

NASPA Campus Safety Knowledge Community 2009-2010 Individual Awards

NASPA Campus Safety Knowledge Community
Dr. Zenobia Lawrence Hikes Memorial Campus Safety Excellence Award

This annual award is a special recognition given to a college or university employee who has, over a sustained period of time, advanced the quality of campus safety by supporting student affairs staff and programs, built collaboration in order to ensure a safer campus, and/or is a noted leader/scholar regarding campus safety issues. Nominees must show evidence of direct involvement in enhancing the quality of campus safety, active attempts to involve colleagues in creating a safe campus community, and/or demonstrable contributions to the field and the profession which have an impact beyond an individual campus.

This award is named in honor of the late Dr. Zenobia Lawrence Hikes for her courage and leadership following the tragedy at Virginia Tech and her inspiration of a generation of student affairs practitioners, especially those blessed to be in her presence when she served as the closing annual conference speaker whose challenge spurred an educational movement of *Enough is Enough*.

2009-2010 Award Winner:

Dr. Gene Zdziarski
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Roanoke College

Dr. Gene Zdziarski is the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Roanoke College. Prior to Roanoke College, Gene served as the dean of students at the University of Florida and as associate director of student life at Texas A&M, where he was responsible for the coordination and training of the Division of Student Affairs Critical Incident Response Team and was heavily involved in the response to the 1999 Bonfire collapse. At the University of Florida, he chaired the Division of Student Affairs Trauma Response Team and served as a member of the University Counseling Resource Network and a member of the University's Emergency Operations Team. He received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M where his dissertation was titled, *"Institutional Preparedness to Respond to Campus Crisis as Perceived by Student Affairs Administrators at Selected NASPA Institutions."*

Zdziarski is a past regional vice president for Region III of NASPA and has also served as the chair of the NASPA Task Force on Crisis Management and Prevention. He regularly speaks at national, regional, and state meetings on campus crisis management. He appeared on a nationally broadcast satellite video-conference on campus crisis response and coauthored the training workbook for the videotape series *Preparing for Crises on Campus*. He has written several feature articles for NASPA NetResults and co-authored *Campus Crisis Management: A Comprehensive Guide to Planning, Prevention, Response, and Recovery*, and was co-editor of *Crisis Management: Responding from the Heart*. In addition to his institutional duties, Gene also serves on the National Leadership Team for the NASPA Campus Safety Knowledge Community.

**NASPA Campus Safety Knowledge Community
Campus Safety Initiator Award**

The Initiator Award is presented to an individual who conceives of, initiates and implements unique and creative ideas related to campus safety that have definitively impacted the award winner's campus and have great promise for use on other campuses as well.

2009-2010 Award Winner:

***Donna M. Barry, RN
Director, University Health Center, Montclair State University***

Donna M. Barry is the Director of the University Health Center at Montclair State University. In this role, she serves as the chief administrator of student health services; Medical Advisor to the University's Emergency and Pandemic Response Teams; Response Coordinator for public health incidents; member of the Students of Concern Team; and Co-Administrator of the MSU Sexual Assault Response Team. She is also past Project Director for two DOJ/VAWO campus grants. Ms. Barry holds licensure as a Nurse Practitioner and certification as a Forensic Examiner. She earned a Master's degree in Nursing from Seton Hall University and a post Master's Certificate from Rutgers University. She has received advanced training through the International Association of Chiefs of Police as a law enforcement trainer in sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

Ms. Barry is co-author of the recently released book *Campus Sexual Assault Response Teams: Program Development and Ongoing Operations*. She also serves as Chair of the American College Health Association's Campus Violence Coalition and a past advisory board member for an ACHA/CDC grant initiative, the National SART Toolkit, and for the US Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Campus Safety Summit. Ms. Barry is a member of the NJ-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team and was deployed as a medical/mental health responder post Hurricane Katrina, the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, and the 2010 Haiti earthquakes. She also participates regularly in federal, state, and county emergency preparedness exercises. She is a frequent speaker at national and regional professional conferences on sexual assault and emergency preparedness.

