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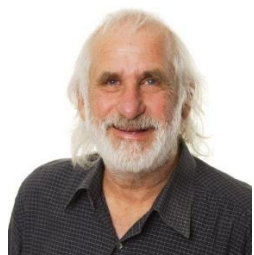
Speakers and Moderators

Listed in alphabetical order



Cynthia Coffman, JD, former Attorney General of Colorado

Cynthia H. Coffman served as Colorado's 38th Attorney General. A native Missourian, General Coffman graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia and then Georgia State University Law School in Atlanta. Before moving to Colorado, AG Coffman's legal career began more than 25 years ago in the Georgia Attorney General's Office as a courtroom attorney. She then had the opportunity to work for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, where she acted as the primary liaison with the victims and their families following the 1996 domestic terror attack in Olympic Park. General Coffman began her tenure at the Colorado Department of Law in March of 2005 when she was appointed Chief Deputy Attorney General. She proudly served in this role for 10 years, acting as chief of staff and chief operating officer for the largest law firm in the State of Colorado. During her term as Attorney General, Coffman focused on community outreach, consumer protection, drug enforcement and protecting Colorado's sovereignty. In 2016, Roll Call named AG Coffman one of the Most Influential Women in State Politics. In 2017 Law Week Colorado named AG Coffman one of the Top Women Attorneys.



Larry Cohen, MSW, Founding Director, Prevention Institute

Larry Cohen helped shape the nation's thinking on the importance of prevention and the policies and communitywide strategies to achieve it. He facilitated the nation's first multicity partnership fostering smoking regulations in restaurants workplaces and public spaces – changing national and worldwide norms forever and thus helping save countless lives. Larry helped to shape vehicle safety policy, change the notion of unhealthy eating and activity from simply individual choice to corporate and government responsibility as well, and

emphasized the importance of prevention in mental health -- developing some of the nation's collaborative strategies to advance new policies and practices that advance health and foster equity. He has also successfully lead efforts in the U.S. to incorporate a focus on and investment in prevention as a significant part of health care reform. He helped foster the notion that violence is a preventable, community public health issue and can only be resolved *in the first place*. He led one of the nation's first county-wide collaboratives on preventing violence, and the group cut across homicide and assault, suicide, battering, sexual assault and child abuse. More recently, he led UNITY (Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth through Violence Prevention), a national initiative funded by the CDC to strengthen and support cities to effectively prevent violence and worked with world health organization to advance violence, prevention world-wide. He founded Prevention Institute 21 years ago and led it until recently. It provides resources, conceptual frameworks, and tools to help communities address health inequities and prevent injuries, violence, and chronic disease. He co-authored the textbook *Prevention is Primary* and wrote the popular book *Prevention Dairies*.



Jason Crow, JD, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Colorado's 6th District

A former Army Ranger and lawyer, Jason Crow represents Colorado's Sixth Congressional District in central Colorado including Aurora. Following his service, Jason attended law school at University of Denver and then worked for Holland & Hart law firm. An outspoken advocate for veterans' rights, Jason helped lead the charge to replace the overcrowded, 60-year-old VA hospital in Denver and bring it to Aurora. Jason's priorities in Congress include addressing gun violence, protecting DREAMers and passing immigration reform, and advocating for our country's veterans and military men and women overseas.



Frank DeAngelis, MA, Retired principal of Columbine High School

Frank DeAngelis was a staff member at Columbine High School in the Jeffco School District in Littleton Colorado, from 1979-2014. He has also been called upon to speak about recovery after a school tragedy at a variety of conferences, and has assisted as a consultant after a number of other violent school events. He retired in June of 2014 after 35 years at Columbine High School.

He is presently serving as a consultant for safety and emergency management for the Jeffco School District in Colorado, and continues to deliver speeches in the United States, Canada, and Europe.



Sarah Goodrum, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Northern Colorado

Sarah Goodrum is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and the Criminal Justice Department Chair at the University of Northern Colorado. Dr. Goodrum has more than sixteen years of experience conducting research on victimization, intimate partner abuse, and the criminal justice system. She is affiliated with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence in the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado Boulder, where she served as a Research Associate for two years. At UNC, she teaches courses in research methods, statistics, sociology of law, and criminology. In 2016, she coauthored and testified before the Colorado legislature's SB15-214: Committee on School Safety and Youth in Crisis, a project that examines violence in school settings. Dr. Goodrum's publications have appeared in *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Sociological Focus*, *Criminal Justice Review*, and *International Journal of Social Research Methodology: Theory & Practice*. She is working on a book entitled *Loss to Murder: The Long Journey to Justice and Healing* for Lynne Rienner Publishers. The research for the book was supported by funding from the National Institute of Justice and the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.



