

2020 Annual Suffolk County Campus Sexual Assault Prevention **Enough is Enough** Collaborative Conference April 10th 2020

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9:00 – 9:50

Intro: Laura A. Ahearn, Esq., LMSW, *Executive Director CVC*
Keynote: Kathy Hochul, *Lieutenant Governor*
Guest Speaker: Timothy D. Sini, *Suffolk County District Attorney*

Christina Vargas, *Chief Diversity Officer & Title IX Coordinator*
Title IX Overview
Suffolk County Community College

10:00–10:50

An Overview of Sex Crimes & Consent

Presented by **Eric Aboulafia & Melissa Grier** | *Assistant District Attorneys at
The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office*

11:00-11:50

Assessment and Intervention of PTSD

Presented by **Daniel Sullivan, MA & Stephanie Grimaldi, MA** | *Clinical Psychology Doctoral Students The
Phobia and Trauma Clinic at Hofstra University's Joan and Arnold Saltzman Community Services Center*

12:00- 12:50

Cyber Civil Rights

Presented by **Michelle Gonzalez** | *Executive Director Cyber Civil Rights Initiative*

1:00-1:50

Family Court Orders of Protection

Presented by **Mike Willians** | *Suffolk County Family Court Chief Clerk*



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About the Speakers

Kathy Hochul, NYS Lieutenant Governor

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul began her career in public service on her local town board, before serving as Erie County Clerk, and then as a member of Congress for New York's 26th Congressional District. Since 2015, she has served as the highest-ranking female elected official in New York.

As our Lieutenant Governor, she championed the 'Enough is Enough' law to prevent sexual assault on college campuses, spearheaded the state's Paid Family Leave program, and is continuing to work to eliminate the gender wage gap, expand access to affordable child care, and combat sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace and beyond.

She has also successfully spearheaded numerous initiatives and leads the administration's economic development and job creation efforts across the state, working every day to advocate for policies that help all New Yorkers make ends meet.

Timothy D. Sini, Suffolk County District Attorney

Timothy D. Sini was sworn in as the Suffolk County District Attorney on January 1, 2018. Under the leadership of District Attorney Sini, the Office has focused on aggressively addressing the drug epidemic, eradicating violent street gangs such as MS-13, combatting illegal dumping and other environmental crimes that threaten our environment and public health, ending the horrors of human trafficking, holding public officials accountable for their misdeeds, and ensuring the administration of justice by creating a conviction integrity bureau.

Prior to District Attorney Sini's election, he served as the 13th Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department, during which time he restored integrity to the leadership of the Police Department, dramatically reduced crime, improved community relations, and enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department through improving processes and investing in technology. Prior to his appointment as Police Commissioner, District Attorney Sini served as the Suffolk County Assistant Deputy County Executive for Public Safety. He also previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

District Attorney Sini serves as a representative on the White House's Office of Drug Control Policy NY/NJ Regional HIDTA Team; Chairman of the Suffolk County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and as an adjunct professor at Touro Law School and St. Joseph's College, where he teaches courses on contemporary issues in policing and prosecution.

District Attorney Sini is a magna cum laude graduate of both Brooklyn Law School where he earned his Juris Doctor and American University in Washington, D.C. where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. District Attorney Sini resides in Babylon Village with his wife, Amanda, and their three children.

Christina Vargas, Chief Diversity Officer & Title IX Coordinator at Suffolk Community College

Christina Vargas is the Chief Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator at Suffolk County Community College. She has responsibility for developing, leading, providing oversight and meeting strategic initiatives and priorities related to diversity, equity and inclusion for faculty, staff and students. She also oversees compliance with anti-discrimination policies and harassment complaint resolution. Previously, she spent 20 years of her career at Stony Brook University, serving as Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action/Title IX Coordinator for all University academic and administrative areas, Stony Brook Medicine and the Long Island State Veteran's home. Throughout her career, she has displayed a passion for social justice, multiculturalism, inclusion and equity and has worked to bring various communities together in partnership. Ms. Vargas is on the Board of Directors for ERASE Racism, Inc., is a past President of Stony Brook University's Alumni Association, and serves an adjunct lecturer for the Master's Program in Higher Education Administration at Stony Brook University. Ms. Vargas received her Bachelor of Science in Business Management and her Master of Science in Management and Policy from Stony Brook. She holds a Diversity Management Certification as an Advanced Practitioner from Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Eric Aboulafia, Assistant District Attorney at The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

