

17TH ANNUAL IDMH (VIRTUAL) CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2021

FROM 9/11 TO COVID-19

LESSONS FROM TWO DECADES
OF DISASTER RESPONSE



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SCHEDULE • WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

10 – 10:15 AM

Welcome Message

Brief introduction to our topic and speakers.

Speakers: Amy Nitza, PhD, LMHC, IDMH Director; and Donald P. Christian, President, SUNY New Paltz

10:15 – 11 AM

Resilience in the Whole of Community

Highlighting the importance of personal resilience and stress management in order to serve the community in the most effective and efficient way possible.

Speaker: Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (2009–2017)

11– 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM– 12 PM

Healing and Change: Psychosocial Issues and Dealing with Political Violence

Showing how healing and change can be integrated to strengthen both the individual and society.

Speaker: Brandon Hamber, PhD, John Hume & Thomas P. O'Neill Chair in Peace

12 – 12:45 PM

Lunch

12:45 – 1:30 PM

Underrepresented Voices of 9/11

Join us for a conversation with interdisciplinary professionals as they unpack their personal journeys of self-preservation and mental health advocacy.

Speakers: Danielle Hodes, Senior Program Manager at the National Museum of American History and Co-Lead of the “September 11: An Evolving Legacy” project; Milagros Batista, Co-Founder of Alianza Dominicana and head of the social work department; and Dulcina Abreu, Manager of the NYC Latino 9/11 Collecting Initiative at the National Museum of American History

1:30 – 1:45 PM

Break

1:45 – 2:30 PM

20 Years of Disaster Mental Health

Providing an understanding of the DMH response to the World Trade Center attack in 2001 from a twenty-year perspective.

Speakers: James Halpern, PhD, Founding Director of IDMH; Mary Tramontin, PsyD, Clinical Psychologist, Department of Defense; and Diane Ryan, LCSW, Department of Justice, Office for Victim Assistance

2:30 – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 – 3:30 PM

The Coming Pandemic—Complicated Grief

Addressing factors that complicate grief and offer suggestions that will be necessary to confront the rise in persons seeking mental health services.

Speaker: Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, Senior Vice-President of Grief, The Hospice Foundation of America

3:30 – 3:45 PM

Closing Message; Moment of Silence

Speaker: Rabbi Shira Stern

3:45 – 4 PM

Break

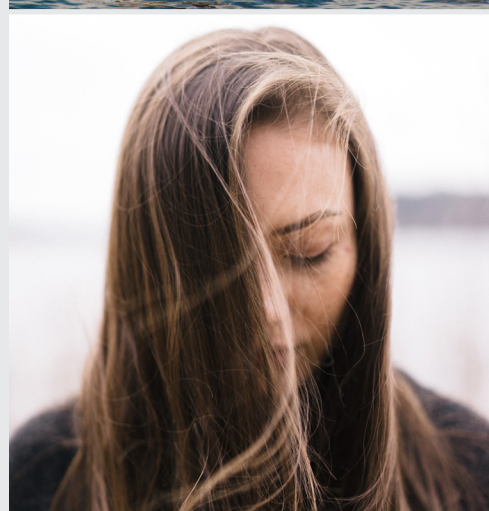
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OPTIONAL CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Culture, Crisis & Clinicians: Integrating Social Justice and Disaster Services

This workshop will help clinicians develop and strengthen their understanding of racial-cultural factors, the impact of racism, and current and intergenerational race-based trauma on themselves and the individuals they support.

Speaker: Aziza Belcher Platt, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, Private Practice



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SCHEDULE • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

10 – 10:15 AM

Welcome Message

Welcome to Day 2 of the 17th Annual Conference.

Speakers: Antonio Delgado, U.S. Representative (NY-19); Amy Nitza, PhD, LMHC, IDMH Director; and Patrick Murphy, NYS DHSES Commissioner

10:15 – 11 AM

The Never-Ending Stream: Disaster Response in NYC from 9/11 to COVID-19

Focusing on some of Kelly McKinney's key insights from twenty years in the disaster business in New York.