Christine Harms, MS, Director, Colorado School Safety Resource Center, Department of Public Safety

Chris is a former public school teacher, private school administrator, psychotherapist and trainer with over 30 years of experience working with youth, professionals and parents in schools, private practice and victim serving agencies. Prior to relocating to Colorado, Chris was the co-coordinator of a suburban Philadelphia school safety center beginning in 2000. She has trained professionals on such issues as violence prevention, school-based crisis response, emergency preparedness, trauma, sexual misconduct, suicide intervention, and threat assessment. She has taught at the University of Northern Colorado. Before becoming the Director of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center in 2012, she served as the School Outreach Consultant for the Center starting in 2009.



John-Michael Keyes, Executive Director, i love u guys Foundation

For nearly a decade, Mr. Keyes has represented The "I Love U Guys" Foundation to districts, departments, agencies and organizations regarding school safety. Prior to that, his career has spanned graphic design, communications, writing, software and database development. The death of his daughter, Emily, at the hands of a gunman at Platte Canyon High School compelled Mr. Keyes to bring his professional expertise to the arena of school safety. Today, Mr. Keyes is an internationally sought keynote speaker not just in the arena of school safety but often presents to law enforcement-only audiences.



Beverly Kingston, PhD, Director, Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado-Boulder

Beverly Kingston, Ph.D., is the director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder). Her research interests focus on addressing the root causes of violence by creating the conditions that support healthy human development throughout the life course. She has designed, conducted and led several multi-million dollar school and community initiatives and research studies including a federally funded randomized trial focused on school safety. Dr. Kingston has published articles on using comprehensive public health models to address youth violence, school safety, neighborhood social factors, and health and the built environment.



Ali Maffey, MSW, Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention Policy and Communications Unit Supervisor, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Ali Maffey works as the Policy and Communication Unit Supervisor for the Violence and Injury Prevention-Mental Health Promotion Branch at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment where she analyzes the impact of legislative and systems changes to impact injury, violence and substance abuse prevention priority issues, including motor vehicle safety. Ms. Maffey manages the Communities That Care initiative in Colorado, implementing a community organizing model focused on prevention injury, violence, and substance abuse by addressing upstream risk and protective factors. Additionally, she manages the Retail Marijuana Education Program, and is responsible for implementing legislation to ensure safe, legal and responsible use of marijuana. She previously trained state departments of health in the problem identification, analyzing

policy impacts, implementing policy changes and evaluating the impact of policy to affect public health. She holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Social Work, attending the University of Denver for her Master's where she specialized in Community Development and Latino/a studies.



Christopher Nelson, PhD, Senior Political Scientist, Rand Corporation

Christopher Nelson is Senior Political Scientist at RAND and Professor of Policy Analysis at the Pardee-RAND Graduate School. His primary focus is on public health systems and disaster preparedness, but he has also worked on occupational safety and education reform. Recently, he led a team to develop a post-hurricane recovery plan for Puerto Rico's health, social services, and education sectors. He also contributed to the first-ever U.S. National Health Security Strategy, has conducted numerous post-incident reviews of health emergencies, and developed system improvement tools for local health responders. Currently he teaches PhD seminars in human systems analysis and performance measurement.



David Osher, PhD, Vice President and AIR Institute Fellow, American Institutes for Research

David Osher is vice president and Institute Fellow at the American Institutes for Research. Dr. Osher is an expert on violence prevention, school safety, supportive school discipline, conditions for learning and school climate, social and emotional learning, youth development, cultural competence, family engagement, collaboration, mental health services, and implementation science. He has led impact and qualitative evaluations of initiatives and programs, systematic reviews, and expert panels, as well as projects that have developed surveys, and supported schools, districts, and states to promote conditions for learning, including school safety, and to address disciplinary disparities. Dr. Osher, who consults with ministries, NGOs, educators, districts, schools, and human service agencies across the world, serves on numerous expert panels and editorial boards and has authored or co-authored over 380 books, monographs, chapters, articles, and reports, including *Safe, Supportive, and Successful Schools Step by Step* and *Teaching and Working with Children who have Emotional and Behavioral Challenges*, and 175 peer reviewed papers and invitational presentations. He has served as dean and taught at a liberal arts college and two professional schools of human services.



