

17th Annual

# Sexual Assault and Stalking Symposium

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This training is essential for: law enforcement, campus security, victim advocates, SANEs, prosecutors, SART members, college campus staff, social workers, counselors, disability service providers and correctional staff.

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# WHO ARE WE?

The West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services (FRIS) is West Virginia's state sexual assault coalition. Our vision is to eliminate sexual violence and stalking and to alleviate the suffering of those who have been victimized. .

## Our Mission

Our mission is to promote the compassionate and just treatment of survivors and their loved ones; foster collaborative relationships; and create attitudinal and behavioral changes around sexual violence and stalking through education, victim services, and social change.



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**REGISTRATION 7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m.**

**KEYNOTE 8:30am – 10:00am**

**Lessons from the Dark Side: Sexual Predators and Cyberstalkers – Red Flags and Reasonable Precautions**

*Wendy Patrick, JD, PhD, Deputy District Attorney, Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division*

This session will discuss the virtual strategies cyber predators use to seduce victims through social media, exploiting the tell-all culture of sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube by capitalizing on the modern online trend of over-sharing. This session addresses how to spot the distinctive red flags of online predators and how to recognize predator-victim dynamics.

**SESSIONS A1-A3 10:15a.m. – 12:00pm**

**A1. The Criminal Justice Response to a Serial Rapist: “The Rail Trail Case”**

*Perri DeChristopher, JD and The Honorable Judge Susan B. Tucker*

Sexual assault cases are some of the most difficult cases the criminal justice system will handle. This is an opportunity to hear from the local prosecuting attorney and judge to ‘walk through’ a sexual assault case from Monongalia County that sent a serial rapist to jail.

**A2. Meeting Them Where They \$ U H: Strategies for Rural SARTs to Strengthen and Address Rural Realities**

*Johanna Ganz, Rural Technical Assistance Project Coordinator*

This interactive session will explore the foundational work of rural SARTs and systems improvement. Tools and resources will be provided to help SARTs identify strengths, gaps in services, and ways to move SARTs from conversations and relationship building to the critical action of creating change in processes and systems.

**A3. Working with Marginalized Victims of Sexual Assault**

*Mike Milnor, Chief of Police*

This session will address the unique and often difficult obstacles faced when investigating sexual assault within marginalized communities. Discussions will focus on challenges relevant to human trafficking, people of color, LGBTQ victims, illegal immigrant communities, and victims with intellectual and emotional disabilities. This workshop will present ideas and techniques to improve reporting rates and keep survivors engaged throughout the criminal justice process.

## SESSIONS B1-B4 1:15pm – 2:15pm

### **B1. The SART Response – “The Rail Trail Case”**

*Perri DeChristopher, Detective Larry Hasley, Maggie Stoppe, and Sharon Hemmann*

This session will examine key elements of “The Rail Trail Case” by the Monongalia County SART. The panel will discuss their individual roles in this case, and how working collaboratively provided a successful criminal justice outcome. Q&A will follow.

### **B2. Centering Our Work on Victim Well-being and Trauma Informed Approaches**

*Johnanna Ganz, Rural Technical Assistance Project Coordinator*

This session will focus on how to provide advocacy while integrating and applying core *trauma informed* principles. This interactive presentation will provide a strong foundation upon which practitioners can build their skills and learning.

### **B3. Campus Sexual Assaults: The Unique Challenges Presented**

*Mike Milnor, Chief of Police*

This session will examine the unique challenges in campus sexual assault investigations. Participants will examine the requirements of the Clery Act and Title IX, and the impact they have on campus investigators, local police, and prosecutors. Participants will gain a better understanding of each responder’s priority area and how to work as a team, all the while keeping a victim-centered approach.

### **B4. Increasing Resilience through Good Self-Care**

*Colleen Harshbarger, Certified Health Coach, Wellness Professional and Yoga Teacher*

Prioritizing self-care is essential for practitioners who want to give care to others. Dealing with the daily stress of clients’ trauma, having full personal lives, and the demands of the workplace can lead to burnout and fatigue. The solution to resilience begins with Kaizen steps – simple things that you can start to incorporate into your life one step at a time. Practices to keep your mind clear, your body healthy, your energy uplifted, and your spirit resilient will be explored in this session.

## SESSIONS C1-C4 2:20pm – 3:25pm

### **C1. The Human Side of Human Trafficking: The Psychology of Attraction and the Science Behind the Seduction**

*Wendy Patrick, JD, PhD, Deputy District Attorney, Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division*

This session will discuss the insidious methods traffickers use to seduce young women, some of the red flags displayed by both traffickers and victims, and how to enhance one's ability to detect evidence of exploitation. Participants will be better equipped to recognize this dangerous crime, which often flies under the radar. Laws relating to human trafficking, new developments, and some of the practical challenges that arise when handling human trafficking cases will also be addressed.

