

Coalition on Sexual Violence Prevention Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Welcome to the membership from co-chairs Ryan Lombardi and Mary Opperman and introductions from attendees.

Announcements

Updates from The Office of Institutional Equity and Title IX

Nina Cummings, Sexual Violence Prevention Program Director, shared information about the newly named SHARE Office in the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives. The SHARE Office houses the Victim Advocacy Program as well as sexual violence prevention initiatives. Consolidating these existing services under the familiar acronym “SHARE” helps to centralize these resources and helps identify them with the well-publicized SHARE website.

Presentation

Back to the Future: Promising Practices

Laura Weiss, Program Coordinator, Sexual Violence Prevention/Victim Advocacy provided a historical overview of the evolution of sexual violence prevention at Cornell. This presentation described the intersection of promising practices and theory and offers ideas for collaboration on current strategies moving forward.

Of note is the new framework of ‘Sexual Citizenship’ described in researchers Jennifer Hirsch and Seamus Kahn’s book [Sexual Citizens](#). In their work they “reveal.. the social ecosystem that makes sexual assault a predictable element of life on a college campus.” They coin three terms –sexual projects, sexual citizenship, and sexual geographies—concepts that “provide a new language for understanding the forces that shape young people’s sexual relationships. The result transforms our understanding of sexual assault and provides a new roadmap for how to address it.”

As part of this presentation, Laura shared a [13 minute video](#) that the SHARE Office created that has been piloted as part of a training and discussion about new approaches to sexual violence prevention and is a primer on the theories outlined in *Sexual Citizens*.

Meeting concluded at 2:15pm