



11th Annual  
**Sexual Assault and  
Stalking Symposium**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

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**Registration Fee—\$50.00**

(Buffet Lunch Provided)

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**Make check payable to WV FRIS.**

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*NO credit cards can be accepted.*

**Registration Deadline—March 31, 2011**

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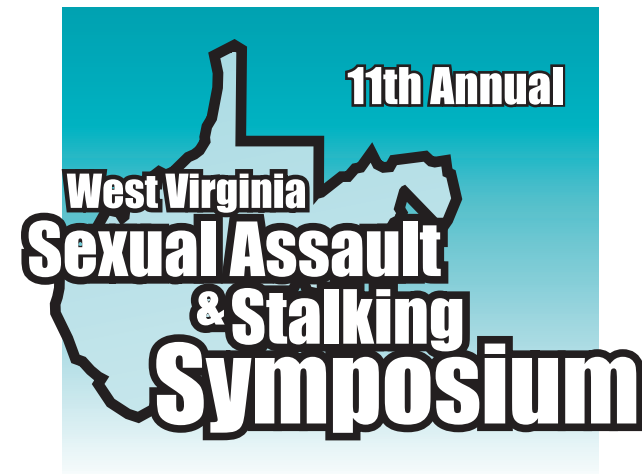
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Sexual Violence  
in Later Life:  
Recognize, Respond & Report

**Wednesday, April 6, 2011  
8:00a.m.-4:00p.m**

**Charleston Town Center Marriott  
Charleston, WV**

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik** holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a Certificate in the Study of Aging from Boston University. She is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and Licensed Certified Social Worker as well as social science researcher. She has provided extensive clinical services to children, older adults, and adults with disabilities and conducted numerous forensic evaluations and consultations for agencies that respond to alleged abuse. She has conducted multiple research studies on sexual violence in later life and authored over 70 articles, book chapters, and training manuals. She has testified before the US Congress on elder abuse and was recently invited to the First White House Roundtable on Sexual Violence. Dr. Ramsey-Klawnsnik has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse since 1999.

**Candace J. Heisler, JD** is a trainer, educator and consultant with Heisler and Associates specializing in the areas of domestic violence, elder abuse, stalking, criminal law and trial advocacy. She has worked with a variety of federal, state and other organizations in this capacity. For over 25 years she served as an Assistant District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. She headed the Domestic Violence, Charging, Misdemeanor and Preliminary Hearing Units. Ms. Heisler continues to teach and write for the California District Attorneys Association and the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. She has published numerous articles on both elder abuse and domestic violence. She has helped design training curricula for judges and law enforcement and has designed training on domestic violence for first responders, field training officers, investigators, crisis negotiators and expert witnesses.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

**Samuel J. Leizear, MSW, LGSW** is a Field Coordinator at WVU, Division of Social Work and serves as an instructor for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. His twenty-four years of practice experience span a variety of areas, including community mental health, disability services, inpatient/outpatient/home health and rural health outreach, information and referral, healthy aging, community collaboration within rural communities, and gender/LGBT studies.

**Suzanne Messenger, JD, is the Long-Term Care Ombudsmen for WV.** She advises long-term care residents about the quality of care, payment, guardianship and conservatorship, power of attorney, health care surrogate matters and elder abuse and exploitation. Ms. Messenger received her JD degree from the WVU College of Law.

# AGENDA

8:00a.m.–8:30a.m.

## Registration

8:30a.m.–10:15a.m.

## Keynote 1

### *What's Age Got To Do With It?—Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, Ph.D.*

Sexual violence in later life will be discussed, including sexual assault within intimate partnerships, families, communities, and care facilities. Research and clinical findings will be presented regarding victims, perpetrators, kinds of assault, signs, symptoms, and harm sustained by victims. Case examples will illustrate the need for increased prevention and case recognition, investigation, and intervention.

10:15a.m.–10:30a.m.

## BREAK

10:30a.m.–12:00p.m.