### **C2. Adult Pornography**

*Dr. Walter DeKeseredy, PhD, Professor and Director of Research Center on Violence*

This session will examine the nature of the contemporary pornography industry, specifically noting the relationship to violence against women. Also to be addressed are suggested and progressive ways of curbing pornography consumption and distribution.

### **C3. Trauma Informed Victim Interviews – Not Just the Facts**

*Mike Milnor, Chief of Police*

This workshop will examine the complexities of the effects of trauma on the brain. Participants will understand how this manifests itself into what is often considered “counter-intuitive behaviors” on the part of victims of sexual assault and violent crimes. This session will provide an overview of the Trauma Informed Interview Technique and will illustrate how to speak to the traumatized primitive brain in order to unlock details of the assault.

### **C4. Strangulation: What is It? Why Should We Care?**

*Margaret Denny, RN, MSN, SANE Project Coordinator*

This session will focus on the lethal dangers of strangulation and the importance of overlooked physical injuries and identifying non-visible signs and symptoms.

**D1. Unlocking Your Hidden Superpower: Neutrality as a Tool for SART Coordinators**

*Johnanna Ganz, Rural Technical Assistance Project Coordinator*

This session will examine the hidden “superpower” of neutrality in SART coordination. Participants will be able to identify and explore their strengths, opportunities, and challenges in maintaining neutrality as a strategy to achieve systems improvement outcomes. Attendees will walk away with practical tools and ideas for developing and increasing effective team leadership.

**D2. Image-Based Sexual Abuse**

*Dr. Walter DeKeseredy, Professor and Director of Research Center on Violence*

This session will examine the distribution of what is often referred to by journalists, policy makers, and members of the general public as revenge porn. Learn to identify the factors most often associated with this image-based sexual abuse after separation/divorce and the ways in which patriarchal all-male peer groups contribute to creating harm.

**D3. From the WVSP Forensic Laboratory: Evidence Collection, Techniques, and Best Practices**

*Aaron Dean*

This session will provide an overview of information that will support what the WVSP Forensic Laboratory needs to be able to process and analyze evidence collected and submitted in cases of sexual assault.

**D4. Increasing Resilience through Good Self-Care (Repeat of Session B4)**

*Colleen Harshbarger Certified Health Coach, Wellness Professional and Yoga Teacher*

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Wendy Patrick** is a career trial attorney, recognized by her peers as one of the 2015 Top Ten criminal attorneys in San Diego by the San Diego Daily Transcript, and named the 2014 Public Lawyer of the Year by the California State Bar Public Law Section. Dr. Patrick has completed over 160 trials ranging from hate crimes, to domestic violence, to first-degree murder. In her current assignment in the Special Operations Division she handles cases involving sensitive issues including threat assessment. She is President of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) San Diego Chapter, and an ATAP Certified Threat Manager. In her previous assignment in the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division, Dr. Patrick prosecuted sexually violent predators, human traffickers, stalkers, rapists, and child molesters. Dr. Patrick has lectured nationally and internationally on the topics of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking. She has taught human trafficking within the United States, as well as in Hong Kong, South Korea, and South Africa. She frequently teaches sexual assault prevention for the Army, having presented programs domestically as well as in Wiesbaden, Germany.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

**Aaron Dean** Aaron Dean earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic and Investigative Sciences from West Virginia University in 2012, and has worked as a forensic analyst in the Evidence Processing Section of the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory since. Currently, he serves as the Sexual Assault Kit Administrator for the WVSP lab, represents the laboratory on the SANE Advisory Board, and provides oversight for the SAECK System used to track sexual assault kits throughout West Virginia.

**Perri Jo DeChristopher** is the Prosecuting Attorney of Monongalia County, WV. Ms. DeChristopher's prosecutorial career began when she accepted a position in the Harrison County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 1994. In 1998, Perri DeChristopher began working in the Monongalia County Prosecuting Attorney's Office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. She was elected as the Prosecuting Attorney of Monongalia County in 2016. For over 20 years, Ms. DeChristopher has been responsible for prosecution of charges of murder, violent felony offenses, felony drug cases and sexual assault crimes involving children and adults. She is a member of the Monongalia County Sexual Assault Response Team and has been appointed by the Governor to the (SAFE) Commission.

**Walter S. DeKeseredy** is Anna Deane Carlson Endowed Chair of Social Sciences, Director of the Research Center on Violence, and Professor of Sociology at WVU. He has published 24 books and over 175 scientific journal articles and book chapters on violence against women and other social problems. Dr. DeKeseredy also received the 2004 Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Society of Criminology's (ASC) Division on Women and Crime and the 2007 inaugural UOIT Research Excellence Award. In 2014, he was honored with the Critical Criminal Justice Scholar Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' (ACJS) Section on Critical Criminal Justice and in 2015 the DCC's Division on Victimology gave him the Career Achievement Award. In 2017, he received the Victimology Impact Award from the ACJS' Section on Victimology.

