2016 Keynote Speakers

Dr. Sameer Hinduja

Dr. Sameer Hinduja is a Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University and Co-Director of the Cyberbullying Research Center. He is recognized internationally for his groundbreaking work on the subjects of cyberbullying and safe social networking, concerns that have paralleled the exponential growth in online communication by young people. His articles have been cited over 6,000 times in the academic literature, and his research has been discussed or referenced in over 800 online news articles (including CNN, New York Times, Washington Times, Forbes, Yahoo News, USA Today, US News and World Report, and Chronicle of Higher Education). He also has been featured on TV (including Anderson Cooper 360), radio programs (including NPR) and various news segments. Dr. Hinduja has written seven books, and provides trainings to schools, youth organizations, parents, and teens on how to avoid online victimization and its real-world consequences. He is passionate about encouraging, empowering, and equipping others to use technology in positive ways, and helping to make kindness go viral.

Dr. Rebecca P. Ang

Rebecca P. Ang is Associate Professor and Head of the Psychological Studies Academic Group, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She obtained her PhD in School Psychology from Texas A&M University. She is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist in the USA, and a Registered Psychologist in Singapore.

Dr. Ang’s research and professional interests include developmental child psychopathology, and in particular antisocial, aggressive and bullying behavior, and related prevention and intervention work. She is also interested in children’s relationships with their parents and teachers, and the impact these relationships have on children’s adjustment and functioning. Dr. Ang received the International Council of Psychologists Seisoh Sukemune/Bruce
Bain Early Career Research Award in 2006, given in recognition of outstanding early career contributions to scholarly endeavors addressing psychological issues of multinational significance. Dr. Ang’s keynote address is entitled Reducing Aggression and Bullying through Multipronged Schoolwide Approaches.

Trisha Prabhu

Trisha Prabhu is a 15-year-old high school student, innovator, social entrepreneur and inventor of ReThink—an effective way to stop cyberbullying. ReThink is a non-intrusive, innovative, patented software product that stops cyberbullying before the bullying occurs. Inspired by the news story of the death of an 11-year old girl that committed suicide because she was repeatedly cyberbullied, Trisha took on the cause to find a solution to stop cyberbullying.

Trisha has travelled the world spreading the ReThink message to stop cyberbullying at global platforms such as TEDxTeen (London), TEDxGateway (Mumbai), White house Science fair (Washington D.C.), La Ciudad De Las Ideas (Puebla, Mexico), Aspen Ideas festival (Aspen, CO) and various national and international forums, schools and universities. Trisha was selected as a Global Teen Leader by We are Family Foundation and was awarded the "Global Anti-bullying Hero award" (student) by Auburn University and Anti-bullying Champion award from Princess Diana Awards, UK. She was awarded Daily Points of Light award for extraordinary volunteering from President George H W Bush’s foundation. Trisha was selected as Global Finalist at world-wide Google Science Fair competition 2014 for her ReThink product. Trisha is currently working tirelessly to roll-out the ReThink app to every mobile device and desktop computers in schools and communities at no cost to them. In order to engage her fellow adolescents in the ReThink movement, Trisha has created a ReThink Ambassador Program where students can become ambassadors and spread the ReThink movement at their schools to conquer cyberbullying.

Judge Steven Teske

Judge Teske was appointed to the juvenile court bench in 1999 and presides over delinquency, dependency, and termination of parental rights cases. He was designated a superior court judge in 2010 and presides over adult civil and criminal cases.
He earned his Bachelors, Masters, and Juris Doctor Degrees from Georgia State University. He was Chief Parole Officer in Atlanta, Deputy Director of Field Services for the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and Trial attorney in the law firm of Boswell & Teske LLP. He also served as Special Assistant Attorney General prosecuting child abuse and neglect cases and representing state employees and agencies in state and federal cases.

He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia admitted to practice before the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court, and U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.


Teske has testified before Congress on four occasions and several state legislatures on detention reform and zero tolerance policies in schools. The Governor has appointed him to the Children and Youth Coordinating Council, Governor’s Office for Children and Families, DJJ Judicial Advisory Council, and the Georgia Commission on Family Violence. Teske was also appointed to the Georgia Criminal Justice Reform Commission and serves as chair of the Oversight and Implementation Committee. He has served on the Council of SAGs of the Coalition of Juvenile Justice and the Federal Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice, which advises the President and Congress on juvenile justice issues.

He is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and serves on the Board of Directors and chairs the School Pathways Steering Committee. He is past president of the Georgia Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the Clayton County Bar Association.

He has received numerous awards including the Atlanta Journal Constitution Hero of Open Government Award, Georgia Association of Homes for Children Leadership Award, Judge Romae T. Powell Award for Outstanding Service to the Community, Georgia Juvenile Services Association Howard K. Ables Award, National Association of Legal Services Scales of Justice Award for Outstanding Professionalism, World Chamber of Commerce International Hero Award, and the NAACP Community Service Award.

His work to reform juvenile justice has been featured in numerous media outlets including the *New York Times*, *NPR, Atlanta Journal Constitution, The Nation, Washington Post, Fusion*, and the *CBS Evening News*. He is regular contributor for *Juvenile Justice Information Exchange (www.JJIE.org)* and *Youth Today*. 