Eric S. Aboulafia is a Principal Assistant District Attorney currently assigned to the Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Bureau of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. During his 12 years of service at the District Attorney's Office, he has brought approximately 50 trials to verdict. Those prosecutions involved crimes ranging from Possession of Child Pornography to Rape and Murder. Eric earned his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 2005, graduating cum laude, and his law degree from Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in 2008.

Melissa Grier, Assistant District Attorney at The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

Melissa Grier graduated from Hofstra Law School in 2009 after receiving Bachelors and Master's Degrees from Boston University. She has been with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office for over 10 years. For the last 6 ½ years, Melissa has been assigned to the Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Bureau. During her tenure, she has prosecuted and tried numerous cases relating to charges of Rape, Attempted Murder, Assault, and Unlawful Surveillance.

Daniel Sullivan, MA, *Clinical Psychology Doctoral Student* at The Phobia and Trauma Clinic at Hofstra University's Joan and Arnold Saltzman Community Services Center

Daniel Sullivan, M.S.W., M.A., is a third-year doctoral student in Hofstra University's Ph.D. in clinical psychology program. His clinical experience includes both the assessment and intervention of neuropsychiatric disorders. At Hofstra, he provides exposure-based treatment to adolescents and adults who present with diverse phobias, trauma, and obsessive-compulsive disorder in the Phobia & Trauma Clinic. In addition to his work at Hofstra, he is currently completing a clinical externship in clinical neuropsychology in the Stony Brook University Medical Center Neuropsychology Service. As an extern on this service, Daniel provides neuropsychological assessment to children, adolescents, and adults to assess a variety of neurological conditions, including neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative disorders. His research interests flow from this experience and center on the role of executive functioning in risky sexual behavior in young adults.

Prior to enrolling in a doctoral program, Daniel earned his M.S.W. from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service and his B.A. in psychology from Stony Brook University. He gained experience working with adults with serious mental illness and then providing consultations to professionals who suspected elder abuse in their clients.

Stephanie Grimaldi, MA, *Clinical Psychology Doctoral Student* at The Phobia and Trauma Clinic at Hofstra University's Joan and Arnold Saltzman Community Services Center

Stephanie Grimaldi, M.A., is a clinical psychology extern in the Behavioral Health College Partnership program at the Zucker Hillside Hospital working with high-risk young adults in both an inpatient and outpatient setting. She previously held an externship at the Anxiety Disorders Clinic at the New York State Psychiatric Institute where she gained extensive experience in the assessment and treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Stephanie earned her B.A. in psychology and philosophy from St. John's University and her master's degree in Psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University. She is currently a 4th year doctoral student in the Clinical Psychology program at Hofstra University, where she's received comprehensive training in exposure therapy for anxiety related disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) at Hofstra's Phobia and Trauma Clinic. While at Hofstra, she's worked closely with Nassau County's Veteran's Treatment Court providing evidenced based treatments to veterans diagnosed with PTSD.

Prior to attending graduate school, Stephanie served as a Clinical Research Coordinator and Lab Manager for the Psychiatric NeuroCognition Lab at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. There she was involved in conducting neuroimaging and behavioral studies with patients with psychiatric disorders, primarily focusing on those with obsessive-compulsive and related disorders. Stephanie's research interests include examining sensory processing and intolerance in OCD, and furthering the development of evidence based treatments for OCD.

Michelle Gonzalez, *Executive Director* at Cyber Civil Rights Initiative

Michelle Gonzalez has served as Executive Director of Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) since 2017. She is a nonprofit professional with over 20 years of experience and 14 years in senior leadership. Michelle has a thorough expertise in refugee resettlement, having devoted over seven years to local, national and international work within the US Refugee Admissions Program. She then dedicated five years to local poverty alleviation programs, with a focus on the empowerment of women and girls. In that capacity, Michelle oversaw all operations for a 50-bed women's homeless shelter, a daycare for 80 children from under-resourced backgrounds, an after-school program for at-risk teen girls, and a domestic violence program. Michelle was born in Elmhurst, Queens and raised in Brentwood, NY. She is a loyal fan of all things New York, including, of course, the NY Yankees.