Ms. Barry has been very active in developing and maintaining a successful partnership between the American College Health Association and the NASPA Campus Safety KC through her involvement with the development of NASPA and ACHA preconference programs related to campus safety and public health. She was also instrumental in developing an H1N1 webinar to be offered to NASPA membership and beyond in April.

**NASPA Campus Safety Knowledge Community
Campus Safety Hero Award**

The Hero Award is presented to an individual who has significantly contributed to the work of the Campus Safety Knowledge Community. This individual may be an "unsung hero" who contributes tirelessly but not necessarily in a leadership role or may have a leadership position within the Knowledge Community and has made significant contributions in furthering the goals of the Knowledge Community.

2009-2010 Award Winner:

***Dr. C. Ryan Akers
Research Associate/Instructor, Mississippi State University***

Dr. C. Ryan Akers is a Research Associate and Instructor in the School of Human Sciences at Mississippi State University. His research agenda emphasizes crisis and critical incident response in student affairs and higher education and the individual response to crisis. Dr. Akers completed a mixed methods dissertation entitled *Evolution of Emergency Operations Strategies: Structure and Process of Crisis Management in College Student Affairs*, which was awarded the SACSA Dissertation of the Year award. He has presented at a variety of conferences on various aspects of campus crises and the effects of crises on student affairs professionals and paraprofessionals, including SACSA, NASPA, ACPA, ASHE, and ACHA. He serves on the ACPA Directorate of the Commission for Counseling and Psychological Services.

Dr. Akers also completed a one-year Community Preparedness and Disaster Management advanced certification program from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and has been selected to attend Harvard University's executive seminar, Leadership in Crisis. He serves on the editorial team for the Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice, the College Student Affairs Journal, and the Journal for College and University Student Housing. Dr. Akers also serves as an Advisory Council member for Mississippi Citizen Corps of the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security. At MSU, he serves on the Disaster Resistant University Committee and serves as a guest speaker in the College Student Affairs graduate preparation program. Dr. Akers is also a volunteer with the local Red Cross chapter.

Dr. Akers was instrumental in developing NASPA's Campus Safety Knowledge Community, of which he currently serves as the first National Chair. Dr. Akers was responsible for development of the national agenda for the CSKC and developing a strategy to address the founding goals of the KC and to realize the vision of the KC, "By encouraging member interaction through the sharing of ideas and concepts, discussion of trends, best practices, innovative resources and research, the CSKC will provide sustained and organized efforts to foster collaboration, awareness, knowledge, and support regarding the management of campus crises and critical incidents."

**NASPA Campus Safety Knowledge Community
Campus Safety Community Partner Award**

The Partner Award is presented to an agency, company, or individual that is not part of a campus. This award signifies that the receiving person or entity significantly contributes to educators' abilities to keep our campuses safe. The individual or group may promote professional development opportunities, market a product of distinction, or contribute in other ways to campus safety. Above all, this individual or entity is known for a collaborative approach, use of best practices, and quality products or programs.

2009-2010 Award Winner:

***Center for Personal Protection & Safety
Spokane, WA
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MISSION: The CPPS provides the expertise that enables those in a workplace or traveling abroad to become stakeholders in their own safety.

The Center for Personal Protection and Safety (CPPS) is an educational institution dedicated to

researching and disseminating Best Practices in the area of Workplace Violence Prevention and Travel Safety. The Center for Personal Protection and Safety is composed of former U.S. Department of Defense and FBI officials, responsible for much of the US Government's current teaching and training on crisis negotiations, workplace violence, abduction prevention, and hostage survival situations.

The Center's leadership, Randy Spivey, Jim Sporleder, Eugene Rugala, and Steve Romano, are recognized leaders in personal safety issues; are in demand as speakers; and appear regularly in media outlets, including CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, New York Times, USA Today and Forbes Magazine.

The Center for Personal Protection and Safety has recently partnered with NASPA and the NASPA Campus Safety KC by allowing access to NASPA membership to three popular resource videos related to the safety and security of our campuses, including *Shots Fired on Campus*.