2nd Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Summit: Beyond the Single Story: Strengthening our Understanding of Gender, Sexuality, and Violence

SUMMIT AGENDA - APRIL 8TH

9:00AM  Registration and Breakfast  Driscoll Ballroom

9:30AM  Introductory Remarks  Driscoll Ballroom

10:00AM  **Session One:**

Gender-Based Violence: Myths, Facts, and What They Mean For Us  
Eric Butler, Jean McAllister, Siri Slater  
Chambers Center Room 150

Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming College Students: Where Gender Identity and Sexual Assault Overlap  
Jordan Grapentine, Emma Madarasz  
Chambers Center Room 160

Supporting a Survivor  
Nissa Baker, Riley Swanson  
Chambers Center Room 360

11:00AM  **Session Two:**

Sex Education: Shifting the Conversation to Discuss Gender, Sexuality, and Violence  
Alexander Limas  
Chambers Center Room 360

Military Sexual Trauma: Cultural Influences, Effects, and Resources  
Katy Barrs  
Chambers Center Room 160

11:00AM  **Session Two, Continued:**

Moving Beyond the Binary: LGBTQ Victims of Partner Violence and Sexual Assault in Colorado  
Shanna Katz Kattari, M.Ed.,  
Rachel Speer, MSW,  
Dr. Lisa Langenderfer-Magruder, MSW,  
Eugene Walls, MSSW, PhD,  
Darren Whitfield, MSW  
Chambers Center Room 150

12:00PM  Lunch & Discussion Panel with Local Experts  
Dr. Terri M. Davis, Lisa Ingarfield,  
Sable Schultz, Lynne Sprague  
Driscoll Ballroom

1:45PM  **Session Three:**

Gender-Based Violence: Myths, Facts, and What They Mean For Us  
Eric Butler, Jean McAllister, Siri Slater  
Chambers Center Room 360

Unwanted Sexual Experiences and Social Reactions: Preliminary Findings  
Anne P. DePrince, Ph.D., Kerry Gagnon, MA  
Chambers Center Room 150

Engaging in Student Activism  
Jess Davidson, Lori Scott, Andrea Watson  
Chambers Center Room 160

2:45PM  **Call-To Action**
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS:

Session One:

Gender-Based Violence: Myths, Facts, and What They Mean for Us - This interactive workshop will allow participants to identify and discuss common perceptions about gender-based violence and DU’s response, to identify misconceptions and realities, and to understand options available to DU campus community members who have experienced gender-based discrimination, harassment, or violence (inclusive information about fears and barriers to accessing resources).

Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming College Students: Where Gender Identity and Sexual Assault Overlap - This workshop will provide insight into the experiences of transgender and gender non-conforming students on college campuses, particularly surrounding sexual assault and reporting systems. We will discuss vocabulary/terminology, how to best support students, and address the barriers students face within binary institutional systems. No previous knowledge/experience necessary!

Supporting a Survivor - We will be discussing the complexities of trauma, and what it means to support a survivor of sexual or intimate partner violence. Come away with a greater understanding to help you in your relationships and a set of tools to share with your friends and loved ones.

Session Two:

Sex Education: Shifting the Conversation to Discuss Gender, Sexuality, and Violence - This workshop will discuss the current state of sex education in the United States, how creating a more comprehensive curricula can support youth of varying identities support work to end sexual assault, and discuss opportunities we can all take to better support youth and sexual health education.

Military Sexual Trauma: Cultural Influences, Effects, and Resources - This presentation provides education regarding Military Sexual Trauma (MST). Dr. Barrs will discuss how aspects of military culture contribute to an elevated rate of sexual assault and sexual harassment towards service members. She will also outline some of the psychological, emotional and relationship effects of being assaulted in the military. More importantly, she will discuss the resiliency of this population, along with resources to facilitate recovery.

Moving Beyond the Binary: LGBTQ Victims of Partner Violence and Sexual Assault in Colorado - This workshop focuses on how gender identity and sexual orientation intersect with intimate partner violence and sexual assault. Presenters will provide an overview of LGBTQ-specific terminology, discuss our recent research findings from Colorado, and facilitate discussion among attendees. The semi-structured discussion will focus on ways attendees can contribute to a more inclusive climate for LGBTQ persons who have experienced partner violence or sexual assault.

Session Three:

Unwanted Sexual Experiences and Social Reactions: Preliminary Findings - Women who disclose sexual assault to criminal justice (e.g., law enforcement, prosecution) and community-based (e.g., medical providers, Title IX investigators, counselors, victim advocates) actors can receive social reactions that range from positive (e.g., tangible and emotional support) to negative (e.g., victim blaming). We will present preliminary results from a research project focused on the social reactions received by more than 200 women who disclosed an unwanted sexual experience to criminal justice and/or community-based responders. We will consider women’s multiple identities (e.g., ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, economic background, religious affiliation) in relation to their experiences of unwanted sexual experiences and social reactions to inform best practices for survivor-focused, trauma-informed work with women who have been sexually assaulted.

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Engaging in Student Activism - Student activists who have been involved in various components of student activism will lead an engaging group discussion about some of the successes and obstacles students have faced in their efforts to eradicate and educate about sexual assault at DU. From grassroots organizing to leadership in Undergraduate Student Government, numerous advocacy paths will be featured, as well as how students can continue creating change on campus. The aim of this workshop is to bring voices from all over campus into conversation and build our power through experience-based knowledge sharing.