



National Campus
Safety Awareness Month

NCSAM **SUMMIT**

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF TOMORROW – **TODAY**

AGENDA

DAY 1

September 8 • 1:00 – 4:45 PM ET

1:00 – 1:30 PM ET

Welcome & Keynote Address

Sarah Barrett, Director of Training & Education, NCSAM Organizer & Host, Clery Center

Jessica Mertz, Executive Director, Clery Center

Abigail Boyer, Associate Executive Director, Clery Center

Something Old, Something New: We have to know where we've been to determine where we are going. How can we use what we already know and what we are still learning to chart a new course that embodies a more diverse, inclusive, and productive path forward? We must look inward to identify strategies to meet tomorrow's pressing campus safety challenges today.

1:30 – 2:30 PM ET

Clery Conversation: Guidance and Oversight

Laura Egan, Senior Director of Programs, Clery Center

Special Guest: Jim Moore, Senior Advisor for Clery Compliance and Campus Safety Operations, Department of Education

Since the Department of Education's rescission of the Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting on October 9, 2020, many campus safety administrators have found themselves trying to navigate the loss of this guidance. In this session, Clery Act experts will discuss how the Handbook rescission impacted campuses, the changes we'd like to see in future guidance, and ways to maintain compliance now.

2:30 PM ET

Why Giving Matters

Andrew J. Cagnetta, Jr., CEO, Transworld Business Advisors LLC and Clery Center Board of Directors

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2:35 – 3:35 PM ET

Campus Safety Case Study: Holding Up a Mirror*

Sarah Barrett, Director of Training & Education, Clery Center

Special Guest: Abigail Ogden, Director of Clery Compliance (Campus Clery Coordinator), UC Berkeley

Holding up a mirror to proactively identify institutional compliance gaps provides an opportunity for campuses to address challenges within their own compliance program sooner rather than later. Join us for this session as we explore how the Department Education's Federal Student Aid office conducts program reviews to evaluate institutions' compliance with the Act, and discuss how program reviews can be used as a source of information. We'll also hear first-hand from a school that has undergone a program review— their take on the process, lessons learned, and how they are using their program review as an opportunity for growth.

**This session will not be recorded*

3:35 – 3:50 PM ET

Spotlight on Campus Safety

Sarah Barrett, Director of Training & Education, Clery Center

Special Guests:

Melanie Figueroa, Administrator – Clery Act Compliance, Orange Technical College

Debbie Pope, Clery Compliance Analyst, University of Central Florida

Clery Center's mission is to work together with college and university communities to create safer campuses, which can only happen in partnership with dedicated campus safety professionals. We recognized the innovative and mission-driven work happening across the county, and want to spotlight dedicated professionals who are prioritizing safety for current and future students on their campus.

3:50 – 4:00 PM ET

Closing Remarks

U.S. Senator Bob Casey

4:05 – 4:45 PM ET

Day 1 Reception

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September 9 • 1:00 – 4:45 PM ET

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Welcome & Keynote Address

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Jessica Mertz, Executive Director, Clery Center

Congresswoman Lucy McBath [D-GA6]

Meeting the Challenge of Tomorrow: While we can see a post-pandemic world in the very near future, we have to deal with the realities of today. So, in a time when institutions are downsizing and cost cutting, we must consider ways to meet the challenges of tomorrow, by adjusting the way we work today. Higher education, and the compliance world in particular, must work to develop and sustain innovative strategies that support safety efforts and the members of campus communities.

1:30 – 2:30 PM ET

Reaching New Heights: Increased Incidents of Hazing and the Push for New Legislation

Moderator: Abigail Boyer, Associate Executive Director, Clery Center

Panelists:

Gary DeVercelly, Parent of Gary DeVercelly, Jr. and Clery Center Board of Directors

Julie DeVercelly, Parent of Gary DeVercelly, Jr. and Clery Center Board of Directors

Elizabeth J. Allan, Ph.D., Principal & Director, StopHazing

Join us to discuss the impact of hazing on individuals, families, and communities and the push for additional accountability and legislative action for reporting incidents of hazing.