Mike Williams, *Suffolk County Family Court Chief Clerk*

Presently, Mike serves as the Chief Clerk of Suffolk County Family Court. Before stepping into this role, Mike served as the Chief Clerk of New York County Family Court and the Bronx County Family Court. Mike's prior positions also included Court Clerk Specialist for Office of Self Represented Services and Deputy Chief Clerk of Kings and Queens Counties. Mike started his court career in 1989 as a Court Officer in Kings County Family Court. Highlights from Mike's career include (remove semi-colon) initiating a help center that continues to receive national and state recognition for its efficiency and user-friendliness, providing operational assessments of multiple court throughout NYS., implementing child protective protocols that significantly reduced the time to disposition and expedited achieving permanency for children in care, and piloting an online Domestic Violence petition filing program that interfaces with the court's case management operating system (UCMS). Mike has also co-authored several NYS DIY interviews including the Child Support Modification Petition, and has received the first NYS DIY Award, the Chief Judge's Merit Performance Award and the NYC Bar Association's Kathryn A. McDonald Award. Mike is active on several committees including: the NYS Family Court Advisory Rules Committee, the NYS Bar Association's Committee on Families and the Law, Chief Judge's Statewide Commission on Parental Legal Representation, the RTA Training, Technology and Operational Committees, the Appellate Division, 2nd Department's Attorney for Child Committee, Long Island Regional Youth and Justice Team and several local and county-wide committees.

Breakout Session I 10:00 am – 10:50 am

An Overview of Sex Crimes & Consent

Eric Aboulafia & Melissa Grier, Assistant District Attorneys at The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

This presentation will consist of an overview of criminal charges pertaining to sexual assault which are commonly encountered on a college campus. The presenters will discuss, among other things, the elements of those crimes, relevant statute of limitations considerations, and commonly held concerns by victims of sexual abuse. Finally, the presenters will provide an overview of how a criminal case travels through the criminal justice system, including obstacles faced by the prosecution and victim considerations.

Breakout Session II 11:00 am – 11:50 am

Assessment and Intervention of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

**Daniel Sullivan, MA & Stephanie Grimaldi, MA
Clinical Psychology Doctoral Students
The Phobia and Trauma Clinic at Hofstra University's Joan and Arnold Saltzman Community Services Center**

The workshop will focus on prevalence, assessment and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Approximately 7% of the general adult population in the United States will hold a diagnosis of PTSD at some point in their life. Participants in this workshop will learn about the development and maintenance of PTSD symptoms, be introduced to gold standard assessment tools implemented by mental health professionals to determine a PTSD diagnosis, and be exposed to a wide range of evidence based treatments specifically designed to target PTSD symptoms.

Breakout Session III 12:00 pm – 12:50 am

Cyber Civil Rights

**Michelle Gonzalez, Executive Director
Cyber Civil Rights Initiative**

Learn about "revenge porn," a crime that impacts 1 in 8 adult social media users. This session will review important definitions; related crime; motive and method of perpetration; harms to victims and society; and New York State law. Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) is the nation's leading organization combating "revenge porn," serving victims, advocating for legislation, and conducting research.

Breakout Session IV 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm

Family Court Orders of Protection

Mike Williams, Suffolk County Family Court Clerk

This session will provide an overview of the Family Offense proceedings in Suffolk County Family Court, including a brief overview on how to file, attorney representation and possible outcomes. In addition, the presentation will showcase the dynamic partnership with our Domestic Violence Advocates and Agencies and how innovations in technologies and collaboration have allowed the court to reach and provide protective orders to the most vulnerable populations.

24/7 Services Available to those in Need:

The Crime Victims Center:	(631) 332-3234
NYS Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline:	(800) 942-6906
The Retreat:	(631) 329-2200
VIBS:	(631) 360-3606

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