



Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention News & Updates

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Upcoming Events

[Check out our upcoming events that are open for registration!](#)

Video Resource Spotlight



[The Importance of Bystander Power](#)

Find additional video resources on our Alberti Center YouTube channel & please subscribe! [View our YouTube channel here.](#)

Out and About in the (Virtual) Community

These are just some of the events and presentations from over the past few months:

UB Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention 2021 VIRTUAL Conference

Bystander Intervention: Preventing Violence and Interrupting Social Injustices

Monday, October 4, 2021 | 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

Via Zoom Webinar (link provided closer to date of event)

Keynote:

Bystander Intervention in Violence Prevention Across Contexts



Victoria Banyard, PhD

Professor and Associate Dean for Faculty Development, Associate Director of Center on Violence Against Women and Children | School of Social Work, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey

Breakout Sessions:

NAB IT! (Norms and Bystander Intervention Training) to Reduce Bullying and Sexual Harassment in High School

Amanda Nickerson, PhD
 Director, Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention; Professor, School Psychology | University at Buffalo, SUNY (and NAB IT! Research Team Members)

Applying Bystander Intervention Theory to Racial Microaggressions

Lyndsay Jenkins, PhD
 Associate Professor, Florida State University

Laura Reid Marks, PhD
 Assistant Professor, Florida State University

Using Motivational Interviewing and Bystander Intervention to Prevent Sexual Assault in High-Risk Drinking Situations in Colleges and Universities

Jennifer Livingston, PhD
 Associate Professor, School of Nursing | University at Buffalo, SUNY

Jennifer Read, PhD
 Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology | University at Buffalo, SUNY

The STAC Intervention: Teaching Elementary and Middle School Students Strategies for Acting as "Defenders" in Bullying Situations

Aida Midgett, PhD
 Professor and Chair, Department of Counselor Education | Boise State University

SPECIAL EVENT Free2Lav Youth Empowerment Panel

Moderated by: Jason Drucker, Star of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul*, Nickelodeon's *Every Witch Way*, and *Bumblebee*

3 CEs for LMSW, LCSW, and LMHCs & NASP Approval

The University at Buffalo Counseling Services is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists, recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0504, and recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed mental health counselors #MHC-0129. The University at Buffalo Counseling Services maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

The University at Buffalo's School Psychology Program is approved by the National Association of School Psychologists to offer continuing professional development. The University at Buffalo maintains responsibility for this continuing professional development activity.

Registration fee: \$10.00 per professional, faculty, or student

Register: ed.buffalo.edu/alberti/conference


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Alberti Center 2021 Virtual Conference

Bystander Intervention: Preventing Violence and Interrupting Social Injustices, will take place on **Monday, October 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET** via Zoom. The cost to attend is only \$10.00 and [registration is now open here](#)! Our keynote speaker, Victoria Banyard, PhD, will present on *Bystander Intervention in Violence Prevention Across Contexts*. Breakout presentation topics will include *NAB IT! (Norms and Bystander Intervention Training) to Reduce Bullying and Sexual Harassment*

May

NAB IT! Bystander Intervention Training - Williamsville CSD

Helping Students At-Risk for Suicide - virtual workshop

Bystander Intervention Training - Campbell County, Kentucky

June

Preventing and Intervening with Bullying - McGill Summer Institute for School Psychology

PREPaRE Training - University of South Dakota

July

PREPaRE Training - Questar III BOCES

Knowledge, power, and systemic inequalities: The challenge of child sexual abuse and its prevention - British Psychological Association Psychology of Women and Equalities Section Annual Conference

NYSED DASA Training

Registration dates are now available through December 2021. Feedback from recent participants:

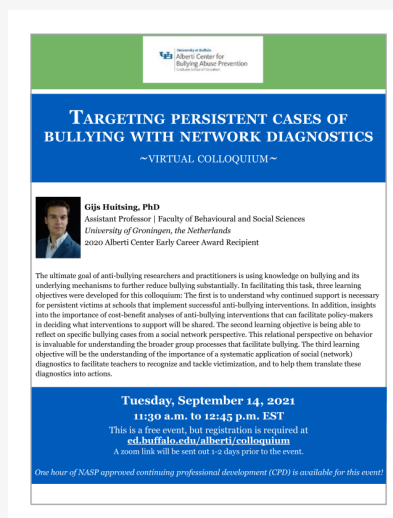
I feel really excited that I have been exposed to multiple strategies I can use to create a healthy learning environment as well as to deal with bullying and harassment that may occur in my classroom or school.

I feel that this training has equipped me with a deeper understanding on how to be more aware on providing a safe and inclusive learning environment.

After this training, I feel empowered and positive. The videos provided great models in which to use and communicate with parents effectively.

Link to [DASA Training](#)

in High School, Applying Bystander Intervention Theory to Racial Microaggressions, Using Motivational Interviewing and Bystander Intervention to Prevent Sexual Assault in High-Risk Drinking Situations in Colleges and Universities, and The STAC Intervention: Teaching Elementary and Middle School Students Strategies for Acting as "Defenders" in Bullying Situations. Learn more about our breakout sessions and presenters on our website. Following the presentations, we will be hosting a Youth Empowerment Panel being presented by [Free2Luv](#). Jason Drucker, actor and activist, will be moderating this special event with other Free2Luv youth ambassadors!



