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Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Working Group Convenings

The working groups are Eradicate Hate's engine of innovation, transforming ideas generated here at the Global Summit into concrete deliverables that are built and tested through year-round collaboration. Please join us at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for any of the open sessions below. Those marked 'closed door' will not be open to the general public and are invite-only.

To learn more about the many initiatives our working groups advance, please visit our [webpage](#).

8:00am – 10:00am

- **Protecting the Protectors** (open session in Room 304)
 - Join us to discuss the ways practitioners and professionals working to prevent acts of hate-fueled violence take care of themselves, including mental and physical wellness. Participants will review the newly published guidebook and provide feedback for improvement. We will also have a mental and spiritual wellbeing workshop facilitated by working group members.
- **K-12 Education** (open session in Room 301)
 - Join us to explore the new Student Summit Playbook, a detailed instruction manual for hosting an Eradicate Hate Student Summit (EHSS) in your own community. The EHSS is a student gathering focused specifically on preventing hate-based violence: Participants will get hands-on with the toolkit, work together to identify and solve common barriers to bringing a summit to their community, and help shape a plan for getting the Playbook into the hands of the educators and administrators who need it. No prior experience is required, just a willingness to collaborate and share your perspective.
- **Training & Career Development for Mental Health Practitioners in Targeted Violence Prevention** (closed door)
- **Countering the Finance of Violent Extremism** (closed door and off-site)
- **Survivors in Action** (closed door)

Hope Dogs 11:00am-5:30pm

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10:00am - 12:00pm

- **Threat Modeling Workshop** (open session in Room 304)
 - In this applied threat modeling workshop, attendees bring a real-world problem, project, or security concern and work through a structured process to identify key assets, relevant threat actors, and plausible pathways of harm. By the end of the hour, participants will have prioritized risks according to likelihood and impact and will leave with a clear, practical sense of where to focus mitigation efforts first.
- **Youth Red Flags** (open session in Room 301)
 - Youth Red Flags aims to create short form, accessible, and global resources that clearly communicate some of the most troubling challenges facing youth today. These resources are adapted for various audiences including Law Enforcement, Parents, Educators, and Youth, and provide tailored language to distill complex issues into actionable understanding. During this open working group meeting, the group will present its work to date and consult the room about future topics, audiences, and message delivery. We invite anybody who works with youth, or with those who do, to attend and lend their expertise.
- **Judicial Process** (open session in Room 315)
 - The Judicial Process Working Group will discuss two key topics: progress in the distribution of the Judicial Toolkit and plans for further dissemination; and comments on the draft case scenario and vignettes for the continuing education program based on the Toolkit, including logistics for video production of the vignettes.
- **Higher Education** (closed session and off-site)
- **City Managers** (closed door)
- **State Solutions** (closed door)

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Welcoming Remarks

12:00pm - 12:15pm

Laura Ellsworth, Co-Chair, Eradicate Hate

Corey O'Connor, Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

Brette Steele, President, Eradicate Hate

Survivors in Action

12:15pm - 1:15pm

Survivors of hate-fueled violence play a critical role in both prevention and response. This panel, composed of survivors of hate-fueled violence, will discuss both the impact of loss and the courageous steps they have taken to convert an act of hate into a force for good, and ensure that survivor voices continue to inform prevention efforts across all sectors.

Moderated by:

Stephanie Viegas, Senior National Advisor, Security Programs and Operations, Secure Community Network

Speakers:

Nicole Hockley, Co-Founder, Sandy Hook Promise

Pastor Glenn Germany, Pastor, Jesus' Dwelling Place Church

Colin Hortman, son of Melissa and Mark Hortman

Jeanne Pepper, mother of Blaze Bernstein

Khalifah Salim, Vot, Kenya

Working Group Updates

1:15pm - 1:30pm

ARCHER (**Leon Ferera**)

Video Games I (**Lauren Bairnsfather**)

Survivors in Action (**Dawn Collins** and **Daphne Felten-Green**)

Keynote: Dr. Alfred Garfinkle

1:30pm - 1:45pm

Dr. Alfred Garfinkle is a Holocaust survivor, physician, psychiatrist, and internationally respected expert on trauma whose life reflects extraordinary resilience and purpose. Born in the Przemyśl Ghetto and imprisoned in Bergen-Belsen as a child, he has

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dedicated his career to advancing the understanding of psychological trauma and ensuring the lessons of the Holocaust continue to educate and inspire future generations. Having used the professional name Alfred Garwood for most of his career, Dr. Garfinkle prefers the family name with which he was born.

