



INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Statewide Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Project

Sexual Assault Prevention and Education 2016 Webinar Series

These webinars are free and open to the public.

Rape Culture: Defining, Identifying, and Changing Rape Culture Norms

Mahri Irvine, PhD and Michaela Wischmeier

This presentation will provide attendees with definitions and examples of what a “rape culture” looks like, and discuss the common connections between possible “battering cultures” or “stalking cultures.” Attendees will learn about the societal values and beliefs that characterize rape cultures, and learn about how rape myths create harmful and unhealthy social norms that contribute to perpetration. The presenters will address implications for prevention of sexual violence by discussing necessary changes in culture norms, language, and media representations of violent behavior.

(Thursday, March 31st, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

Register [here](#)

Language, Sexual Violence, and Culture Norms

Mahri Irvine, PhD

This presentation will provide an overview of how people use language to shift blame from perpetrators to victims, make violence appear to be an unavoidable part of life, and include irrelevant information in sexual violence news reports. The presenter will provide an introductory overview of several linguistic analysis strategies, and attendees will have the chance to analyze news stories. The presentation will address how changes in our language can help us engage in primary prevention by holding perpetrators and bystanders accountable for their actions.

(Friday, April 22nd, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

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Working with LGBTQ Students in Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts

Skye Brown, MS

In this presentation, attendees will learn about best practices for sexual violence prevention efforts directed toward people who harm LGBTQ students. Attendees will learn about unique challenges facing LGBTQ students and communities; the presenter will address why LGBTQ individuals are at such high risks for sexual violence, and discuss how social inequalities, including biphobia, homophobia, and transphobia, influence the attitudes and behaviors of perpetrators and bystanders. Learn about [MESA](#).

(Friday, May 13th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

Register [here](#)

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IU Updates: Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts on IU Campuses

IU employees from around the state

In preparation for the Fall 2016 semester, this webinar will feature employees from IU's campuses. The presenters will provide short highlights about sexual violence prevention events and initiatives that will be offered at their campuses in the fall. Attendees will learn about the variety of efforts at IU campuses, including efforts like bystander intervention trainings, social norms campaigns, It's On Us campaigns, and faculty engagement with students.

(Wednesday, June 1st, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

Register [here](#)

Perpetrators of Sexual Violence

Jim Hopper, PhD

A critical foundation for developing effective sexual violence prevention efforts is knowledge about why and how perpetrators of sexual violence commit their assaults. In this presentation, attendees will learn about some key characteristics of sexual violence perpetrators, as well as the impact of social norms on perpetrators' attitudes and behaviors. The presenter will share information from his ongoing research about perpetrators of sexual violence. Learn about [Dr. Hopper](#).

(Friday, July 15th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

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Research Review: Is Rape Caused by Miscommunication?

Mahri Irvine, PhD

In this "Research Review," the presenter will provide an overview of the methodologies and findings from three research studies that investigated communication strategies among men and women; the researchers asked whether sexual violence is caused by miscommunication, or if other factors like men's feelings of entitlement, or intentional ignorance of social or nonverbal cues, are the cause of rape. The research studies include articles from the *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*, *Violence Against Women*, and *Culture, Health and Sexuality*.

(Friday, August 19th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

Register [here](#)

Prevention of Sexual Violence in Intimate Relationships

Natalie Phillips and Mahri Irvine, PhD

This presentation will provide attendees with a basic overview of the role of sexual violence in abusive relationships. The presentation will explain how people use coercion or manipulation to sexually assault their partners, and how they normalize sexual assaults committed within the context of intimate relationships. The presenters will provide an overview of common characteristics of people who sexually assault their intimate partners, and address strategies for preventing sexual violence in intimate relationships. Learn about [DVN](#).

(Wednesday, September 14th, 11:00 – 12:30 pm EST)

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Sexual Violence Prevention through Enhancement of Protective Factors

Julie Lash, PhD, HSPP and Claire Draucker, PhD, RN, APRN, FAAN

A majority of sexual violence survivors are revictimized by various people over the course of their lives. This presentation will provide an overview of the risk and protective factors that place previously victimized people at higher risk for future assaults, with an emphasis on how certain types of coping mechanisms connect to risk factors. This presentation will explain how, and why, perpetrators target survivors of previous abuse. The presenters will discuss implications for sexual violence prevention, including how increased protective factors might help us prevent future assaults. Learn about [Dr. Lash](#) and [Dr. Draucker](#).

(Friday, October 21st, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

Register [here](#)

Working with Parents on Sexual Violence Prevention

Ellen Vaughn, PhD

The aim of this webinar is to discuss parental involvement in the development of sexual assault prevention using a bystander intervention framework. Topics will include (1) the concerns parents have about their students' transition into college including sexual assault and the role that excessive alcohol use plays in sexual assault on campus; (2) parent-student communication about these risks and barriers to such communication; and (3) the development of a parent-based group prevention intervention for parents of incoming freshman. Learn about [Dr. Vaughn](#).

(Wednesday, October 26th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

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Drugs, Peer Pressure, and “Party Culture”: The Slow Work of Sexual Violence Prevention

Sareen Lambright Dale, MBA and Eric Teske, MA, MS

Prevention programs focusing on sexual violence and drug use can be based on best practices, and yet, it can take us a long time to see positive results from our programs and initiatives. In this webinar, the presenters will discuss some of the successes and challenges they have experienced as they work with students to change cultural norms and attitudes about drug use, bystander intervention, and the prevention of sexual violence. The presenters will include a discussion on how a “party culture” might look very different in different communities, and provide insights into how to work on drug and violence prevention at commuter or non-residential campuses. Learn about [Mr. Teske](#) and [Ms. Lambright Dale](#).

(Thursday, November 17th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

Register [here](#)

Engaging Men in Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts

Mike Hines, PsyD, HSPP and Joel Wong, PhD

This presentation will provide an overview of common challenges faced by educators and advocates when they try to engage men in sexual violence prevention efforts. The presentation will identify strategies to help men feel less defensive about becoming involved in prevention efforts, and explain how social psychological principles like self-persuasion, self-relevance, cognitive dissonance, and social norms can be used to help engage men. The presenters will also discuss methods to help men recognize and understand that their engagement in violence prevention work requires self-reflection, and a conscious effort to work respectfully alongside women and LGBTQ individuals. Learn about [Dr. Hines](#) and [Dr. Wong](#).

(Wednesday, December 14th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)

Register [here](#)

Questions, suggestions, or problems with webinar registration? Contact irvinem@iu.edu.

IU employees' names and attendance records will be shared with their campus Title IX deputies. All attendees will receive certificates of attendance in January 2017.



Be sure to check out two other important webinars, sponsored by [SAPIR](#):

Medical and Legal Assistance for Sexual Violence Survivors
(Wednesday May 18th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)
Register [here](#)

Trauma-Informed Responses to Disclosures of Sexual Violence
(Thursday July 21st, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm EST)
Register [here](#)