

CCTR/SART Conference

September 22

2023

LEAD TOGETHER



Harrisonburg, VA

Harrisonburg is part of the ancestral and uncaded territory of the Monacan, Shawandasse, Tula, and Manahoac peoples. WE respectfully acknowledge these Indigenous Peoples, who have cared for the valley for hundreds of generations before European settlers claimed this land by force. We remember that this land was also sharpened and developed through centuries of labor by enslaved Africans. We honor our past to move towards a liberated future.

EMU Campus Information

Campus Policies: EMU is a walking campus and discourages the use of motor vehicles to get between buildings. Parking permits are not needed on 9/22, but please observe parking signs, curbs, reserved spaces, and accessible parking. EMU does not permit possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or firearms on campus.

Conference Space/buildings: All conference activities will take place in University Commons, 1307 Park Road. University Commons has elevators and ramps, and houses Commons Grounds where coffee and pastries will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Campus Dining: The Cafeteria is open from 7:30-10 a.m. for hot breakfast, 11 a.m.-1:30 for hot lunch. Meals are \$8 for guest. Friday's menu features: Vegetarian Fajita Pasta, Cajun Butter Tilapia, Herbed Brown Rice, French Fries, Vegetables, Taco Bar, Pizza Bar, Burger Bar, Deli Bar, and Salad Bar. The Royal's Den snack bar is open at 10 am and serves breakfast all day. They have burgers, fries, sandwiches, wraps, fries, chicken tenders, etc.

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Eastern Mennonite University 1307 Park Road Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Morning

7:30-8:10

Registration

University Commons Lobby

8:10-9:00

Key Note

Room 177

9:10-10:20

Breakout 1

10:30-11:50

Breakout 2

Afternoon

11:50-1:00

Lunch

On your own-off campus

1:00-2:15

Breakout 3

2:15-2:30

Snack/Break

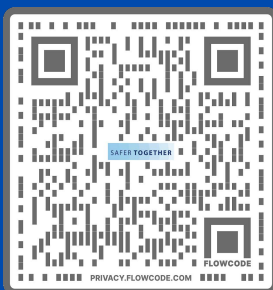
University Commons Lobby

2:30-4:00

Panel/ Q & A Session

Room 177

Please see reverse side for classroom locations or scan the QR code below for conference schedule, room assignments, and presenter bios.



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Breakout 1

9:10-10:20 SA through the Criminal Justice Lens
Room 177
Victim centered approach to Title IX
Room 124
Alcohol and SA on Campus
Room 211
Survivor experiences in the CJ system
Room 212
Receiving a disclosure
President's Reception

Breakout 2

10:30-11:50 Culturally Specific-BPOC & SA
Room 211
Culturally Specific-LBGTQIA & SA
Room 177
Culturally Specific-Unhoused and SA
Room 212
Culturally Specific-ESL and SA
Room 124

Breakout 3

1:00-2:15 Human Trafficking, Stalking, Cyber Images
Room 211
Keeping Victims Engaged
Room 112
Title IX safety planning, supportive measures..
Room 124
Neurobiology of Trauma
President's Reception

Welcome & Keynote



Mayor Deanna Reed

Mayor Deanna (Dee-na) Reed was sworn into office for Harrisonburg City Council on January 3, 2017, and then selected by her fellow council members as mayor. Becoming mayor (of her hometown) in Harrisonburg made her the first African American female mayor in Harrisonburg's history. Mayor Reed currently serves as the Regional Advancement Director at Eastern Mennonite University. Recently, Mayor Reed was recognized by the Virginia Library of Congress as one of the Strong Men and Strong Women of Virginia History. In addition, she was featured in Essence Magazine on the top 100 WOKE list. Mayor Reed remains passionate in her work to enrich the lives of youth in her community.



Venissa White-Safer Together

Venissa White has served as the Director of the Safer Together at Eastern Mennonite since Fall 2022. Previously, she served as the assistant director for the University of Iowa's Rape Victim Advocacy Program. In this position, she facilitated community development and supported victim services including crisis counseling, support groups, Title IX, criminal justice, and education and prevention initiatives. White has extensive salient lived experience as both a survivor of sexual assault and the mother of a high school aged survivor. She has significant experience navigating systems of healing and justice including the criminal justice system, the Office of Civil Rights, and K-12 Title IX. Venissa is the mother of 5 college age daughters, and currently resides in the Shenandoah Valley in Harrisonburg Virginia.

Survivor Stories: Why our response matters

Presenter Bios



John Gish

John is the Section Chief for Victim Assistance at the Iowa Attorney General's Office. John's team provides crime victim compensation, training and outreach, and is the State Administering Agency for federal grants. Before working in the Attorney General's Office, John spent six years as the elected County Attorney for Washington County, Iowa. He has prior experience as an assistant county attorney and as a staff attorney with a nonprofit legal clinic where he defended the rights of individuals with disabilities. In addition to his full-time work, John is a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve, and has deployed twice to the Middle East. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Iowa State University and his Juris Doctor from Drake Law School. John is married with three kids, and he enjoys the outdoors and staying active.

