

**The Eighth Annual  
New York City  
Elder Abuse Conference  
is sponsored by:**

- JASA
- The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale
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**A multidisciplinary conference for,  
but not limited to:**

Social Workers • Attorneys • Home Care Managers  
Physicians • Policy Makers • Financial Managers  
Geriatric Care Managers • Educators  
Researchers • Media • Clergy • General Public

**Location/Time:**

The New School  
66 West 12th Street  
New York City  
8:00am – 3:30pm



**Wednesday • June 5, 2013**

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**8:00–9:00 REGISTRATION**  
light breakfast will be served

**9:00–9:45 GREETINGS**

- Leah Ferster, LMSW, *Chief Services Officer, JASA*
- Joy Solomon, Esq., *Director and Managing Attorney, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale*
- Michael Markowitz, MA, *Director, The New School Institute for Retired Professionals*
- Lilliam Barrios-Paoli, *Commissioner, New York City Department for the Aging*
- Robert Doar, *Commissioner, New York City Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services*
- Service Award presentation to Ken Onaitis, LMSW, *Former Director of Elder Abuse and Police Relations, Carter Burden Center*, presented by Bill Dionne, *Executive Director, Carter Burden Center*

**9:45–11:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS** • TISHMAN AUDITORIUM (MAIN FLOOR)

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Mark Lachs, MD, MPH, *Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College; Director of Geriatrics, New York Presbyterian Health Care System; Executive Medical Director, NYCEAC*

**Making Sense of Capacity Assessment (CLE's) • Jason Karlawish, MD**

How is assessing capacity relevant to working with older adults? Dr. Karlawish will address capacity evaluation and the implications for professionals working with vulnerable individuals.

Dr. Karlawish is a Professor of Medicine, Medical Ethics and Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania. He is board-certified in internal medicine and geriatric medicine. He is the Associate Director of and a practicing clinician in the Penn Memory Center. He is also Director of Penn Neurodegenerative Disease Ethics and Policy Program and the Alzheimer's Disease Center's Education, Recruitment and Retention Core.

Dr. Karlawish's research focuses on ethical issues in human subjects research, and the care of persons with dementia. He has investigated issues in dementia drug development, informed consent, quality of life, research and treatment decision making, and voting by persons with dementia.

### **Workshop 1 — The Nexus Between Elder Abuse and Depression: Research and Practice**

*This workshop addresses how depression may impact the client's attitude and actions toward resolving elder abuse. We will review the current literature, present current data on depression and anxiety identified in a sample of older adults served by the Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center of the New York City Department for the Aging and offer evidence-based interventions.*

MODERATOR:

- Aurora Salamone, MPS, Director, Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center, New York City Department for the Aging

PRESENTERS:

- Jo Anne Sirey, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College
- Jackie Berman, Ph.D., Director of Research, New York City Department for the Aging

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### **Workshop 2 — The Clergy Gatekeepers' Role**

*Clergy are often the first line professionals to heighten awareness of elder abuse in the community at large. They may also operate as a confidential portal for "anonymous" inquiries and reports. This workshop will explore inter-faith approaches and resources.*

MODERATOR:

- Art Mason, LMSW, Director, Elder Abuse Prevention Program, Lifespan of Rochester

PRESENTERS:

- Rabbi Shimon Hirschhorn, MS, MA, Director of Religious Affairs, Hebrew Home at Riverdale
- Jonathan Soto, Steering Committee Chair, Bronx Clergy Roundtable
- Alyson Morse Katzman, MPA, Associate Director, Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence

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### **Workshop 3 — Adult Victimization: The Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence Continuum**

*Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence service networks continue to seek opportunities for collaboration and resources expansion. This highly participatory workshop will explore the common goals and interventions that bridge target populations and types of abuse as well as some of the unique differences of these networks.*

MODERATOR:

- Amy Chalfy, LMSW, Director of Programs, JASA

PRESENTERS:

- Risa Breckman, LCSW, Executive Director, NYCEAC, Weill Cornell Medical College, Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology
- Sally MacNichol, M. Div, Ph.D., Co-Executive Director, CONNECT