Survivors Meet and Greet (*Room 403; invitation only*)

1:45pm - 2:45pm

The Converging Threat: Understanding Intersecting Ideologies of Hate-Fueled Violence

1:45pm - 2:30pm

Perpetrators of hate-fueled violence increasingly draw from overlapping and blended ideologies—combining racial, ethnic, and religious animus with misogyny and anti-LGBTQ hostility into a single, often unpredictable threat profile. This session brings together experts to examine how these hateful motivations intersect and reinforce one another, both in the U.S. and globally, and what this convergence means for prevention, threat assessment, and intervention efforts. Panelists will explore emerging research on cross-ideological inspiration, share case studies illustrating these intersections, and discuss actionable strategies for addressing this evolving landscape of hate-motivated violence.

Moderated by:

Brette Steele, President, Eradicate Hate

Speakers:

Rabbi David Saperstein, Rabbi and former United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom

Sarah Moore, Security Team Lead, GLAAD

Jennifer Thompkins, CEO, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh

Sean Harvey, Research Fellow, PERIL, American University

Salam Al-Marayati, President and Co-Founder, Muslim Public Affairs Council

Programmatic Updates

2:30pm - 2:45pm

K-12 Education (**Nick Haberman** & **Kimberlyn Moffet**)

UP End Hate (**Rachel Hunkler**)

Reach Out Resource Hub (**Neil Saul**)

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Break

2:45pm - 3:15pm

A World of Lessons: International Strategies to Counter Hate

3:15pm - 4:00pm

Drawing on insights from experts around the world, this panel explores emerging trends in hate-fueled violence, common manifestations of hate across cultures, and lessons from global prevention and response efforts. Panelists will also share innovative ideas for strengthening collaboration and knowledge-sharing among practitioners, policymakers, and communities to more effectively combat hate-fueled violence worldwide.

Moderated by

Laura Ellsworth, Co-Founder, Eradicate Hate

Speakers:

Nikolaus Grauszer, Head of International Strategic Prevention, Directorate for State Protection and Intelligence Service, Austrian Government

Richard Chalk, CEO, REOC Communications Ltd

Hazel Stewart, Manager, Threat Leadership Command, National Crime Agency, UK

Dr. Brett Kubicek, Chief Advisor of Science and Strategy, Public Safety Canada

Stephanie Albiero, Programme Manager, Global P/CVE Programme, Office of Counter-Terrorism, United Nations

Dr. Jolene Jerard, Executive Director, Centinel

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Legal Frontiers: Law, Liability, and Online Harm

4:00pm - 4:30pm

Over the past year, significant legal developments in both litigation and regulation have impacted the legal landscape governing the online space. In the United States, a number of cases brought by State Attorneys General have advanced novel legal theories against social media companies, while outside of the United States, significant regulatory activity is impacting online spaces. This panel of global legal and regulatory experts will provide a summary of the key legal developments in terms that are instructive for legal experts and laypeople alike.

Moderated by:

Sara Carlson, Board member, Eradicate Hate

Speakers:

Heidi Snell, General Manager of Regulatory Operations, eSafety Australia

Kevyn Orr, Partner-in-Charge, U.S., Jones Day

Promise and Peril: AI's Role in Enabling—and Preventing—Violence

4:30pm - 5:30pm

This panel will address the complex landscape where artificial intelligence is both being used to plan and prevent targeted violence. Participants will learn how extremist groups exploit AI technologies—such as chatbots and generative tools—to spread hate and facilitate violence. The session also highlights innovative prevention strategies, including the latest research on AI safety, policy interventions, and practical approaches for countering these threats.

Moderated by:

Dr. Colin Clarke, Executive Director, The Soufan Center

Speakers:

Priyank Mathur, CEO, Mythos Labs

Brian Fishman, Head of Strategic Risk Policy, OpenAI

Clara Broekaert, Research Analyst, The Soufan Center

Ghaffar Hussain, Managing Director, Groundswell

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Networking Reception

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Investors of Impact Reception

6:00pm - 7:00pm (*Allegheny Overlook; Invitation only*)

Speaker Dinner

7:00pm - 9:00pm (*Concourse B; Invitation only*)

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Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Zumba

7:00am - 8:00am (*Room 319*)

Hope Dogs 9:00am - 4:30pm

Welcoming Remarks & Bridge Builder Award

9:00am - 9:20am

Laura Ellsworth, Co-Chair, Eradicate Hate

Brette Steele, President, Eradicate Hate

Mark Nordenberg, Co-Chair, Eradicate Hate

David Shapira, Chairman, The David S. and Karen A. Shapira Foundation

The Emerging Response to the Bondi Beach Massacre

9:20am - 9:50am

Following the horrific attack at Bondi Beach, Australia formed a Royal Commission to investigate the factors that led to the tragedy and make recommendations for the national response. This panel of individuals who provided testimony before the Commission will address Australia's contemporary extremism and targeted violence landscape, the crisis response, community recovery, and the insights learned through the process. The panel will also discuss ongoing and future efforts to deliver structural reform and social cohesion, and the unique role that Eradicate Hate could play in that process.