2:30 PM ET

Why Giving Matters

Sheilah D. Vance, Esq., Law Offices of Sheilah D. Vance, Esq., and Clery Center Board of Directors

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2:35 – 3:35 PM ET

Perspective Panel: Addressing Hate Crimes on Campus with Restorative Practices

Nina Harris, Restorative Resolutions Coordinator, Institute Discrimination and Harassment Response Office (IDHR), Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Pablo Cerdera, Associate Director for Restorative Practices, University of Pennsylvania

Ted Lewis, Restorative Justice Consultant and Trainer, Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking

Join us as we examine the increasing use of restorative practices on college campuses and discuss the intersection between restorative practices and the Clery Act. We will also explore how this process can be used to prevent and respond to hate crimes.

3:35- 4:00 PM ET

Closing Remarks: A Call to Action

Jessica Mertz, Executive Director, Clery Center

Anne Seymour, Clery Center Board of Directors and co-founder, National Center for Victims of Crime

4:05 – 4:45 PM ET

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Elizabeth J. Allan, Ph.D.

Principal and Director, StopHazing

Elizabeth J. Allan, Ph.D., is professor and program coordinator of the Higher Education graduate program at the University of Maine. She was the principal investigator for the National Study of Student Hazing (2008) and currently leads StopHazing and the Hazing Prevention Consortium – a research-to-practice initiative designed to build an evidence base for campus hazing prevention. An experienced researcher, Elizabeth's scholarship focuses on campus cultures and climates including studies about campus diversity, equity, student engagement, and hazing in the context of higher education. She has authored two books and more than 50 scholarly articles and book chapters. Her research has been featured in the *Harvard Educational Review*, the *Journal of Higher Education*, the *Review of Higher Education*, and the *Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*. Elizabeth has presented her research about hazing for the Department of Defense, the U.S. Senate HELP Committee, and at numerous national and international conferences and institutes.

Sarah F. Barrett, LMFT

Director of Training & Education

Sarah works to deliver effective training and education programs across the country in support of Clery Center's mission. She has spent the majority of her career in support of higher learning stateside and abroad, working as a program manager for international studies, a language and culture *auxiliar de conversación* in Northern Spain, and an assistant dean of students. Sarah identifies as an adaptive leader and has been instrumental in the development and implementation of various risk management initiatives, such as Youth Protection (Minors on Campus), Drug-Free Schools and Communities Acts (DFSCA), and the Clery Act. She has worked to build compliance programs from the ground-up, and has experience developing training programs and writing university policy.

Abigail Boyer

Associate Executive Director

Abigail leads the Clery Center team in providing educational resources, training curriculum, and technical assistance tools to help improve campus safety nationwide and manages the organization's Office on Violence Against Women technical assistance grants designed to support institutions in enhancing their dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking prevention and response efforts. Prior to joining Clery Center, Abigail served as the community outreach coordinator for The Crime Victims' Center of Chester County, Inc. where she was instrumental in the development and implementation of programs targeted towards law enforcement, colleges and universities, and other students, parents, and community members.



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Andrew J. Cagnetta, Jr.

CEO, Transworld Business Advisors LLC and Clery Center Board of Directors

Andrew J. Cagnetta is the owner and CEO of Transworld Business Advisors LLC. Transworld is the number one business brokerage franchise in the world with hundreds of offices in many countries. He has served on numerous profit and nonprofit boards including BBX Capital, United Way of Broward County, Junior Achievement of South Florida, Legal Aid Service, Broward Workshop, International Business Brokers Association, and Business Brokers of Florida. He is a 1987 graduate of Lehigh University with a bachelor of science in business and economics. He is married to Allison and has two daughters Lauren and Rachel. Andrew was a classmate and friend of Jeanne Clery's at Lehigh University.

U.S. Senator Bob Casey

Born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Senator Casey graduated from The College of the Holy Cross in 1982, and spent the following year teaching fifth grade and coaching eighth grade basketball in inner city Philadelphia for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. He received his law degree from Catholic University in 1988, and entered the practice of law in Scranton. The words "all public service is a trust, given in faith and accepted in honor" are inscribed over the front door of the Finance Building in Harrisburg, and are principles that have guided Senator Casey throughout his time in public service. Since he was elected to the United States Senate in 2006, he has fought for the needs of workers, children, and families in the Commonwealth and across the Nation. Senator Casey and his wife, Terese, live in Scranton and have four adult daughters.