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### **Workshop 4 — Immigration: Legal and Cultural Dynamics (CLE's)**

*Identifying and addressing elder abuse among immigrant populations is complicated by documentation issues as well as culture-specific family dynamics and roles. This workshop will explore effective interventions and resources.*

MODERATOR:

- Joshua Rotkin, LMSW, Project Director, Queens, JASA LEAP

PRESENTERS:

- Evelyn Laureano, Ph.D., LMSW, Executive Director, Neighborhood Shop
- Dana Lopez Beltran, Esq., Staff Attorney, Immigration Intervention Project, Sanctuary for Families

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### **Workshop 5 — Criminal Prosecutions with Incapacitated Victims (CLE's)**

*This workshop will explore how advocates can work with law enforcement to achieve successful outcomes on all types of elder abuse cases, including those committed by relatives, strangers and professionals, when the victim is unavailable to assist in the prosecution. This training will cover strategies, models, and lessons for advocates, as well as a discussion on the role of prosecutor, constraints on the criminal justice system and suggestions for developing good working relationships amongst lawyers, social and case workers, the medical community and law enforcement.*

MODERATOR:

- Donna Dougherty, Esq., Attorney in Charge, Legal Services for the Elderly in Queens, JASA

PRESENTERS:

- Elizabeth Loewy, Esq., Chief, Elder Abuse Unit, Special Victims/Special Prosecutions Bureau, New York County District Attorney's Office
- Arlene M. Markarian, Esq., Executive Assistant, District Attorney, Elder Abuse Unit, Domestic Violence Bureau, King's County District Attorney's Office

### **Workshop 6 — Guardianship Basics** (CLE's)

*This workshop will offer practical guidance on when and how to bring a guardianship case. Through case presentations, discussion will highlight how guardianship works, its limitations, and when alternatives to guardianship may be appropriate.*

MODERATOR:

- Jean Callahan, MSW, Esq., Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity, Hunter College

PRESENTERS:

- Honorable Betsy Barros, Judge, Kings County Supreme Court, Civil Term
- Deirdre Lok, Esq., Assistant Director and General Counsel, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale

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### **Workshop 7 — Uncovering Abuse and Neglect: Interviewing and Engagement Skills**

*Targeted assessment and specific clinical interventions are required to identify elder abuse and/or neglect. This workshop will explore strategies to comprehensively evaluate the client's presenting issues, her/his environment and the impact of intimate and collateral relationships.*

MODERATOR:

- Aurora Salamone, MPS, Director, Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center, New York City Department for the Aging

PRESENTERS:

- Bernadette Delaney, MA, Social Work Supervisor, Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center, New York City Department for the Aging
- Ellen Kolodney, Elder Abuse Coordinator, Bronx District Attorney's Office

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### **Workshop 8 — Raising Visibility: How Providers CAN Do Advocacy**

*Individual agencies serving older adults should develop a culture of advocacy. This workshop will include updates on funding, legislation and collaborative strategies for providers and advocates to raise the visibility of elder abuse in the community.*

MODERATOR:

- Haggai Eshed, MSW, Community Health Specialist, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale

PRESENTERS:

- Bobbie Sackman, MSW, Director of Public Policy, Council of Senior Centers and Services
- Donna Dougherty, Esq., Attorney-in-Charge, JASA/Legal Services for the Elderly in Queens
- Paul L. Caccamise, LMSW, ACSW, Vice President for Program, Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.

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### **Workshop 9 — Strength in Numbers: The Mutual Aid Model for Elder Abuse Victims**

*Support groups for clients experiencing elder abuse and/or exploitation provide a peer oriented, strength affirming and safe environment for exploring emotional issues, decision-making, and action options. The workshop will present challenges and successes in engaging clients in this therapeutic treatment format, drawing on group theory and clinical practice.*

MODERATOR:

- Michelle Galligan, LMSW, Director, CEMAPP, Carter Burden Center for the Aging

PRESENTERS:

- Cheryl Lee, MSW, Project Director, Brooklyn LEAP/JASA
- Mary Frendowski, MSW, Elder Abuse Case Manager, Community Agency for Senior Citizens, Staten Island (CASC)
- Patricia Brownell, Ph.D., LMSW, Associate Professor Emerita of Social Service, Fordham University

