

# ABOUT US

## Biden Institute at the University of Delaware

The Biden Institute, established at the University of Delaware's Joseph R. Biden, Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration, is a world-class intellectual center and destination for scholars, activists, policymakers, and national leaders. The Institute is focused on the issues that have animated Vice President Biden's public career and it is rooted in two guiding principles he has long embraced: Economic opportunity and social justice. The Institute explores, among others, such issues as: economic opportunity for the middle class, income inequality, violence against women, civil rights and LGBT rights, civil liberties and criminal justice reform, health care reform, environmental sustainability, the state of our democracy and politics, and political reform. Our approach will be dynamic – striving always to shape the conversation and serve as a leading voice in most consequential policy debates on issues facing American communities.

## Center for the Study and Prevention of Gender-Based Violence at the University of Delaware

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Gender-Based Violence — housed in the Department of Women and Gender Studies at the University of Delaware (UD) — is an interdisciplinary, feminist, intersectional collaborative that integrates scholarship with community activism. A synergistic community of scholars and practitioners, the Center generates evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies to impact policy that is implemented locally, regionally and nationally. The Center is dedicated to the study of, prevention of and support for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, human trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence. Its scholarship seeks to document, investigate and ameliorate the causes and effects of gender-based violence. One of its unique functions is the commitment to workforce development as a distinct prevention strategy. As such, the Center provides training, informed by pioneering research, to students and professionals for victim-service work and prevention practices.

## Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) is a statewide, nonprofit organization and coalition of organizations, groups and individuals that strive to promote conditions that prevent and eliminate domestic violence by educating its members and community partners; providing informational resources to the community; and advocating as a strong, unified voice for victims/survivors of domestic violence, children who are affected, domestic violence programs and victim service providers. DCADV envisions a First State where safe, healthy, equitable relationships, families, and communities thrive.

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SOCIAL  
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BIDEN INSTITUTE  
CENTER FOR THE STUDY & PREVENTION  
OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



DELAWARE COALITION  
AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

VIRTUAL SUMMIT  
EVENT PROGRAM

**OCTOBER 15, 2020** 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

## **What's the Connection?: Intersections Between Economic Stability and Gender-Based Violence**

Sexual and domestic violence doesn't only impact survivors and their loved ones – it can have a profound effect on the ways communities and economies function. Research estimates the economic costs of intimate partner violence at nearly \$3.6 trillion at a population level and \$3.1 trillion for sexual violence. How does this happen? During this session, participants will learn about how economies are impacted by gender-based violence and how corporations can be a part of the solution. This discussion will set the stage for the follow-up sessions where participants will acquire concrete examples of how they can make a difference.

### **FEATURED PANELISTS:**

Kim Pentico (National Network to End Domestic Violence)

Sarah Gonzalez Bocinski (FUTURES Without Violence)

**OCTOBER 22, 2020** 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

## **Bridging the Gap: Safe and Supportive Workplace Practices**

We know that victims and survivors face the repercussions of sexual and domestic violence both in and out of the workplace. The trauma that arises from these forms of violence can lead to decreased productivity and even job loss. Workplaces can play a unique role in supporting survivors during their healing journey while maintaining safe and supportive environments where the company and its employees can thrive. During this session, participants will learn the harmful effects violence can have on workplaces and how colleagues can create policies that support survivors and maintain effective work spaces.

### **OPENING REMARKS:**

Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester

### **FEATURED PANELISTS:**

Ebony Tucker (RALIANCE)

Mona Muro (Texas Council on Family Violence)

Susan Davis (Survivor, Writer, Speaker, and Advocate)

**OCTOBER 29, 2020** 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

## **A Path Forward: Prevention and Corporate Success**

As we've discussed, sexual and domestic violence impacts survivors, workplaces, and the economy in many ways. The good news is that these forms of violence can be prevented! The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have identified that economic stability can play a large role in preventing violence from occurring in the first place – but how can we do that? The final session will discuss ways in which corporations, financial institutions, and policy makers can work toward building a healthier economy and achieve greater corporate success.

