

BUILDING EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

HOSTED BY DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	Welcome Sue Ryan, Executive Director <i>Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence</i>
9:10 AM	Policy Literacy and Government Dr. Jason Bourke, Director, MPA Program <i>Delaware State University</i>
9:45 AM	Break
9:55 AM	Panel Discussion: Effectively Advocacy with Legislators <i>Senator Marie Pinkney (SD 13), Representative Madinah Wilson-Anton (RD 26), and Senator Colin Bonini (SD 16)</i>
10:25 AM	Break
10:35 AM	World Cafe of Social Justice Advocacy Partners <i>An opportunity for collaboration and discussion</i>
11:55 AM	Wrap Up

WORLD CAFÉ



The World Cafe is an opportunity for conversation, discussion, and information-sharing. Community leaders working on a variety of social justice issues will highlight their policy priorities, as well as their advocacy successes and challenges.

Representatives/Issues Include:

Black Mothers in Power: Shané Darby

Campaign for Smart Justice: Haneef Salaam

Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence: Traci Manza Murphy

Domestic Violence: Nick Beard and Mariann Kenville-Moore

H.O.M.E.S. Campaign: DeBorah Gilbert White

Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy: Melanie Ross Levin

Prevention/Economic Justice: Sarah Bear and Nicole Rinier

PRESENTERS

Sarah Bear, MPH (she/her) is the Prevention Director for the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She is responsible for supporting all things prevention at the Coalition and always jumps at a chance to bring prevention into the conversation. With nearly a decade of experience, Sarah has held numerous positions in both intervention and prevention capacities, and has spoken at multiple national conferences, including the National Sexual Assault Conference (2017, 2018, and 2019) and the National Sex Ed Conference (2017 and 2019). She received her Master of Public Health from George Washington University and a Bachelor of the Arts from Albright College in Women & Gender Studies and Digital Media. In her spare time, she enjoys lounging with her two black cats while playing video games or reading a book.

Nick Beard, PhD (she/her) is a barred attorney in New York and Maryland who holds a PhD in Law and Gender Studies at the University of Sussex. Nick previously worked for the Center for Sex Education, Common Cause Delaware and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. She serves on the board of directors for the New York Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Delaware Alliance Against Sexual Violence, and volunteers with the University of Delaware Sexual Offense Services, All Options talkline, and the New York Abortion Access Fund hotline. Nick is the mom of a young son and lives in Hockessin with her Irish husband and English cat.

Colin Bonini has represented the 16th District since 1995. Bonini received his Bachelor of Arts from Wesley College in 1991. He received a Master of Public Administration from the University of Delaware in 1999. While in college, he worked for United States Senator Bill Roth and the United States Department of State in New Delhi, India. He was elected in 1994 to represent the 16th District in the Delaware Senate. The district covers part of southern and eastern Kent County along with a small portion of adjacent Sussex County. It includes the southern portions of Dover around the Dover Air Force Base and the towns of Frederica and Harrington

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Dr. Jason Bourke is the Director of the Master of Public Administration Program at Delaware State University. Before joining Delaware State in July of 2018, Jason attended the University of Delaware for his M.A. and Ph.D. in Urban Affairs and Public Policy. His research and service experience include public policy analysis, policy history, political economy, economic development, community engagement and development, economic justice and housing policy. Most of his work has been situated in the context of Wilmington, Delaware. His instructional history includes courses on Public Policy Analysis, Political Science, Public Administration, Foreign Policy and Economics at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Shané Darby is a proud mother of three girls, Saniyah, Samirah, and Skai. She was born and raised in Wilmington to immigrant parents. She attended Temple University and majored in Mass Communication & African American Studies. She completed her Master's program in Africana Studies with a concentration in Ethnography and Black Women's Studies. Currently, she has purchased lots in her neighborhood to start to take control of the narrative of her community and eventually transform these spaces to Community Art Gardens.