Susan Payne, Founding Director, Safe2Tell

Susan Payne serves as school safety, crisis response and prevention expert with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence. Ms. Payne, the Founder and Former Executive Director of the Safe2Tell non-profit prevention initiative developed as a response to the Columbine tragedy in Colorado. Susan, a 28-year law enforcement veteran, served in this role as a Detective from Colorado Springs Police Department; the first Special Agent in charge of School Safety with the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and she served as the Director of Safe Communities Safe Schools at the Colorado Attorney General's Office directing the Safe2Tell Colorado prevention initiative. Susan Payne, has assisted many states in establishing best practice intelligence gathering and information sharing initiatives to focus on prevention and early intervention. Former Director Payne has worked with communities in the aftermath of tragedies to focus on prevention and crisis response. Ms. Payne currently is an advisor, trainer and speaker for Safe and Sound Schools a national non-profit focused on best practices, she trains on digital threat assessment for Safer Schools Together, and serves on the National School Safety Consortium.

The U.S. Department of Justice, The U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education have recognized Susan as a subject matter expert in school safety, response, recovery and prevention strategies, and she is often sought out by media, schools, and law enforcement for her expertise. Ms. Payne has been invited to speak at the White House on several occasions, but specifically after Columbine, Sandy Hook and most recently after the tragedy in Parkland. Most recently, Ms. Payne was requested to speak to the Federal School Safety Commission at the White House and to Keynote at the Department of Homeland Security School Safety Round Tables in Washington D. C.



Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado

Jared Polis is an entrepreneur, education leader, public servant, and Colorado native. He started his first business, American Information Systems, while in college out of his dorm room. By the time he was 30, he launched three successful companies, including ProFlowers, one of the world's leading online flower retailers. Jared's pioneering role in the internet economy earned him an "Entrepreneur of the Year" distinction from Ernst and Young.

Following these business successes, Jared committed himself to making sure other Coloradans had the opportunity to pursue their dreams. In addition to his career as an entrepreneur, much of Jared's adult life has been focused on improving public education. He served six years on the State Board of Education, where he worked to raise pay for teachers and reduce class size for students. He also founded several public charter schools for at-risk youth. Most recently, Jared served as the U.S. Representative for Colorado's Second Congressional District.



Deborah Prothrow-Stith, MD, Dean, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science

Deborah Prothrow-Stith is Dean and Professor at Charles R. Drew University College of Medicine in Los Angeles, CA. She advised top-tier healthcare institutions on leadership as a principal at Spencer Stuart and she served as the Henry Pickering Walcott Professor of Public Health Practice and Associate Dean for Diversity at Harvard School of Public Health where she created the Division of Public Health Practice and secured over \$14 million in grant funding for health programs. While working in inner-city Boston, she broke new ground with efforts to define youth violence as a health problem. She developed The Violence Prevention Curriculum for Adolescents, a forerunner of violence prevention curricula for schools and authored or co-authored *Deadly Consequences*; *Murder Is No Accident*; *Sugar and Spice and No Longer Nice*, a high school health textbook, and over 100 articles. In 1987, Governor Michael Dukakis appointed her Commissioner of Public Health for Massachusetts where she led a department with 3,500 employees, 8 hospitals and a budget of \$350 million. She and her family lived in Tanzania during her husband's tenure as U.S. Ambassador. Dr. Prothrow-Stith is a graduate of Spelman College and Harvard Medical School and a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. In 2003, she was elected to the prestigious National Academy of Medicine. She has received ten honorary doctorates and in 2017, she was named Woman of the Year for the 2nd District by the LA County Board of Supervisors.



**Carol Runyan, MPH, PhD, Professor and Co-Director,
Program for Injury Prevention, Education and Research**

Carol W. Runyan, MPH, PhD is trained in public health behavior, epidemiology and social policy. She co-founded and directed the University of North Carolina Injury Prevention Research Center while on the faculty at the UNC School of Public Health. In 2011, she joined the faculty at the Colorado School of Public Health. She has conducted research on young worker safety, traffic safety, safety at home, youth violence, child maltreatment, and suicide prevention. She was honored in 2012 by CDC as one of the 20 most influential leaders in the field of injury control in 20 years and received a Distinguished Career Award from APHA in 2014.