Leading: SA Through the Criminal Justice Lens and Keeping Victims Engaged



Chad Ellis:

Chad is a Lieutenant with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Before this, he was the Investigator for Washington County for 14 years, where he investigated a wide range of crimes from sexual assault to burglary to murder. Chad proudly served in the Army from 1991-1996 and has been working in law enforcement since. Chad has gone to many trainings including ILEA investigators school and CTK evidence based interview and interrogation school. Chad enjoys going on off-road trails in his Jeep and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Leading: SA Through the Criminal Justice Lens, and Human Trafficking...



Deanna West (she/her)

Deanna is an Assistant Director and Rural Advocate with the Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP). She has been working with survivors of violent crimes, specifically sexual assault, for nearly a decade. She earned her Bachelors in Psychology and Criminology from University of Iowa. She is married with two wonderful dogs and a decent cat. She enjoys cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes, and rewatching The Office.

Leading: Survivor Experiences and Keeping Victims Engaged

Presenter Bios

Aimee Stockenstroom

Aimee Stockenstroom, LCSW, is a highly skilled clinician and trainer specializing in intimate partner and sexual violence with a demonstrated history working both nationally and

internationally. Her experience includes providing individual and group psychotherapy to adult survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence, as well as training advocates in local domestic violence and sexual assault agencies, law enforcement, community allied professionals, and medical healthcare professionals.

Her training covers various topics such as neurobiology of trauma, trauma responses, trauma aware advocacy, the impact of trauma, and the importance of collaborative partnerships between advocates, medical healthcare professionals, and law enforcement in supporting survivors through the legal justice system. Furthermore, Aimee has offered consultation services to domestic violence and sexual assault agencies, focusing on program and policy development within a trauma-informed framework. Notably, she is a certified expert witness capable of testifying on subjects including trauma responses, the impact of trauma on the brain and memory, dynamics of domestic violence, and common responses observed in adult survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence.

Leading: Neurobiology of Trauma



Nikki Dovel

Nikki Dovel, LPC, (she/her/hers) earned her undergraduate degree in psychology from James Madison University, and completed her graduate studies right here at EMU in the MA Counseling Program in 2013. She has served as a Licensed Professional Counselor in the Shenandoah Valley for the last several years in various settings to include community based services, crisis response, and clinical leadership and supervision. Nikki serves from a person-centered approach with the understanding that relationship and connection are impactful and transformational. Nikki is also trained in EMDR through the EMDR Institute, and utilizes this treatment approach often with various issues to include treatment trauma responses, anxiety and depression. She strives to provide a safe space where all feel accepted, understood, and empowered to take an active role in their healing and growth. Nikki's personal interests include time with family, crafting, live music, and rooting for her favorite DC teams

Leading: Receiving a Disclosure

Presenter Bios



Celeste Thomas

Celeste R. Thomas has served in the fields of social work, counseling and higher education for twenty plus years. She received a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Science degrees from Shippensburg University of PA. Celeste has spent time providing counseling services in both non-profit and university settings. Her areas of expertise include: sexual assault/violence, domestic violence, female empowerment, eating disorders, anxiety, sexuality, depression and issues surrounding oppression, diversity and multiculturalism. Presently, she serves as the Director of Multicultural Student Services at Eastern Mennonite University. The mission of Multicultural Student Services is to increase awareness, cultivate inclusiveness and mutual respect of diversity and multicultural aspects of African American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American people throughout the community. Additionally she has co-authored 3 articles.

Leading: Culturally Specific-BPOC and SA



Melissa May

Melissa May is the Curriculum Coordinator for EMU's Intensive English Program, which regularly educates 85+ local English Language Learners in preparation for graduates to attend American universities. She holds a BA in Writing from Susquehanna University and Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees from United Lutheran Seminary, which propelled her into ministry adventures in northern Canada, western Alaska, and rural congregational preaching in the Shenandoah Valley.

She loves to try new foods, swim outdoors when possible, and kick back with her Maine Coon named Chewy.

Leading: Cultural Specific-ESL and SA

Presenter Bios



Yolo:

Yolo is a dedicated advocate with a profound commitment to social justice and community welfare. Yolo has a diverse background spanning volunteer work, international advocacy, and grassroots engagement. Her journey in community service began as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for foster youth. In addition to her work with foster youth, she has dedicated her time and expertise to improving the lives of women and children in underserved communities across the country and worldwide. Yolo's advocacy extends to those living on the fringes of society, including homeless teenagers in San Diego.

Furthermore, Yolo is a driving force behind the operation of an orphanage in Haiti. Her mission is to break the cycle of dependency on orphanages. This ambitious endeavor reflects her commitment to sustainable change and community development.

Currently, Yolo serves as the Special Projects Coordinator and Community Care Advocate at Our Community Place, where she continues to champion the cause of marginalized communities. Above all, Yolo finds herself in continual awe of the wisdom her two sons impart and aspires to be like them every day.

Leading: Culturally Specific-Unhoused and SA