### **FEATURED PANELISTS:**

Sarah Gonzalez Bocinski (FUTURES Without Violence)

Tia Subramanian (Criterion Institute)

Lisa Fujie Parks (Prevention Institute)

# **PANELIST BIOS**

### **Susan Davis, Survivor, Writer, Speaker, and Advocate**

Susan is a domestic violence and financial abuse survivor. An attempt on her life by an intimate partner on September 11, 2011, changed her forever. In her book, *Survivorship: How I Survived My Personal 9-11 and You Can Too*, she shares her long journey back from heartache and loss. As a former journalist, adjunct professor of English-Writing, a published author, a spiritual teacher, and a minister to LGBTQ+ persons, Susan has a fresh and positive perspective on life. She holds a B.A. in English-Writing from Eastern University and an M.A. in English-Writing and Publishing from Rosemont College.

### **Sarah Gonzalez Bocinski, FUTURES Without Violence**

Sarah works on FUTURES' initiatives relating to economic justice and security, safety and gender equity in the workplace, and improving access to quality employment opportunities for survivors of trafficking and gender-based violence. Prior to joining FUTURES, she oversaw the Economic Security for Survivors Project, a national training, technical assistance, and research project at the Institute for Women's Policy Research and Wider Opportunities for Women. Sarah received her BA from Colgate University and MPP from the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University.

### **Mona Muro, Texas Council on Family Violence**

Mona Muro is the Economic Justice Policy Coordinator at The Texas Council on Family Violence. In her role, she oversees local, state, and national economic justice policy and systems initiatives for domestic violence programs. She is a recognized presenter, facilitator, and trainer in her field, having spoken at numerous state and national conferences including the National Center for Victims of Crime's - National Training Institute, The National Network to End Domestic Violence's — Economic Justice Summit, and The Allstate Foundation's Purple Purse - Train the Trainer.

### **Lisa Fujie Parks, Prevention Institute**

Lisa Fujie Parks, MPH, is passionate about helping children and families thrive in inclusive, equitable communities. She serves in the role of an Associate Director at Prevention Institute, a national nonprofit with headquarters in Oakland, California, where her portfolio includes projects and initiatives focused on promoting health equity and community resilience and preventing multiple forms of violence and trauma. Lisa currently serves as Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of Our Family Coalition, a San Francisco Bay Area based nonprofit that advances equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) families through support, education, and advocacy. She also serves on the teaching team of the East Bay Meditation Center's Family Practice Group.

### **Kim Pentico, National Network to End Domestic Violence**

Kim has been working with and on behalf of survivors of sexual and domestic violence since 1990. She first spent over seven years working for a local domestic violence program in Kansas and another seven years at the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. She has also worked for the S.T.O.P. Technical Assistance Project in Washington, D.C. Kim is currently the Director of the Economic Justice Program for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, working to further assist survivors in moving from short-term safety to long-term security.

### **Tia Subramanian, Criterion Institute**

Tia Subramanian works on the intersection of gender, movement building, finance, and philanthropy. At Criterion Institute, she leads a program on engaging systems of finance in addressing gender-based violence. She researches and writes about ways in which gender-based violence poses a risk to investments—and how incorporating gender and gender-based violence analyses in finance can uncover hidden opportunities. Tia is a longtime advocate for reproductive justice, currently serving on the board of the DC Abortion Fund. She has a BA in English and Psychology from Amherst College and an MA in English from the University of Virginia. She has a side hustle as a sommelier and designs tastings, webinars, and other events to help people learn about and love wine.

### **Ebony Tucker, RALIANCE**

Ebony Tucker is the Executive Director of RALIANCE. Her work focuses on leading RALIANCE in its efforts to end sexual violence in one generation, through policy, prevention, and education. She has sat on advisory boards for Uber, Biden Foundation, Peace Corps, and SafeSport. Previously, Ebony was the Advocacy Director for the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, where she advocated for federal legislation like the Violence Against Women Act. She also served as the Executive Director of the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault and the Associate Executive Director at the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence. In these positions, she worked with legislators and rape crisis advocates on sexual violence legislation and policy, as well as representing survivors in civil legal proceedings. She received her JD from the Florida State University College of Law in 2005.