

# 2017 HEPNet Conference

**All In: Advancing Youth Protection in Higher Ed**  
**October 17-20, 2017 @ Clemson, SC**

events 

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## WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

It's my great pleasure to welcome you to beautiful Clemson, South Carolina. This conference, the first for our new organization, builds on the success of three wonderful annual programs sponsored by Texas A&M University.

You will find great opportunities to learn, share, and enjoy.

Special thanks go to our conference co-chairs Caroline Shelton (University of Washington) and Greg Linke (Clemson University). We appreciate the essential work of the Programming Committee, Clemson's Pre-Collegiate Programs Office, our Executive Director Lindsay Bond (Ohio State), and the graphic design work by Melissa Marrero (Rutgers). We acknowledge the invaluable support of our Sponsors.

Learn something new, share with colleagues your triumphs and challenges, and enjoy some good old-fashioned southern hospitality. We're here and we're All In.

Cordially,

*Ann Franke*

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HEPNet Chair

On behalf of the Higher Education Protection Network's Board

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## SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE All-Group Sessions in Rooms III/IV [See conference app for complete details](#)

	Tuesday, 10/17	Wednesday, 10/18 (lunch, dinner provided)	Thursday, 10/19 (lunch provided)	Friday, 10/20
8:30		Shuttle to Madren Conference Center from Marriott Hotel		
9:00		Opening Keynote: Barry Garst	Educational Session 4	ALL GROUP Session: Stump the Lawyer
10:00		Break	Break	Break
10:15		Educational Session 1	Educational Session 5	Closing Keynote: Arch Smith
11:15		Break	Break	Depart
11:30		Educational Session 2	ALL GROUP Session: Legal Trends in Higher Education	
12:30		Lunch/HEPN Organizational Update	Lunch/Announcements from Sponsors	
2:00	1:00 Registration open at hotel and Madren/ Shuttle to Madren	1:45 ALL GROUP Roundtable: Situation Room Case Study Analysis	Educational Session 6	
3:00	3:00-4:30 HEPN Mentorship Program Information Session	Break	Break	
3:15		Educational Session 3	ALL GROUP Session: Topical Roundtable	
4:15		Shuttle to Marriott	Shuttle to Marriott	
4:45	4:45-6:00 HEPN Member Welcome	5:00 Meet in Marriott Hotel lobby for shuttle to Outdoor Lab		
Evening	Dinner on your own	Southern Cookout at Outdoor Lab; Shuttle back to hotel runs from 8-9	Dinner on your own/Optional night out with group	

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER PROFILES



## **OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER BARRY GARST:** **Striving for Excellence: Promising Practices for** **Serving Youth in Higher Education Settings** *Presented by Praesidium*

Barry A. Garst, Ph.D. is a nationally recognized researcher of camp experiences as well as a former program administrator. Prior to joining Clemson's faculty as an Associate Professor of Youth Development Leadership in 2014, Barry worked in research and business development with the American Camp Association and also as an Assistant Professor at Virginia Tech responsible for youth development research, evaluation, risk management, and staff training. His applied research currently focuses on factors that influence youth program outcomes with an emphasis on the needs and concerns of parents. Barry is most passionate about building organizational capacity for high-quality youth programs while leveraging organizational strengths.

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## **CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER ARCH SMITH:** **Lessons from 4-H: Fostering Positive and Safe** **Youth Environments**

Arch Smith is the eighth Georgia State 4-H Leader. Beginning in the fifth grade and continuing as a summer camp counselor at Rock Eagle 4-H Center, he has been a part of Georgia 4-H for nearly 33 years.

Arch is a graduate of the National 4-H Executive Institute for Fund Development and a member of the 1990 Leadership Georgia class. He holds the faculty rank of Senior Public Service Associate at the University of Georgia.

As state 4-H leader, Arch is responsible for the 4-H program that provides opportunities for more than 170,000 4-H members. His professional work experience includes fund development and management of the five Georgia 4-H centers, which serve more than 100,000 people annually; his programmatic leadership provides safe and positive learning environments for 4-H members in every county in Georgia.

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# WEDNESDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## SESSION 1

(10:15AM – 11:15AM)

*Registration, Tracking, Monitoring and Compliance (ROOM I)*

**Carolynn Komanski (University of Florida)**

To protect minors we need ways to register, track and monitor youth affiliated programs in order to verify if there is compliance. Three options typically emerge when doing this through a patchwork process, homegrown application package, or a purchased software package. Each of these three options will be explored for their strengths and challenges. Participants will be encouraged to share and learn from colleagues about their experiences with organization systems in addition to the information provided.

*Medical & Medication: A Dose of Knowledge on Handling Medical Issues and Medications in Campus Youth Programs (ROOM II)* | **Brian Stone (University of Georgia)**

Programs for minors on our campuses often deal with unique medical issues and medication needs. The University of Georgia's Summer Academy at UGA implemented comprehensive new medication and medical review procedures in the summer of 2017. This session will: 1) Review key planning elements to ensure medical and medication needs are met for youth attending campus overnight programs; 2) Look at options for working with campus health facilities or other health professionals; and 3) Consider challenges and solutions to medical and medication issues in youth campus programming.