Pablo Cerdera

Associate Director for Restorative Practices, University of Pennsylvania

Pablo Cerdera is a restorative justice practitioner and educator and has been the associate director for Restorative Practices at University of Pennsylvania since February 2020. He began his professional work at the Legal Rights Center in Minneapolis, and has volunteered or worked with Restorative Justice Community Action, the Conflict Resolution Center, the Good Shepherd Mediation Program, and Let's Circle Up. He is committed to sharing the restorative approach and firmly believes in the power to transform harm, promote meaningful accountability, and develop strong and healthy communities through this approach.

Gary & Julie DeVercelly

Parents of Gary DeVercelly, Jr. and Clery Center Board of Directors

Gary & Julie have worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the dangers of hazing since the death of their oldest son, Gary Jr., as a result of a fraternity hazing 'ritual'. The DeVercellys enacted unprecedented change at Rider University, where Gary Jr. was enrolled at the time of his death, revolutionizing the way Rider manages their Greek organizations. In 2014 the DeVercellys, with Clery Center, produced the award-winning documentary, *We Don't Haze*. They speak at high schools and universities across the country about hazing and advocate in Washington, D.C., for a federal hazing bill. Gary is self-employed and serves on Clery Center's board of directors. The DeVercellys live in Long Beach, CA, where they raised their three children, Gary Jr., Emily, and Noah.



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Laura Egan

Senior Director of Programs

Laura oversees the development and execution of training and technical assistance projects, programs, and resources at Clery Center. She presents nationally and provides individualized support on compliance with and implementation of Clery Act requirements, campus safety, compliance, and gender based violence and discrimination. Prior to joining Clery Center, Laura worked at Saint Joseph's University in both residence life and student conduct roles after working as a school counselor for three years within the School District of Philadelphia. Laura's program development work at Clery Center has led to partnerships and presentations with the National Women's Law Center, Victim Rights Law Center, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Officers, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and many others.

Melanie Figueroa

Administrator – Clery Act Compliance, Orange Technical College

Melanie has spent over 20 years in higher education supporting various public and private institutions toward their mission goals. Her achievements include developing process improvements systems and creating courses and programs that promote student retention and ongoing learning. Currently, Melanie is an administrator for Clery Act Compliance with Orange County Public Schools District Police, serving all five Orange Technical College locations. She has a wide range of responsibilities including conceptualizing, developing, and producing engaging content related to the Clery Act and writing institutional policy. Melanie's down-to-earth mentality acknowledges that Clery Act compliance is bigger than herself. She finds that collaborating with subject matter experts is key to institution compliance efforts. Melanie's goal for her institution is to cultivate resources for the diverse community that she serves continually. She has aspirations to keep the end-user in mind as she maintains Clery compliance for her institution.

Nina Harris

Restorative Resolutions Coordinator, Institute Discrimination and Harassment Response Office (IDHR),
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Nina is an equity and violence prevention advocate, educator, and restorative justice practitioner with over twenty years of experience in higher education administration and student engagement. She has provided crisis and resource counseling for hundreds of survivors of gender-based interpersonal/sexual violence and identity-based harm & harassment. Her practice anchors around frameworks of anti-racism/anti-oppression, leadership development, strength and resiliency building and traumainformed praxis. She has formerly held the roles of advocate, crisis counselor, program manager, educator and TIX/conduct case manager at Harvard University, Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to her role at MIT, Nina is an independent RJ consultant and facilitator and affiliate with the University of San Diego's Center for Restorative Justice.



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Ted Lewis

Restorative Justice Consultant and Trainer, Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking

Since the mid-90s, Ted has worked in the fields of restorative justice and conflict resolution as a practitioner, trainer, program manager, director, teacher, writer, and consultant. His specialty is providing Restorative Conference facilitation trainings and manuals. During his years of working in Eugene, Oregon, Ted led restorative processes for two major hate crimes that received attention on national news. In 2020, he founded the Restorative Church project.

Congresswoman Lucy McBath [D-GA6]

Representative Lucy McBath is a mom, a wife, an author, and an advocate. On Black Friday in 2012, McBath's son, Jordan Davis, was sitting in the back seat of a friend's car at a gas station. A man pulled up next to them, complaining about the "loud music" they were playing. The man pulled out a gun and fired 10 shots into the car, hitting Jordan three times, and killing him. After Jordan's death, McBath dedicated her life to preventing other families from experiencing the same pain she did. McBath left her 30-year career as a flight attendant at Delta Airlines to become the national spokesperson and faith and outreach leader for Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. In 2018, after the mass shooting that killed 17 high schoolers at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, McBath knew she had to stand up and run for Congress. Since taking her oath of office in January of 2019, McBath has sought bipartisan solutions to end gun violence, uplift small business and our economy, protect and serve our nation's veterans, and lower the cost of health care and prescription drugs.

