. They will discuss the many similarities and differences in how working with the incarcerated population compares to providing crisis intervention and support to survivors that are not incarcerated.	The Lodge
	DCJS VAWA Forum: Bill Schaefer	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Funding and Program Development, VAWA/Victim Services Unit staff will share	26 High Street Conference Center



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		information about current and future funding programs including the federal STOP and SASP programs.	
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch & NYSCASA Annual Meeting		King Street Ballroom
1:00pm-1:15pm	Break		
	Why Black Lives Matter to the Anti-Sexual Violence Movement Part II: Michelle Dixon-Wall, Tracy Wright	Join Michelle and Tracy for a facilitated conversation to explore the intersections between the Black Lives Matter movement and the movement to end sexual violence. How do we create positive change that will benefit survivors that live at these intersections?	2 King Street Ballroom
	Strengthening Advocacy Through the Student Conduct Process: Karly Nocera, Christi Waldron, Michelle Carroll	This workshop is geared specifically to advocates and professionals who work with college students. The focus of the workshop is on how advocates can prepare themselves and their clients in the Title IX student misconduct processes. At the conclusion of the presentation, attendees will have an understanding of how to actively advocate for their students in the Title IX process in a trauma informed and victim-centered way.	The Lodge



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<p>1:15pm-2:45pm cont.</p>	<p>Our Story- Our Truth: Women of Color Sexual Assault Survivorship: Teresa Stafford</p>	<p>Sexual assault against Women of Color has historically been an attack not only against their identities as women but their racial identity as well. This presentation will connect the historical sexual assault of Women of Color and its implications for how society responds to Women of Color survivors today.</p>	<p>26 High Street Conference Center</p>
	<p>Moving a Racial Justice Agenda Part I: Jean Fei</p>	<p>These two 90 minute workshops are designed to promote the values and skills we need to identify, analyze and intervene against the lethal effects of racism on our work to end violence against women. The first workshop will examine the intersection of identities that shape our understanding of the world around us, our relationships to power and privilege, and create a vision of an anti-racist work place and develop a personal antiracism plan.</p>	<p>4 King Street Ballroom</p>



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	Trauma, Including Inherited Family Trauma, Is Not Destiny: Deborah Faust	Many people understand generational trauma through a global lens of racial injustice, colonialism and the Holocaust. But, how does a parent's personal account of experiencing trauma play out when raising their children. Participants will leave the presentation with the understanding that trauma, including inherited family trauma, is not destiny.	24 High Street Conference Center
2:45pm-3:00pm	Break		
	Enough is Enough: An initiative to assist our NYS colleges and universities in being safe, healthy, campus communities for students: Lynn Baniak, DOH & Nick Foster, DOH	In 2016, the NYS Department of Health received funding to establish contracts with rape crisis and sexual violence programs to be a resource to colleges and universities in implementing and meeting the requirements of the Enough is Enough law. This workshop will provide an overview of the program, including a discussion of some of the successes and challenges of the first year.	The Lodge
	Working in the Inter-generational Movement to End Sexual Violence Part I: Michelle Dixon-Wall, Tracy Wright	We will explore in an inter-generational community the differences between generations, engage in conversations to explore language and concepts as they relate to our generational experience, and finally work in across	2 King Street Ballroom



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3:00pm-4:30pm cont.		generations to enrich our receptive understanding of the anti-sexual violence movement of which we are all a part.	
	Time to Tell What We Know Part I: Donna Jenson, Emily Samuelson	This workshop is for survivors who are working in the sexual assault field. Designed and led by survivors who create a uniquely supportive environment where survivors' voices can be heard, respected, and understood; where we can share our experiences of working within this issue. The experiential format employs writing, gentle yoga, and mindfulness practices.	24 High Street Conference Center
	Moving a Racial Justice Agenda Part II: Jean Fei	Part II examines the specific stages of multicultural development of your agency to identify appropriate next steps and actions that build on your strengths as you develop a specific plan to advance your antiracism agenda.	4 King Street Ballroom
	An (Abbreviated) Introduction to Community Accountability/Transformative Justice: Mariame Kaba	Participants will discuss how to respond to harm without relying on state punishment systems such as police, jails and prisons. We will focus on defining key terms related to community accountability (CA) and transformative justice (TJ).	26 High Street Conference Center



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	Utilizing Poetry to Ignite Change: Deirdre Loftus	In April 2017, Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York collaborated with The Adirondack Center for Writing to launch the first annual "Listen! Poetry Festival". This unique collaboration between an arts organization and a public health organization offered a community alternative to sexual assault prevention, thus reaching 480 high school and college students..	26 High Street Conference Center
	Working in the Inter-generational Movement to End Sexual Violence Part II: Michelle Dixon-Wall, Tracy Wright	Part II of II.	2 King Street Ballroom
	Time to Tell What We Know Part II: Donna Jenson, Emily Samuelson	This workshop is for survivors who are working in the sexual assault field.	24 High Street Conference Center
	Engaging Men and Boys by Understanding and Responding to Male Sexual Victimization: Elizabeth Cronin, OVS & Thomas R. Andriola, DCJS	To stop the cycle of violence against women, it is necessary to engage men and boys in understanding the dynamics of such violence. But this message ignores the uncomfortable reality that men and boys are also victims of sexual violence. Until we attack the problem of sexual violence together, it will be difficult to engage men and boys in addressing violence against women. We must acknowledge male	The Lodge