Moderated by:

Niv Tadmor, Partner-in-Charge, Melbourne, Jones Day

Speakers:

Laura Ellsworth, Co-Chair, Eradicate Hate

Dr. Josh Roose, Associate Professor of Politics, Deakin University

Tahli Blicblau, CEO, Dor Foundation

Working Group Updates

9:50am – 10:05am

Common Metrics for Practice and Policy (**Dr. Brett Kubicek**)

Gonzaga award announcement (**Brette Steele, Dr. Kristine Hoover, Tyron Nixon**)

Breaking the Silence: Exploring Gender to Engage Every Bystander in Prevention

10:05am - 10:55am

Family members, friends, and peers are often the first to notice warning signs of potential violence, but noticing and acting are not the same thing. Understanding who speaks up, who stays silent, and why is a central question for prevention. While most perpetrators of hate-fueled violence are male, evidence remains limited on the ways gender shapes how the people closest to them take action. Communities must urgently lower barriers to reporting, equip boys and men to intervene as bystanders, and embrace shared responsibility for preventing harm before it escalates. This session explores emerging patterns from frontline work with bystanders, draws lessons from adjacent fields like gender-based violence, and asks what it takes to make every bystander an active force for prevention.

Moderated by:

Vidhya Ramalingam, Founder & CEO, Moonshot

Speakers:

Dr. David O'Brien, Director, Yorktown Family Services

Dr. Taveeshi Gupta, Senior Director of Research, Evaluation, and Learning, Equimundo

Humberto Carolo, CEO, White Ribbon

Break

10:55am - 11:20am

Higher Education Meet and Greet (*Room 405*)

10:55am - 11:55am

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Breakouts

11:20am - 12:35pm

- **Crafting a Primary Prevention Approach to Hate Motivated Violence** (*Room 301*)

- How can communities prevent hate-fueled harm before it takes root? This interactive workshop brings together academic, practitioner, and youth-centered approaches to explore evidence-based strategies for primary prevention of hate-motivated violence. Drawing on findings from the Strong Communities project and the Hearing Unheard Moments initiative, attendees will examine how sectors, including education, public safety, health, local government, non-profits, and youth-serving organizations, can strengthen resilience, foster belonging, and address grievances before they become harmful.

Through panel discussions, practical examples, dialogue-based activities, and an interactive visioning exercise, attendees will explore community values, identify barriers to prevention, and develop concrete tools and shared language to create safer, more connected communities where all people, especially young people, feel heard, respected, and included.

Moderated by:

Dr. Heidi Ellis, Associate Professor of Psychology, Trauma and Community Resilience Center, Boston Children's Hospital

Speakers:

Hala Furst, Director of Strategic Partnerships, PERIL, American University

Dr. Steve Weine, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, and Director of Global Medicine & Director of the Center for Global Health, University of Illinois

Paula Granger, Director, Domestic Terrorism Prevention Unit, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Beatriz Valencia, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Liaison, City of Albuquerque

Eric Rosand, Executive Director, Strong Cities Network

Dr. Samantha Awada, Attending Psychologist, Boston Children's Hospital

Dr. Matt Drabenstott, Researcher, Knowledge Translation & Mobilization, The Students Commission of Canada, Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement

Pallvi Sehijpaul, Coordinator, Skills Development, The Students Commission of Canada, Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement

Caroline Salemy, Clinical Research Assistant, Boston Children's Hospital

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- **The Tree of Life: Creating Spaces of Memory** (*Room 315*)

- Join Maggie Feinstein of the 10/27 Healing Partnership and Alice Greenwald, member of The Tree of Life's Academic Advisory Council, and former President & CEO of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, for a conversation on honoring those taken from us and creating spaces of memory.

Moderated by:

Maggie Feinstein, Executive Director, 10/27 Healing Partnership

Speakers:

Alice Greenwald, Academic Advisory Council Member, The Tree of Life

Michael Bernstein, Board Chair, The Tree of Life

- **Faith as Frontline Prevention: The Role of Faith as a Protective Factor** (*Room 304*)

- Participants will learn how theologically conservative to moderate faith communities—often underrepresented in prevention spaces—serve as frontline actors against hate-fueled violence by building protective factors such as belonging, agency, and conflict fluency. Attendees will leave with practical strategies to engage these communities in both long-term prevention and crisis response, strengthening cross-sector resilience and expanding the field's reach into critical but often overlooked populations.

Moderated by:

Elizabeth Neumann, Chief Strategy Officer, Moonshot

Speakers:

Huey Fischer García, Senior Anti-extremism Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center

Caleb Campbell, Pastor, Desert Springs Bible Church

Emma Addams, Co-Executive Director, Mormon Women for Ethical Government

Salam Al-Marayati, President and Co-Founder, Muslim Public Affairs Council

Rabbi James Gibson, Chair, Community Relations Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh

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- **Autism and Radicalization: Bridging the Gaps and Restoring Hope** (*Main Ballroom*)

- This multidisciplinary, international team will provide education and insight into the vulnerabilities of people on the autism spectrum to radicalization and provide practical strategies for working with individuals, their families, clinicians, courts, law enforcement, and public services to reduce risk and restore hope.