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### **Workshop 10 — Disproportionality in Aging Services: Who is Under Served**

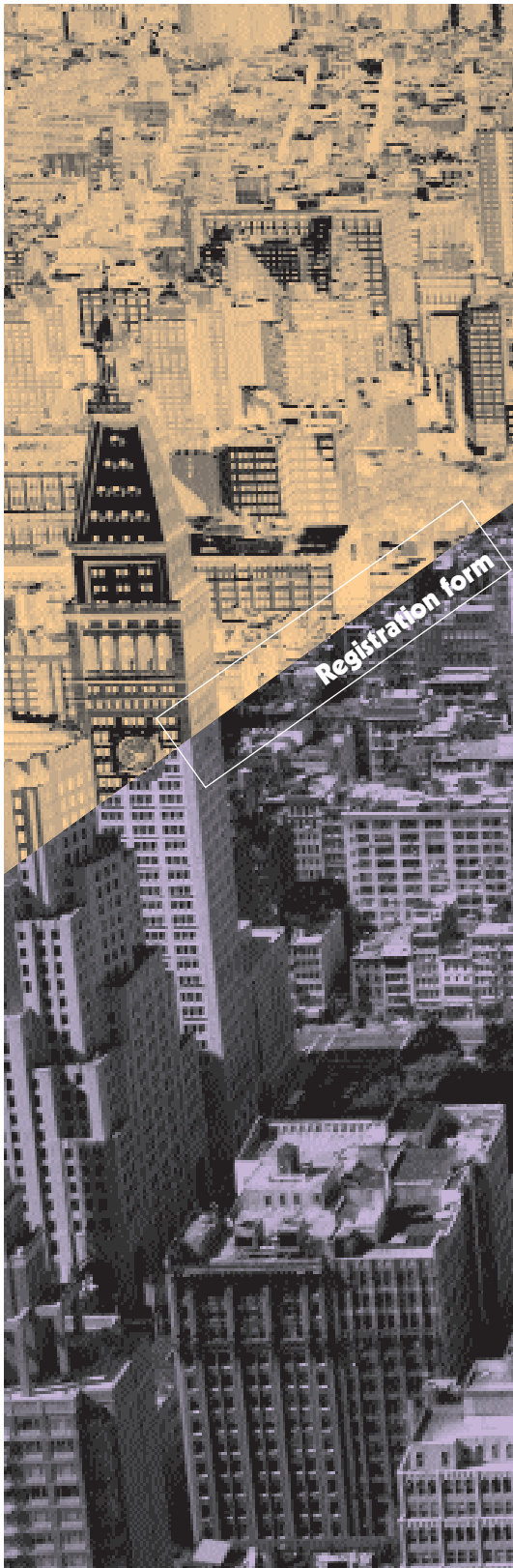
*Important segments of the larger NYC older adult population (e.g., members of the GLBT and disabled communities) often need targeted services to address abuse. What is available, what are the gaps and how can we promote elder abuse services access and utilization?*

MODERATOR:

- Geoffrey Rogers, Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity, Hunter College

PRESENTERS:

- Catherine Thurston, LCSW, Senior Director for Programs, Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE)
- Roxsonne Simms, Social Case Worker, VISIONS Services for the Blind



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**Please check if you need a lunch:**

*Please check only one:*

- kosher lunch
- vegetarian lunch
- regular lunch (nonkosher)

**Cost:**

Registration Fee: \$50

Student Reduced Fee

Attorneys' Registration Fee: \$100

with ID: \$25

NY CLE credits are available for selected workshops through Pace Law School. CLE scholarships are available. Further information will be available at registration or contact Donna Dougherty at 718.286.1515.

**Workshop Selections:** *Please select only one choice for each session.*

**11:15 – 12:45 MORNING WORKSHOP SESSION**

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**1:45 – 3:15 AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SESSION**

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**Please make checks payable to JASA-Elder Abuse Conference**

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RSVP no later than May 30, 2013.

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