



Preventing Youth Hate Crimes and Identity-Based Bullying: Virtual Symposium Agenda

October 17-18, 2023 | 12:00 – 5:15 p.m. ET

Day I: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

| Time | Session Title | Presenter(s)/ Panelist(s) | Session Overview |
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| 12–12:15 p.m. | Opening and Welcome | Chyrl Jones , <i>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i> Saeed Mody , <i>Office of the Associate Attorney General</i> | |
| | Keynote Presentation | Dennis W. Shepard , <i>Matthew Shepard Foundation</i> | |
| 12:15–12:30 p.m. | Introduction: NIJ Research and Highlights on Youth Hate Crimes and Bullying | Nancy La Vigne , <i>National Institute of Justice</i> | National Institute of Justice Director Nancy La Vigne will share current NIJ research that is specific to youth in relation to hate crimes and bullying. |
| <i>Symposium Panel Discussion Begins</i> | | | |
| 12:30–1:55 p.m. | Research and Trends: Identity-Based Bullying, Youth Hate Crimes, and Hate Groups Two Years Later | Dr. Dorothy Espelage , <i>University of North Carolina</i> Michael Lieberman , <i>Southern Poverty Law Center</i> Dr. Thomas Scherer , <i>Independent Consultant</i> | What has changed, and how? This beginning session will focus on current trends, statistics, and new research studies associated with identity-based bullying, hate groups, youth hate crimes, and online radicalization since the 2021 Preventing Youth Hate Crime Virtual Symposium. |
| 1:55–2:05 p.m. | <i>Session Break</i> | | |
| 2:05–3:30 p.m. | Understanding the Nexus of Hate and Targeted Violence | Jordan Garza , <i>Department of Homeland Security</i> Jeff Schoep , <i>Beyond Barriers</i> Dr. Peter Collins , <i>Ontario Provincial Police</i> | Join this distinguished panel to gain an understanding of how hate can fuel targeted violence through case studies while learning from an expert with transformative life experience. This session will also provide the opportunity to hear about how the psychology of conspiracy theories is affecting our youth and what we can do to prevent youth from engaging in hate and targeted violence. |
| 3:30–3:45 p.m. | <i>Mid-Symposium Break</i> | | |



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| 3:45–5:10 p.m. | It Ends with Me: Identifying and Confronting Religious-Based Hate and Identity-Based Bullying: Antisemitism and Islamophobia | Marwa Abdalla , <i>Independent Consultant</i> Rick Eaton , <i>Simon Wiesenthal Center</i> Father Joe Muth , <i>St. Matthews Catholic Church (retired)</i> | Gain a deeper understanding of Antisemitism and Islamophobia and learn more about best practices on how to address religious-based hate towards Jewish, Islamic, and other religious communities during this important panel discussion. |
| 5:10–5:15 p.m. | Day 1 Wrap-Up | Chryl Jones , <i>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i> | |

Day II: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

| Time | Session Title | Presenter(s)/ Panelist(s) | Session Overview |
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| 12–12:15 p.m. | Opening and Welcome | Liz Ryan , <i>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i> | |
| <i>Symposium Panel Discussion Begins</i> | | | |
| 12:15–1:45 p.m. | Equipping Communities to Support Vulnerable Populations: Strategies and Tools | Dr. Edmond Bowers , <i>Clemson University</i> Dr. Kristian Jones , <i>University of Washington</i> | Gather useful strategies during this session as our panel acknowledges various trends and cultural dynamics that lead to a heavy impact on vulnerable populations, followed by the identification of tools to support these communities. |
| 1:45–1:55 p.m. | <i>Session Break</i> | | |
| 1:55–3:25 p.m. | What is Happening to Our Kids Online? Preventing Cyberbullying, Extremism, Radicalization, and Cyberhate | Dr. Sameer Hinduja , <i>Cyberbullying Research Center</i> Lydia Bates , <i>Southern Poverty Law Center</i> Myrieme Churchill , <i>Parents 4 Peace</i> | Take a deeper dive into understanding how the internet and social media networks have become an avenue for cyberbullying, extremism, and radicalization – hear more from experts on how we can prevent and mitigate cyberbullying, protect our youth from potential radicalization and help them disengage if involved with a hate group. |
| 3:25–3:40 p.m. | <i>Mid-Symposium Break</i> | | |
| 3:40–5:10 p.m. | Raising Your Voice for Good: Youth Against Bullying and Hate | Anthony, Eurrich, Everett, JAH' Keem, and Montez | Join our all-youth panel and hear their personal reflections on the impact of bullying on lived experience youth and what interventions help to address bullying incidences. |
| 5:10–5:15 p.m. | Day 2 Wrap-Up | Stephanie Rapp , <i>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</i> | |