2015 Annual Conference

October 19, 2015 | 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Classics V Banquet Center | 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd. | Amherst, NY

**Keynote Presentation:**

**“ENDING BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION IN OUR SCHOOLS: THE HARD STEPS NOT YET TAKEN”**

Maurice Elias, Ph.D.
Prof. of Psychology and Director, Rutgers Social-Emotional Learning Lab and Co-Director, SEL Academy (SELinSchools.org) | Rutgers University

While we have made progress in reducing bullying and related behaviors in many of our schools, the problem persists in too many others. This is partly because we see it as an “engineering” problem, when in fact it is a philosophical/moral problem and an organizational problem. Dr. Elias will review the core tenets of universal bullying prevention approaches and selected/indicated prevention approaches, the social-emotional and character development underpinnings and essential school-wide organizational considerations required for effective implementation. We will also screen an important new video, **Ripple Effect**, a powerful tool toward addressing the moral/philosophical dimension. Dr. Elias will conclude with the development of multiyear action plans that address the hard steps not taken.

**Panel Discussion**

**Afternoon Presentation:**

**“TRANSITIONING TO COLLEGE: THE EXPERIENCE OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS WITH A HISTORY OF CHILDHOOD BULLYING”**

Jennifer Greif Green, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Special Education | School of Education | Boston University

This presentation will describe the results of a cross-site study of college transition among previously bullied students. Using data from students at four universities, we were able to track patterns of both challenging and successful college adjustment experiences. This presentation will focus on factors associated with positive college transitions for students who were bullied in their K-12 settings and specifically describe the experiences of LGBTQ youth, for whom a new college environment might be particularly important. Implications will be discussed, both for college settings and for high schools preparing students for the college transition.

**Registration Information**

Professionals: $75 per person | $550 per table of eight
Students: $35 per person

Register online by October 16 at gse.buffalo.edu/alberticenterconference

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