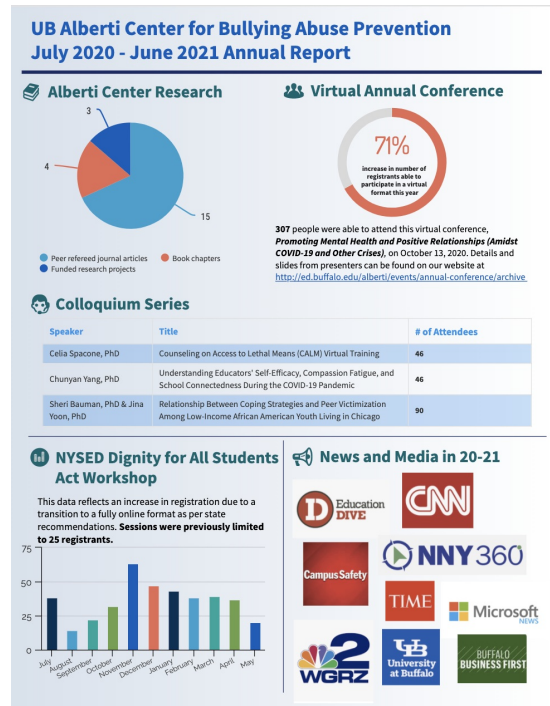
2021-2022 Colloquium Series

We will be kicking off our 2021-2022 Colloquium Series on **Tuesday, September 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. ET** with a virtual presentation on **Targeting Persistent Cases of Bullying with Network Diagnostics**. Gijs Huitsing, PhD, will be presenting his research on this topic. Dr. Huitsing was the recipient of our 2020 Early Career Award! [You can register for this FREE event on our website](#) and a Zoom link will be provided.

Additional colloquia in the series this year will include:

- **Virtual Safe Schools Seminar on November 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**
See additional information below.
- **Panel discussion on bullying of children with disabilities** and how schools can best address these issues and support the students and their families on **Tuesday, February 8, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. ET**. Panel members will include Michael Gilberg, Esq., Tara Moffett, Esq., and Steve Oill, Family Peer Advocate.
- **April 2022 (date, time and topic TBD)**. **Wendy Craig, PhD**, Professor of Psychology, Co-Founder and Scientific Director of PREVNet, Queen's University.

We will provide more information on each of these



2020-2021 Annual Report

Although there is no denying the challenges that we have all faced over the past year, one of the silver linings we found during the COVID-19 pandemic is the ability to offer our events to a larger audience by hosting them virtually. Our attendance for our colloquia and our annual conference increased significantly over the past year, as well as the number of registrants who were able to attend our monthly, online DASA Training course! Pictured above is just a small snapshot of some of our achievements this year. The complete [Alberti Center 2020-2021 Annual Report can be viewed here](#). Reports from previous years can be found on our [website](#).

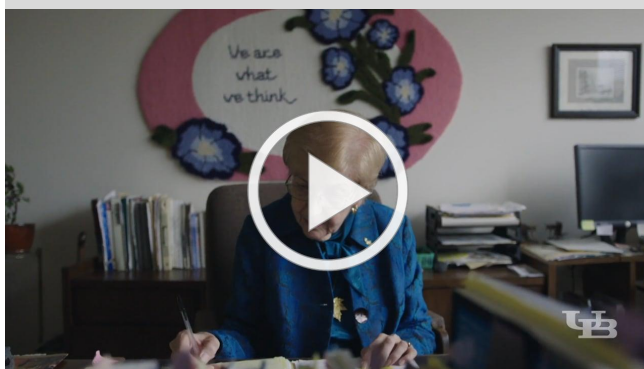


Safe Schools Initiative Seminar

The Alberti Center will co-sponsor the **17th Annual Safe Schools Initiative Seminar** alongside the Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Justice, and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021, from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ET**. The topic of the seminar this year will be **Addressing the Misuse, Overuse & Abuse of Social Media and Technology in Schools and Online Spaces**. This FREE virtual event will take place via Zoom webinar. Presenters will include:

- Dr. Sameer Hinduja - *Responding to Social Media Misuse and Abuse Among Youth*
- Dr. Melissa Reeves - *'Recovery' from (Lingering) Covid-Related Mental Health Challenges due to Virtual Education Isolation and Other Restrictions*
- Jennifer Hanley & Alexandra Hayman - *Making the Internet a Safer Environment for our Students: A Presentation by Facebook's Trust & Safety Team*

[Signup to receive future notifications about this event here!](#)



We are proud of our accomplishments

Celebrating 10 Years of Research, Education & Outreach

We are proud to recognize and celebrate our 10-year anniversary! A generous gift from Graduate School of Education alumna Jean Alberti (PhD '70, Educational Psychology) established the Dr. Jean M. Alberti Center for the Prevention of Bullying Abuse and School Violence at the University at Buffalo. The

in generating original research to understand, prevent, and intervene with bullying, cyberbullying, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, suicide risk, gun violence, and other crises that affect children and schools.
-Amanda Nickerson, PhD, Director

center was officially launched in July of 2011, when Amanda Nickerson, PhD, became the inaugural director. Throughout the rest of this year, we will be sharing some of our history and special memories from the past decade on our social media channels. Join us by following the links below!

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