**Jonathan Samet, MD, MS, Dean of the Colorado School of
Public Health**

Jonathan M. Samet, MD, MS, a pulmonary physician and epidemiologist, is Dean of the Colorado School of Public Health. Previously, Dr. Samet was the Flora L. Thornton Chair for the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Southern California and Director of the USC Institute for Global Health. He is a recognized expert on the health risks of inhaled pollutants.



Philip Weiser, JD, Attorney General of Colorado

Phil Weiser is the 39th Attorney General of Colorado. As the state's chief legal officer, Weiser is committed to protecting the people of Colorado and building a law office that will serve all Coloradans effectively. Previously, Weiser served as a Professor of Law and Dean of the University of Colorado Law School, where he founded the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology and Entrepreneurship. Weiser held senior leadership positions in the Obama administration, appointed to serve as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the U.S. Department of Justice and as Senior Advisor for Technology and Innovation at the White House's National Economic Council. Earlier in his career, Weiser co-chaired the Colorado Innovation Council and served in President Bill Clinton's Department of Justice. After graduating law school, he worked in Denver for Judge David Ebel on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and held two clerkships at the United States Supreme Court, for Justices Byron White and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Phil lives in Denver with his wife Dr. Heidi Wald and their two children.



Kevin West, District Administrative Specialist for Adams 12

Kevin works in Thornton, Colorado, serving as an administrative liaison to the district's charter schools and assisting with other administrative projects. Kevin recently rejoined Adams 12 in October 2018, after having previously served as the District's Director of Intervention Services from 2002 – 2013. From 2013 – 2018 Kevin was the Director of Intervention Services for Adams District 27J in Brighton, Colorado. During his 29 year education career Kevin has been a teacher, coach, counselor, building administrator and district administrator in multiple school districts in Texas and Colorado.

The majority of Kevin's career has been spent in pursuit of improving outcomes for students who are educationally at-risk. He has been instrumental in developing programs and service systems, including dropout prevention and recovery programs, programs to serve expelled students, alternatives to suspension and expulsion programs, and truancy prevention and intervention programs. He has worked to increase access to mental health services for students and to expand social-emotional learning in schools. He has served in leadership roles on numerous local, regional and state level committees and boards, constantly striving to improve collaboration between school districts and other youth-serving entities. He was the lead developer of the widely-used Adams County Threat Assessment Protocol. Kevin has been a prominent voice for student discipline and school safety issues in Colorado for over 20 years.



Matthew Wynia, MD, MPH, FACP, Director, Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado

Dr. Wynia's career has included developing a research institute and training programs focusing on bioethics, professionalism and policy issues and founding the American Medical Association's Center for Patient Safety. His research has focused on novel uses of survey data to inform and improve the practical management of ethical issues in health care and public policy. He has led projects on a wide variety of topics related to ethics and professionalism, including understanding and measuring the ethical climate of health care organizations and systems; ethics and quality improvement; communication, team-based care and engaging patients as members of the team; defining physician professionalism; public health and disaster ethics; medicine and the Holocaust (with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum); and inequities in health and health care.



Marc Zimmerman, PhD, Professor, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Marc A. Zimmerman, Ph.D. is the Marshall H. Becker Collegiate Professor (and former Chair) in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education in the School of Public Health, and a Professor of Psychology and the Combined Program in Education and Psychology all at the University of Michigan. He received his Ph.D. in Psychology from University of Illinois. Dr. Zimmerman is the Director of the Centers for Disease Control funded Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center, led the development of Youth Empowerment Solutions program, and public health applications of crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) for community improvement. He is Co-Principal Investigator of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development funded initiative on Firearm Safety among Children and Adolescents (FACTS). He is also Director of the CDC-funded Prevention Research Center of Michigan which is focused on promoting safe and healthy futures through community-based prevention research. Dr. Zimmerman is the Editor of *Youth & Society* and editor emeritus of *Health Education & Behavior*. He has published over 250 articles and 30 book chapters, and co-edited two books on a wide variety of topics on adolescent development including violence, mental health, substance abuse, evaluation methods, and empowerment. His research focuses on adolescent health and resiliency and the application of empowerment theory.