



Critical Communication on the College Campus: Security, Mental Health and Administration

An Invitation-only Conference

Thursday March 11, 2010-Friday March 12, 2010
Columbia University Faculty House
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Background

The Academy for Critical Incident Analysis, at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, has been established with the support of the Dart Foundation, to promote and disseminate scholarly research relating to the emergence, management and consequences of critical incidents. ACIA sponsors scholarship and research, hosts conferences and symposiums, and maintains research archives of incident records. ACIA also supports the development and dissemination of course curricula and supporting media for the teaching of critical incident analysis, and supports related instruction at the graduate and undergraduate level at John Jay College.

During the summer of 2009, ACIA gathered with faculty and staff from Virginia Polytechnic Institute to examine the incident aftermath dynamics through the lens of the April 16, 2007 campus shooting. Insights emerged during the conference about the importance of communication between security personnel, mental health professions and college administrators. This conference will explore how such communication can be enhanced, and how to strike a balance between privileged and public information when safety is at stake.

Thursday, March 11

3:00 PM Conference Opening Victor Herbert, Executive Director, ACIA

3:30 PM Opening Address

- Speaker Introduction: James Hawdon
- *Building Bridges at Virginia Tech and Beyond*,
Gene Deisinger

5:00 PM Reception and Dialogue

6:00 PM Dinner

Friday, March 12

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast
School of Journalism, World Press Room, 3rd Floor

9:00 AM Keynote Address

- Speaker Introduction: Bruce Shapiro, Director Dart Center at Columbia University
- *Balancing Confidentiality and the Needs of Public Safety on Campus*
Paul Appelbaum,
Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Psychiatry, Medicine and Law,
Columbia University

10:30 AM Group Reactions

Facilitated by John Carroll, Director of Security, Fordham University at Rose Hill

12:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Administration Panel

- Ned Benton, Moderator Chairman, ACIA Council
- Christopher Rodgers Dean of Students, Fordham University, Rose Hill
- Victor Schwartz Dean of Students, Yeshiva University
- Judith Kornberg Dean of Continuing and Professional Studies,
John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Luis G. Manzo University Director of Mental Health and Wellness Services,
City University of New York

2:30 PM Communicating Across Campus in a Crisis

- Speaker Introduction Frank Ochberg, ACIA and Dart Foundation
- *Columbine to Virginia Tech: Lessons Learned and not Learned*
Roger Depue, Academy Group

3:15 PM Where Do We Go from Here?

- Final Synthesis Roger Depue, Facilitator

4:00 PM Closing

Conference Steering Committee

James McShane, Columbia University
John Carroll, Fordham University
Jules Martin, New York University
Jerry Matthews, New York University
Jay Kohl, Rutgers University
John Ryan, Virginia Tech University
William Barry, City University of New York
Thomas Lawrence, St. John's University
Bruce Shapiro, Columbia University and the Dart Center
Frank Ochberg, ACIA Board and the Dart Foundation
Glenn Corbett, John Jay College and ACIA Board
Victor Herbert, John Jay College and ACIA Executive Director