Her current focus and research includes Maternal Healthcare for Black Women and Reproductive Justice. She is advocating for Doulas to be in prison, increase in certified Black Doulas/Midwives in the State of DE, and decrease maternal health risk for Black Women.

Mariann Kenville-Moore, is a social worker with over 35 years of service to the people of Delaware. In her current role as Director of Advocacy & Policy at the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV), she works on state and national policy issues. Mariann spent her early career with the Division of Family Services, providing direct service to children and families in New Castle County; and later managing statewide programs and services. She retired from state service as the Director of Victim Service in the Department of Justice, where she managed the statewide program; developed and implemented policies, programs and legislation; and provided direct service to victims of crime. In addition, she teaches as an adjunct faculty member at Delaware State University for the School of Social Work in the College of Health & Behavioral Science. Mariann values the role that non-profits have played in the movement to end family violence, and volunteers on local boards of directors. Mariann earned her Master's degree in Social Work from Rutgers University and her undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Delaware.

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Melanie Ross Levin is currently the Director of the Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy for the State of Delaware. In this role, she oversees Delaware's women's rights work, including building support for new legislation and advising the Governor's Office, the state legislature, and the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources. In this role she has spearheaded several groundbreaking pieces of legislation, including the best paid parental leave benefit for state workers in the country (and the only one that includes teachers) and the first ban on child marriage in the United States. Prior to her role with the State of Delaware, Ms. Ross Levin served as the Director of Engagement and Mobilization at the National Women's Law Center. In this capacity, she led several advocacy campaigns, including the Title IX education campaign Let Her Learn and the early learning campaign Strong Start for Children. Melanie also led NWLC's field effort to pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the first bill President Barak Obama signed. Early in her career, Melanie also served as a Legislative Fellow in the Delaware General Assembly and a Grassroots Organizer for Planned Parenthood of Delaware. Ms. Ross Levin received her master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Delaware and her bachelor's degree in Political Science and Women's Studies from the University of Delaware. She lives with her husband and two daughters in North Wilmington.

Traci Manza Murphy is a long-time non-profit, communications, and advocacy professional. In addition to serving as the first full-time Executive Director of the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence, she also owns and operates Brandywine Buzz, a free weekly email for area families. She is passionate about the health and wellness of children, an avid reader, and an eager if unskilled tennis player. She lives in the greater Wilmington area with her family and spends as much free time as possible in Dewey Beach.

The Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence is Delaware's only statewide gun violence prevention advocacy organization. DECAGV supports safe and responsible gun ownership and advocates for the advancement of evidence-based policies that prevent and reduce gun violence. Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence Education Fund is dedicated to ending gun violence in Delaware and nationwide through education and advocacy. Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence, Inc., our sister organization, works directly on enacting, protecting, and implementing Delaware's gun safety laws.

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Sen. Marie Pinkney represents the 13th District, which stretches from the Christiana River south to Red Lion Road and encompasses dozens of neighborhoods along Route 13.

Raised by her great aunt in Wilmington and New Castle, Pinkney graduated from Howard High School of Technology. She earned her bachelor's degree in social work from Norfolk State University and a master's degree in social work from Delaware State University.

After graduate school, she began working at a treatment center for adolescents with mental health and substance abuse issues. She also became the foster mother to a teen mother and her young son for many years.

Sen. Pinkney currently works as a social worker/case manager at ChristinaCare. She has dedicated her career to advocating alongside families seeking quality healthcare, access to resources, educational support, and government policies that support them.

Sen. Pinkney became the first African American LGBTQ+ person ever elected to the Delaware Senate in 2020. She is dedicated to fighting the negative impacts of racial and socioeconomic inequalities, as well as the stigmas and hurdles faced by formerly justice-involved individuals and those with limited educational backgrounds.

She currently serves as chair of the Senate Corrections & Public Safety Committee, and vice chair of Senate Housing Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee. She is a member of the Senate Health Committee and the Senate Environment & Energy Committee. Sen. Pinkney also serves on the Capital Improvement Committee, which is responsible for writing the annual Bond Bill.

