FROM 9/11 TO COVID-19
LESSONS FROM TWO DECADES OF DISASTER RESPONSE

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

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SCHEDULE • WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

10 – 10:15 AM
Welcome Message
Brief introduction to our topic and speakers.
Speaker: Amy Nitz, 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.

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 Hurn & 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 Hodin, 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, LCISW, 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 other suggestions that will be necessary to confront in the years 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

4 – 5:15 PM
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: Anita Bekker Platt, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, Private Practice

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SCHEDULE • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

10:05 – 10:15 AM
Welcome Message
Welcome to Day 2 of the 17th Annual Conference.

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

10:15 – 11:15 AM
Climate, Social Justice and the Next Disaster
Speaker: Maria de la Paz Levy Luz, PhD, Emeritus University Professor, Co-Founder of the RISE Network, Circulo Ortiz Garcia, PhD, Professor of Political Science, Co-Founder of the RISE Network
This session will be available in Spanish with English subtitles.

11:15 – 11:50 AM
Break

11:50 – 12:15 PM
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

12:15 – 12:45 PM
Lunch

1:20 – 1:45 PM
Effective Leadership and Change Management
How can we better prepare our organizations to weather a crisis and adapt to emerging opportunities?

In this common maxim in emergency management that mitigation programs produce some of the best results by the fewest means. A strategy that is informed.

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, Santa Fe Center for Technology in Government University at Albany
Sara El-Amine, PhD (hc), Head of Public Engagement, Lyft
Ken Damato, Director, Customer Success, Modern Workplace and Business Applications, Microsoft

2:30 – 2:45 PM
Break

2:45 – 3:30 PM
Culture, Competition & Collaboration: Utilizing the Richness of Culture to Bring Out the Best in 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

3:30 – 3:45 PM
Closing Message; Call to Action
Speaker: Samra Brouk, New York State Senator (SD-55)

4:00 – 4:15 PM
Break

4:15 – 5:15 PM
Option: Clinical Workshop
Coping with Public Tragedy: How Clinicians Can Help
Assisting clinicians in understanding the unique issues that arise in traumatic events, the ways in which they complete grief and interventions that 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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