

Speaker Biographies

MODERATOR

William DeJong, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the Boston University School of Public Health. He served as the director of the U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention (HEC) from 1995 to 2004. Under his direction, HEC emerged as the Nation's primary training and technical assistance resource for helping institutions of higher education develop, implement, and evaluate programs and policies for alcohol and other drug prevention on campus. He also served as director of the Center for College Health and Safety, based at Education Development Center, Inc., in Newton, MA, from 2000 to 2005. He continues to serve as a senior advisor to both centers. In recognition of this body of work, he was awarded the first College Leadership Award by the American Public Health Association's Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Section in 2000, and he received the Outstanding Contribution to the Field Award from The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues in 2008.

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PANELISTS

Ralph W. Hingson, Sc.D., M.P.H., is the director of the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). Before joining NIAAA, he was professor and associate dean for research at the Boston University School of Public Health. He has authored or coauthored 150 research articles and book chapters on alcohol use, including studies of the effects of raising the legal drinking age; zero tolerance laws for drivers under 21; assessments of morbidity and mortality associated with underage drinking; drinking by U.S. college students aged 18-24; and interventions to reduce both underage drinking and drinking in college. In recognition of his research contributions, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation honored Dr. Hingson in 2001 with its Innovators Combating Substance Abuse Award. In 2002, he received the Widmark Award, the highest award bestowed by the International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety. Dr. Hingson just completed his term as president of that organization. In 2003, Mothers Against Drunk Driving instituted the Ralph W. Hingson Research in Practice Annual Presidential Award, with Dr. Hingson honored as its first recipient. In 2008, the American Society of Addiction Medicine conferred the R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Award on Dr. Hingson.

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Carla Lapelle, M.A., of Marshall University, Huntington, WV, is president and chair of The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Drug Issues (The Network). She currently serves on the executive committee of the West Virginia statewide initiative to prevent substance abuse in higher education and on the Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership in Huntington. Prior to accepting that position, Ms. Lapelle worked for the university as coordinator of Student Health Education Programs and Substance Abuse Prevention Programs for 15 years.

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Karen Moses is the director of ASU Wellness at Arizona State University where she has provided leadership for health promotion and prevention for over 20 years. She is a frequent speaker at professional conferences addressing effective prevention at colleges and universities. She currently serves as the President of the Pacific Coast College Health Association, and is regional director for Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah for The Network. She is a fellow of the American College Health Association (ACHA) and has held positions in ACHA as member-at-large on the Board of Directors, chair of the Health Promotion Section, and co-chair of the Healthy Campus 2010 Task Force. She is a past chair for the NASPA Health in Higher Education Knowledge Community and past president of the Arizona Dietetic Association. She will receive her doctorate in higher education in May.

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Brian Dietz, M.A., is the assistant dean of students, and director, Student Involvement & Hicks Student Center, at Kalamazoo College in Michigan. He has been involved with alcohol education and prevention initiatives on several college campuses during the past 13 years. He has worked as a practitioner within the areas of residence life, late-night programs, new student orientation, coalition building, peer education, and campus policies to address issues related to high-risk student alcohol use. Mr. Dietz has presented on the topic of college drinking at several State and regional conferences, and he has authored articles on the topic of high-risk drinking for the National Association of Campus Activities and the Association of College Unions International. He also served as a HEC associate and is the regional director for Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio for The Network.

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Spencer Deakin, Ph.D., is the director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Frostburg State University in Maryland. He is a licensed psychologist in Maryland. For more than twenty years, Dr. Deakin has volunteered with the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) as a field visitor, and as a member of the Board of Directors and the University and College Accreditation Board. He co-authored the 2000 IACS standards revision. He is active in several other professional organizations and has made presentations at regional and national conferences on various student development issues. Dr. Deakin has held leadership positions within the substance abuse prevention field on campus and in the community. He has authored several federal and state grants. He is a Center Fellow for the Higher Education Center, and currently is a Regional Director for The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues.

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