She lives in Bear with her 4-year-old German Shepherd Gandhi and her 6-month-old cat Penelope aka Penny Proud.

Nicole Rinier works as the Prevention Policy Specialist for the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She received her Master of Public Policy and MBA from the Heller School at Brandeis University, with a concentration in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies and a BFA in Printmaking and Women's Studies from Tyler School of Art at Temple University. Before policy became her focus, Nicole worked as a shelter advocate and prevention educator for organizations combatting various forms of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

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Mr. Haneef Salaam is a native Delawarean born and raised in Wilmington. He is engaged in empowering the community and very passionate about helping individuals released from prison become positive and productive community members after making that change himself. Mr. Salaam has worked with government and non-profit agencies focused on prisoner reentry for the past 10 years; holding positions such as President of the Delaware Reentry Consortium and Community Facilitator for I-ADAPT, the Governor's reentry initiative. He also started Building Success, LLC, a small business that provides consultation and program planning for nonprofits.

Prior to joining the ACLU of Delaware, Mr. Salaam was an in-reach coordinator for the Hope Commission at the Achievement Center. Mr. Salaam is passionate about helping disadvantaged populations find solutions and ways to overcome their barriers to success. In his free time, Mr. Salaam is a community advocate in Wilmington.

DeBorah Gilbert White, PhD, is a social psychologist, diversity and inclusion specialist, social justice and community advocate for people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or formerly homeless. She is founder of HerStory Ensemble LLC, an awareness, education, and advocacy community-based group focused on women and homelessness. She serves as a member of the National Coalition for the Homeless Faces of Homelessness Speakers Bureau, where she shares her story and work connected to homelessness. HerStory Ensemble LLC is a member organization of the National Coalition for the Homeless, Delaware Continuum of Care (DE CoC), and the Delaware H.O.M.E.S. (Housing, Opportunity, Mobility, Equity, Stability) Campaign. She and her organization work as advocates locally and nationally for protective homeless policy and legislation. Since 2012 she has been in the forefront in the work for a Homeless Bill of Rights for the State of Delaware.

Dr. Gilbert White is a member of the Delaware Valley Association of Black Psychologists and author of *Beyond Charity: A Sojourner's Reflections on Homelessness, Advocacy, Empowerment and Hope*, her memoir released September 2021.

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Rep. Madinah Wilson-Anton grew up in the 26th district, where she lives with her husband, mother, and sisters. She attended Gauger-Cobbs Middle School and graduated from the Charter School of Wilmington. She is an alumna of the University of Delaware and holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Asian Studies. She has formally studied Arabic, Chinese, French, and Spanish.

While at the University of Delaware, Rep. Wilson-Anton was actively involved in several campus organizations where she held leadership positions, including the Muslim Student Association, Students for Justice in Palestine, and her sorority Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc.

She worked for two years as a legislative fellow in the state legislature, and an additional year as a legislative aide for the 26th and 27th districts. In these capacities, she researched legislation, staffed committee meetings, and communicated with residents and helped them with a variety of issues. This experience gave her first-hand exposure to the issues and concerns of her fellow community members.

As a state representative, Rep. Wilson-Anton is fighting for social, economic, and racial justice for all Delawareans.



For more information or resources, visit:

<https://dcadv.org/what-we-do/advocacy-policy-work/building-effective-advocacy.html>



ABOUT DCADV

Founded in 1994, the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) is Delaware's federally recognized state domestic violence coalition. The staff, board, members, and volunteers of DCADV work with our member organizations and allies to support the empowerment of victims of domestic violence and their children through access to services and legal remedies. DCADV also seeks to change the societal conditions that support sexism, racism, homophobia, and other oppressions and which contribute to the continued presence of domestic and sexual violence in intimate relationships.

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence envisions a First State where safe, healthy, equitable relationships, families and communities thrive.



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