**Margaret Denny**, RN, MSN and WV SANE Project Coordinator, has been a member of the WVU Healthcare team since 2008 and is currently a nurse manager in the ED. Ms. Denny coordinates the Adult and Pediatric SANE Program at West Virginia Medicine. As a member of WV's first SANE faculty, Ms. Denny provides resources and training to members of the healthcare community. Ms. Denny received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a master's degree in Nursing Administration from Waynesburg University.

**Johnanna Ganz**, SVJI Collaboration Specialist/Rural Technical Assistance Project Coordinator, brings to her position a deep passion for and long history with rural communities. In 2015, Johnanna earned her doctorate from Bowling Green State University with expertise in organizational and occupational identity in sexual and domestic violence victim advocacy. After completing her education, Ms. Ganz began work as the Systems Change Program Manager with the Sexual Violence Center in Minneapolis. Ms. Ganz has developed trainings and resources on topics such as organizational trauma, vicarious resilience in advocacy, and creating healthy environments for advocates and their organizations.

**Detective Larry Hasley**, a Morgantown Police Department 12-year veteran, has extensive training in sexual assault investigations. He was the Monongalia County SART's 2013 Member of the Year and FRIS' 2015 Visionary Voice Award recipient. Detective Hasley has served as a Special Deputy US Marshal on the Mountain State Fugitive Task Force and the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. Detective Hasley is a graduate of West Virginia University and the West Virginia State Police Academy.

**Collen Harshbarger** is a certified health coach, wellness professional and yoga teacher who is passionate about helping people live healthy, vibrant, authentic lives. She draws upon her 20 plus years of yogic exploration, graduate degree in exercise science/biomechanics, and professional experience leading wellbeing movements to help individuals and organizations thrive. Colleen weaves together her understanding of yoga, mindfulness and whole person wellbeing to give clients practical tools to fully optimize health, vitality, and connection. She is an experienced registered yoga teacher and continuing education provider with Yoga Alliance, a certified Wellness Inventory coach, a certified wellness professional with the National Wellness Institute, and serves on the board of directors for the National Consortium for Building Healthy Academic Communities.

**Sharon Hemmann** was the Program Coordinator for the Monongalia County Victim Assistance Program where she worked with all victims of crime including financial crimes, domestic violence, sexual assault, and murder. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and a Masters of Social Work, in addition to being a licensed Social Worker.

**Mike Milnor** has been involved in law enforcement for 31 years and is currently the Chief of Police for Altavista, VA. Over the years he has worked in various positions which include Interim Sheriff, Director of Public Safety, Coordinator of an FBI/Virginia State Police multi-jurisdictional task force, Senior Supervisory Investigator, uniformed Deputy Sheriff and Polygraph Examiner. In addition to being involved in thousands of investigations, Mike has also done an extensive amount of teaching in criminal justice with an emphasis in the areas of sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse and domestic violence. He has been a Professor of Criminal Justice at Liberty University, as well as lecturing across both Virginia and the United States. Mike also contributed to the development of Virginia's Model Law Enforcement Policy in Sexual Assault Investigation. In 2016, Mike was selected to the core faculty of the National Center for Campus Public Safety.

**Maggie Stoppe, BSN, RN, CEN** is employed at WVU Medicine Ruby Memorial Hospital as the Emergency Department (ED) Night Shift Supervisor. While serving as the Clinical Preceptor in the Emergency Department, Maggie was instrumental in the development of ED policies and protocols needed to assist with development of a SANE program. She is an active participant for the SANE program at Ruby, covering both adult and pediatric victims of sexual assault and serves as a member of the WV SANE Faculty to assist FRIS with SANE trainings across the state.

#### **Honorable Judge Susan B. Tucker**

The Honorable Susan B. Tucker was elected to Division One of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in 2008 and 2016. Judge Tucker served as the Prosecuting Attorney of Monongalia County from 1985 to 1995 and as Director of the Fraud Investigations Unit of the Workers' Compensation Division of the Bureau of Employment Programs from 1995 to 1997. Judge Tucker has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Appeals of WV, U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern District of WV, and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of WV. She is a former member of the Governor's Judicial Advisory Committee, and was on the Board of Directors for the North Central West Virginia Legal Aid Society. Judge Tucker was instrumental in establishing WV's first Victim/Witness Assistance Program. She was also instrumental in the formation of the Monongalia County Bar Association's Committee for Civility and Professionalism, which is dedicated to promoting reforms in attorney conduct both among members of the Bar and between attorneys and the public.