Speaker: Kelly McKinney, PE, CBCP, BS, MPA, Assistant Vice President, Emergency Management

11 – 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM – 12 PM

Climate, Social Justice and the Next Disaster

Speakers: Marla del Pilar Perez Lugo, PhD, Environmental Sociologist, Co-Founder of the RISE Network; Cecilio Ortiz Garcia, PhD, Professor of Political Science, Co-Founder of the RISE Network

This session will be in Spanish with English subtitles.

Generation Disaster: Understanding the Post-9/11 Cohort

Describing how multiple complex stressors, piled on top of the chronic stress resulting from racial and economic inequities, have shaped young people's values and expectations.

Speaker: Karla Vermeulen, PhD, Deputy Director of IDMH and Associate Professor of Psychology at SUNY New Paltz

12 – 12:45 PM

Lunch

12:45 – 1:30 PM

A New Light on Trauma, Race, Leadership and Belonging

This workshop will help leaders at all levels and roles gain a greater understanding of the traumatic nature of systemic racism which will cover new and smaller understandings.

Speakers: Lara Weitzman, MA, Founder & CEO ReVision Labs; and Kathia Castro Laszlo, PhD, Principal, Magenta Wisdom

1:30 – 1:45 PM

Break

1:45 – 2:30 PM

Effective Leadership and Change Management

How can we better prepare our organizations to weather a crisis and adapt to emerging opportunities?

It is a common maxim in emergency management that mitigation programs provide some of the best returns on investment of any preparedness effort.

Moderator: Jayson Kratoville, MPA, Interim Director of the National Center for Security & Preparedness at the University at Albany's College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity

Panelists:
Samantha Phillips, MA, MPH, Director, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
Theresa Pardo, PhD, Associate Vice President for Research Senior Fellow, Center for Technology in Government University at Albany, SUNY
Sara El-Amine, PhD (hc), Head of Public Engagement, Lyft
Ken Damato, Director, Customer Success Team, Modern Workplace and Business Applications, Microsoft

Trauma, Violence and Abuse with Ethnic Populations

Providing foundational skills and knowledge about how to conduct culturally-informed trauma interventions with some ethnic populations.

Speaker: Priscilla Dass-Brailsford, EdD, MPH, Professor & Chair, Clinical PsyD Department, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

2:30 – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Culture, Compassion & Calamity: Utilizing the Richness of Culture to Bring Out the Best of Humanity in the Face of Tragedy

Revisit and reflect on national tragedies; specifically, how racism and xenophobia have exacerbated adversity whereas cultural pluralism has helped alleviate disaster.

Speaker: Aziza Belcher Platt, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, Private Practice

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Closing Message; Call to Action

Speaker: Samra Brouk, New York State Senator (SD-55)

3:45 – 4 PM

Break

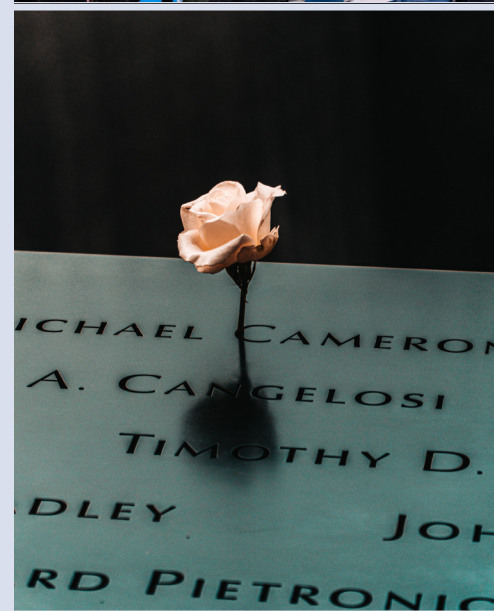
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OPTIONAL CLINICAL WORKSHOP

Coping with Public Tragedy: How Clinicians Can Help

Assisting clinicians in understanding the unique issues that arise in traumatic events, the ways these factors complicate grief, and interventions that can assist clinicians as they work with victims.

Speaker: Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, Senior Vice-President of Grief, The Hospice Foundation of America



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