## Plenary 1

### *Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Victims in Later Life—Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, Ph.D.*

As we age, normal physiological changes affect us all and increase the risk of illness, disability, and victimization. These changes and the needs of older victims will be discussed. Potential harm to victims and cases that can occur when aging issues are not factored into case handling procedures will be illustrated. Discussion will focus on how sexual assault, Adult Protective Services, health care, criminal justice and other professionals can make appropriate accommodations to meet the needs experienced by many victims in later life.

10:30a.m.–12:00p.m.

## Plenary 2

### *Stalking Across the Life Span—Candace J. Heisler, JD*

Stalking is a misunderstood and often invisible crime; it occurs across the lifespan. Stalking does occur when there is no prior relationship between the parties, between intimate partners and in domestic violence situations. Stalking may be a precursor for sexual assault or homicide. This session will identify indicators, describe ways to interview victims, and offer suggestions for case building.

12:00p.m.–1:15p.m.

## WORKING LUNCH—*Old But Strong—Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, Ph.D. and Candace Heisler, JD*

This session reminds all of us to recognize the resilience and strength of older adults who may be victims of sexual abuse and stalking.

1:15p.m.–2:45p.m.

## Keynote 2

### *Effective Case Building for Offender Accountability—Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik, Ph.D. and Candace Heisler, JD*

This session will focus on “what” is needed to maneuver through the criminal justice system when working with sexual assault victims in later life. Key topics will include approaches to building cases, elements of effective interviewing, importance of documentation and needed accommodations in court.

2:45p.m.–3:00p.m.

## BREAK

3:00p.m.–4:00p.m.

**Breakout Sessions A.1–A.3**—*Participants will choose to go to 1 of the 3 sessions.*

### **A.1—Lessons from Miss Mary—Candace Heisler, JD**

Ms. Mary was sexually abused and assaulted by her grandson; she was 96 years old. Ms. Mary suffered serious injuries but was able to testify at trial. In this 2 part session, learn how to recognize elder victims' coping responses to sexual and physical abuse, recognize the tactics that are often used to discredit older sexual assault victims in court, understand the benefits of a multidisciplinary response to assist victims of sexual assault later in life and identify what participants can do in their own communities to create an effective victim-centered response to assist victims of sexual assault in later life. (PART 2 of this session will be continued at 3:45p.m.–4:30p.m.)

### **A.2—Healthy Sexuality in Later Life—Samuel J. Leizear, MSW, LGSW**

This session will focus on respectful and safe sexual activity in a variety of living settings, consent issues related to persons with dementia, policy concerns within residential settings, and the multifaceted issues faced by adults in later life in relation to sexuality.

### **A.3—What Would You Do?—Suzanne Messenger, JD**

This session will use a case study to distinguish between a resident's right to intimacy and the right to freedom from abuse in a residential care facility. It will explore sexuality and “consent” when issues arise to ensure that the quality of life and dignity of every senior citizen is preserved.

4:00p.m.

## Wrap Up/Evaluations/Certificate Distribution

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This training is essential for criminal justice professionals, including law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, probation and parole officers, advocates, social workers, counselors, SARTs, nursing home staff, home health care, medical personnel, faith-based professionals, senior service providers, and other community and health professionals who work together to effectively respond to persons in later life who are victims of sexual assault.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

*These trainings meet the requirements for the following:*

The WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, WVBRN Provider Number: WV2000-0309RN—7.5 Contact Hours

The WV Board of Examiners for Social Work, WV Provider Number: 490094—7.5 Contact Hours

The WV Board of Examiners for Counseling, Provider Number: WVBEC-518—6.5 Contact Hours

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## LODGING RESERVATIONS

Call the Marriott at 800-228-9290 or 304 345-6500 before March 22, 2011 to receive the room rate of \$95.00 per night. Ask for WV FRIS Symposium.

## PARKING

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\$9.00 per day

Town Center Mall  
\$1.75 per day