Jessica Mertz

Executive Director

Jessica Mertz leads Clery Center in providing guidance to campus officials on how to meet standards of the Jeanne Clery Act and to build effective prevention and response programs. Prior to Clery Center, she spent 10 years at the University of Pennsylvania where she was the founding director of Penn Violence Prevention, a department dedicated to preventing dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking. In previous roles Jessica was a victim advocate, domestic violence counselor, and community educator. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence and is a member of Tide Risers, a women's leadership program.



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Jim Moore

Senior Advisor for Clery Compliance and Campus Safety Operations, Department of Education
Jim Moore serves as the federal government's leading expert on the Clery Act, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, and other campus safety and crime prevention initiatives. Jim also leads the Department's Clery Act training, technical assistance, and outreach initiatives. He is a frequent speaker and trainer on campus safety issues, including sexual assault prevention and response, threat assessment, and substance abuse prevention. From 2014 – 2017, Jim also served on the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

Abigail Ogden

Director of Clery Compliance (Campus Clery Coordinator), UC Berkeley

Abigail Ogden leads the Clery compliance program at the University of California – Berkeley. As the first person to hold this position, she is passionate about creating a university-wide culture of cooperation that models compliance and promotes campus safety. Abigail specializes in the practical application of the Clery Act on campus with attention to policy and procedure development, data analysis, records management, and crisis communications. Additionally, she brings a decade of experience in Big Ten and Pac-12 institutions to her consulting role at Two Lynchpin Road, which provides clients in higher education with services at the intersection of emergency management and the Clery Act.

Debbie Pope

Clery Compliance Analyst, University of Central Florida Police Department

Debbie is a born and raised New Englander. After graduating from Dean College in Franklin Massachusetts, she relocated to Central Florida and launched her professional career in county and local government. Debbie found her niche in 2012 when she shifted her career into higher ed and was hired by UCF as the UCF Police Department Records Manager. She has spent her last four years as the Clery compliance analyst and has completely immersed herself in the rewarding profession which strengthens the safety of the campus community at large. Debbie has worked to build on the current Clery foundation, added a Clery Compliance Advisory Council, and developed and implemented a Campus Security Authority Identification project and web-based training for the university's CSAs.



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Anne Seymour

Anne Seymour, Clery Center Board of Directors and co-founder, National Center for Victims of Crime
Anne is director of the “Fairness, Dignity & Respect for Crime Victims & Survivors” Project, and is a consultant to the Pew Charitable Trusts Public Safety Performance Project. She began her career in 1984 as the director of public affairs for the National Office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and, from 1985 to 1993, as co-founder and director of communications and resource development of the National Victim Center (now National Center for Victims of Crime). Anne has consulted with the U.S. Departments of Justice, Defense, State and Health & Human Services, the Peace Corps, and all 50 state governments to develop policies and protocols that improve the sensitive treatment of crime victims and survivors, and promote justice reforms that improve individual and public safety. She is a member of many advisory groups, committees, and nonprofit boards, including the U.S. Congressional Victims’ Rights Caucus Advisory Group and Clery Center. She has received numerous honors for her efforts, including the 2018 U.S. Congressional Victims Rights Caucus Lifetime Achievement Award. She has been a national advocate for crime victims and survivors for over 36 years.

Sheilah D. Vance, Esq.

Law Offices of Sheilah D. Vance, Esq., and Clery Center Board of Directors

Sheilah is an attorney with a primary focus in education law, literary and entertainment law, employment discrimination, and estates and trusts. She is also an affiliated consultant for TNG Consulting, an adjunct professor at Villanova University School of Law, and a published author. She has a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. in Communications, magna cum laude, from Howard University. Sheilah has published and presented extensively in the areas of public and legal education, including at conferences at Oxford University in England, the National Bar Association, the American Association of Law Schools, the Education Law Association, the Law School Admissions Council, and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. In 2006, Sheilah received the 2006 Woman of Distinction Award from the Barristers Association of Philadelphia, the local affiliate of the National Bar Association, for “exemplary service to the community through the practice of law” and “impressive personal accomplishments as an African American attorney.” Sheilah is also a member of the Advisory Board of ATIXA (Association of Title IX Administrators) and co-chair of the Education Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

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