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		victimization, and dispel myths about male sexual assault and begin to link services and prevention efforts for both sexes.	
	Transformative Justice, Community-Based Alternatives & Working Towards Organizational Change: Mimi Kim	This workshop provides interactive exercises to consider how organizations providing services for sexual assault might move towards supporting community-based or transformative justice alternatives. As more of our organizations see the need for alternatives and are considering how to move forward, imagining concrete next steps can be overwhelming. How can we "operationalize" change?	4 King Street Ballroom
6:15pm-6:45pm	Break		
6:45pm-8:00pm	Mia Mingus Keynote "Transforming (Violence In) Our Communities: Practice Yields the Sharpest Analysis" (dinner 6:45-7:45pm; Mia's keynote starts at 7pm)	We need transformative justice (TJ) now, more than ever and for more reasons than you might think. Mingus will talk about why TJ is so critical for not only our movements to end violence, but our individual and collective work for liberation at large. Now is the time to roll-up our sleeves and get our hands dirty; to stop only talking about change and work to create it.	King Street Ballroom



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8:15pm-9:45pm	Taina Asili Performance & Presentation – excerpt from “Resilience”		King Street Ballroom

Saturday, September 16

Time	Activity Title and speakers	Description	Location
9:15am-11:45am	Organizing for Community Safety: Lessons Learned in Building Beyond the System. (continental breakfast 9:15-10:30am; panel starts at 9:45): Ejeris Dixon, Mariame Kaba, Mimi Kim, Mia Mingus, & Strong Oak Lefebvre	Trying to figure out what community safety and transformative justice can look like in your community, particularly around sexual and domestic violence? Come check out roundtable of five long-time transformative justice/community safety organizers, educators, and leaders as they discuss their experiences and lessons learned in building community-based alternatives to the criminal legal system in addressing violence	King Street Ballroom
11:45am-12:00pm	Break		
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch & Discussion Groups		Koi Pond
1:00pm-1:15pm	Break		
	Creating Community Safety Systems: Ejeris Dixon	This workshop will focus on best practices for building neighborhood based prevention and intervention programs to address sexual violence, sexual harassment, and street harassment without relying on the criminal justice system	4 King Street Ballroom
	Introduction to Transformative Justice: Mia Mingus	This introduction will offer a basic introduction to and overview of some of the core concepts of transformative justice.	2 King Street Ballroom
	Reclaiming your Body through Divine Creativity: An Exercise in Artistic Healing for Survivors: Rosy Sunshine Galván	This workshop will offer survivors of gender-based violence an opportunity to integrate visual art into their healing regimen. Using multimedia, guided visualizations, and painting techniques, participants will learn how to	6 King Street Ballroom



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1:15pm-2:45pm cont.		intentionally channel ancestral strength while letting go of toxic generational cycles that no longer serve us on our collective paths towards healing. Participants will learn basic techniques for working with acrylic paints and take home their very own 8"x10" paintings.	
	Walking in Balance with All Our Relations: Strong Oak	An American Indian primary prevention bystander intervention curriculum based on indigenous pre-colonization values. The curriculum features twelve values that are relevant to all indigenous communities: These include true democracy, compassion, respect, generosity, courage, wisdom, sacredness, humility, empathy, balance, gratitude, and connection to the land. This curriculum is being evaluated in a culturally appropriate story-telling format that yields both qualitative and quantitative data.	8 King Street Ballroom
2:45pm-3:00pm	Break		
	Free Them All: Mariame Kaba	This workshop will engage participants on how to pro-actively support and advocate for survivors who live at the intersection of gender violence and criminalization. It will highlight the experiences of grassroots organizations and defense committees in supporting those who don't fall into the "perfect victim" narrative.	4 King Street Ballroom
	Building Transformative Justice for the Long Haul: Mapping Your Pod: Mia Mingus	Transformative justice (TJ) and community accountability offer compelling visions and possibilities for liberatory responses to violence in our communities and help us to better envision the world we want to build, but <i>how</i> do we build it? This workshop will introduce the concept of "Pods," one of the concrete tools that a local TJ	2 King Street Ballroom



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3:00pm-4:30pm cont.		collective, the Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective (BATJC), has been using to build and prepare for TJ in our everyday lives.	
	Sex for Survivors: Lyndon Cudlitz	This workshop is designed to hold space for survivors of assault, abuse, etc. to discuss the challenges and triumphs of our own sexual (or not so sexual) journeys. Open to all genders and sexual orientations. <i>(Note: This is not a therapeutic group, and participants will be asked to refrain from sharing detailed information of experiences of trauma. No late arrives.)</i>	6 King Street Ballroom
	Know Your Rights!: Student Edition: Michelle Carroll	This workshop is only for university students. We will discuss New York State's campus sexual assault law and the rights students have. Students will engage in a candid discussion of the successes and failures of the national and state-wide collegiate anti-sexual assault movements.	8 King Street Ballroom
4:30pm-5:00pm	Closing		King Courtyard