## SESSION 2

(11:30AM – 12:30PM)

*Bounce Houses, Tutoring, and Tennis Mentors: Registered Student Organizations and Minor Interaction (ROOM I)* | **Dawn Riddle (Vanderbilt University)**

This presentation will explore extending compliance and oversight advising to registered student organizations (RSOs) who perform service and activities with youth and adolescents. Partner departments, systems and risk reduction strategies will be included with an emphasis on building a collaborative framework for guiding enrolled students to implement child abuse and injury prevention practices.

*Sports Camps: The Collaborative Win (ROOM II)*

**Cynthia A. Olvera (Texas A&M University), Rena Frank (Texas A&M University)**

The specific relationship between athletics camps and compliance with regulations for youth on campus is examined and discussed. This session will include a brief overview of the compliance process, a discussion about shared responsibility for compliance, and a look at the unique relationship between the Department of Athletics and the Campus Programs for Minors Office.

## SESSION 3

(3:15PM – 4:15PM)

*Strategies and Policies to Protect Immigrant and Minority Youth Engaged in University Programs (ROOM I)* | **Jocelyn Gehring (University of Arizona), Caroline Shelton (University of Washington), Holly Woodsome Sroymalai (University of Colorado Boulder)**

There has been a recent increase in anti-immigrant incidents across the country, including on college and university campuses. Many institutions have been working to ensure that students and visiting community members, including youth, feel welcome and valued. In this session, we will explore policies and practices aimed at protecting youth from discrimination based on national origin, religion and other factors.

*Creating, Collaborating and Adapting: Implementing a Decentralized Youth Policy (ROOM II)* | **Alyssa King (Virginia Commonwealth University), Tina Carter (Virginia Commonwealth University)**

The first year implementing a new policy on campus comes with unique opportunities as well as challenges in ensuring appropriate controls and protections for minors. A decentralized policy can often highlight these barriers, but can also create space for innovation. When a policy is located in departments like human resources and risk management infrastructures designed to bolster policies and manage liability are present. For policies in non-traditional areas of higher education, the journey to a sustainable policy model requires a different approach

# THURSDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## SESSION 4 (9:00AM – 10:00AM)

### *Creating Consistency in Your Camps on Campus (ROOM I)*

#### **Lindsay Bond (Ohio State University), Aaron Lundberg (Praesidium)**

Ohio State University operates hundreds of youth camps and activities each year, hosting over 500,000 minors on campus and in the community. Managing the risk of minors on campus takes an interdisciplinary approach across operations drawing on risk, compliance, HR, auditing measures, and financial supports.

OSU will share information on its own approach to creating consistency across youth programs in a decentralized environment while Praesidium will discuss how setting minimum standards in youth programs plays an integral role in managing the risk of sexual abuse and reputation management. This presentation is designed to help participants evaluate how to create a framework for abuse prevention and a campus culture of safety in youth protection initiatives.

### *Youth Protection and Volunteers: Stepping Up to a Leadership Role and Developing Solutions for Institution-wide Issues (ROOM II) | Kristen Roe (Montgomery College)*

After identifying a gap in institution policy and practice regarding the on-boarding and use of volunteers, Youth Protection Coordinator Kristen Roe stepped in to lead the development of a new College-wide policy that would not conflict with the College's Protection of Minors Policy. The result was a new policy that supports the work of allied offices on campus and ensures consistent on-boarding practices for volunteers at Montgomery College.

## SESSION 5 (10:15AM – 11:15AM)

### *Lessons Learned from the ACA Crisis Hotline (ROOM I)*

#### **Tim Huchton (American Camp Association)**

Each year the ACA Crisis hotline serves as a resource for youth-serving organizations to access during times of crisis or trouble. At the end of each camping season the data is compiled and the lessons are reviewed to track trends across the country.

### *Pulling It All Together: Centralizing a Decentralized Process (ROOM II)*

#### **Marcy Huey (University of Alabama), Jennifer Clark (University of Alabama)**

Over the last year, departments at The University of Alabama have gone ALL IN to coordinate our youth protection efforts. The end result is a simpler, more efficient registration and approval process that supports our numerous programs for minor participants.

## SESSION 6 (2:00PM – 3:00PM)

### *Getting Help and Mentoring the Next Generation of Youth Protectors (ROOM I)*

#### **Panelists Lindsay Bond (Ohio State University), Sandy Weaver (Penn State University), Greg Linke (Clemson University), moderated by Rachael Jensen (University of Nebraska- Omaha)**

There are many challenges in our field, two of which being we are low on staff and need help, and nobody has come up through a specific pipeline, so how do we prepare students for this new field? Listen to a panel of youth protection officers talk about how they utilize student staff to not only lighten their load, but to mentor the next generation as well.

### *Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Tips and Insights from the Field on Best Practices (ROOM II) | Panelists Brian Stone (University of Georgia), Camille Swanson (Clemson University) and Jeffrey Heiser (University of California at Davis), moderated by Steve Wieneke (Iowa State University)*

Planning and executing youth programs in our dynamic campus environments can be challenging. This panel of program coordinators will share their experiences in direct program management, including planning, parent interaction, staff training, program execution, and much more. If you are a program coordinator, come to learn about new techniques and best practices. If you work in university oversight, this panel will help you better understand the work of the many campus coordinators you interact with.





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