Moderated by:

Dr. Laurie Sperry, CEO, Autism Forensics LLC

Speakers:

Dr. David Gavisk, CEO, Spectrum Therapy and Forensics

Donna Sharland, Founder, AutSiDe Counter Terrorism Unit Wales UK Police

Dr. Frank Straub, Director of Harm Prevention, Rural Behavioral Health Institute

Lunch

12:35pm - 1:25pm

Book Review and Workshop: Preventing Public Violence

12:35pm - 1:25pm (*Room 303; invitation only*)

Working Group Updates

12:45pm - 1:00pm

Protecting the Protectors (**Michael Becker**)

Judicial Process (**Chuck Moellenberg**)

Video Games II (**Galen Lamphere-Englund**)

Countering the Financing of Violent Extremism (**Dr. Hans-Jakob Schindler**)

Research Spotlight

1:00pm - 1:25pm

- **From Jake Paul to Holocaust Denial: Rethinking the “Hate Pipeline” in the Age of Algorithms**

- This session presents original research showing how algorithms can move a user from mainstream content to Holocaust denial in under 90 minutes, without seeking extremism. Drawing on experimental findings and the literature, we challenge the “pipeline” model and identify a key early-intervention point.

Chardon Murray, Director of Research, Diverting Hate

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From Headlines to Harm Reduction: Covering a Rising Threat without Normalizing It

1:25pm - 2:15pm

This panel looks at how media coverage after an attack shapes public response and attitudes. It will discuss how to honor victims without encouraging copycat behavior, and how reporting can better highlight warning signs and missed chances to intervene. Panelists will share practical ways to strike this balance and support prevention.

Moderated by:

Rich Lord, Managing Editor, Pittsburgh's Public Source

Speakers:

Sergio Olmos, Investigative Reporter, CalMatters

Ellie Silverman, Reporter, The Washington Sun

Jana Winter, U.S. Intelligence and Law Enforcement Correspondent, Reuters

Keynote: Shari Redstone and Van Jones

2:15pm - 2:40pm

Shari Redstone and Van Jones are influential leaders whose work has shaped media, business, public policy, and social justice. As President of the Redstone Family Foundation, and as an Emmy Award-winning journalist, CNN political commentator, bestselling author, and founder of multiple social impact organizations, they bring a unique perspective on the power of dialogue and partnership, drawing on their work to strengthen Black-Jewish relations and build bridges across communities.

Breakouts

2:40pm - 4:00pm

- **Global Lessons in Early Warning-Early Response for Local Violence Prevention** (*Room 315*)
 - Early Warning–Early Response (EWER) systems have long strengthened community resilience against violence internationally. This session explores how these proven, cross-sectoral models—engaging residents, civil society, and local institutions—can be adapted to prevent hate-fueled and targeted violence in communities around the world. Drawing on case studies and

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practitioner experience from both global and domestic contexts, panelists will examine what makes EW-ER effective, how it complements approaches like behavioral threat assessment and management, and what transferable lessons exist for building local infrastructure that identifies early warning signs and mobilizes trusted responders before violence occurs.

Moderated by:

Ryan Greer, President, Bedrock

Speakers:

Jennifer Hall-Witt, Executive Director, Karuna Center for Peacebuilding

Prabha Sankaranarayan, President and CEO, Mediators Beyond Borders International

D.G. Mawn, Esq., President, National Association for Community Mediation

Elizabeth Hume, Executive Director, Alliance for Peacebuilding

Susan Jordan, Executive Director, Susquehanna Valley Mediation

- **Youth Leadership, Stronger Prevention: Intergenerational Strategies from Youth Changemakers** (*Main Ballroom*)

- Young people bring unique insight into the risks, challenges, and opportunities shaping their communities, yet they are often excluded from prevention planning and decision-making. This session will elevate the voices of young leaders who are driving efforts to build belonging, support their peers, and prevent hate-fueled violence. It will also feature adults who directly work with youth via prevention programs. Panelists will share lessons learned from youth-adult partnerships and offer real-world examples of how intergenerational collaboration strengthens prevention efforts. Attendees will gain practical tools, strategies, and models for meaningfully integrating youth perspectives and leadership into their own programs, policies, and community-based prevention work.

Moderated by

Sal-Sabila, Founder, Youth Gravity

Speakers:

Ronnie Acrie - Alum from South Allegheny High School and a recipient of one of the inaugural Eradicate Hate Student Leadership Awards

Jamya Davis – Co-founder, Still We R.O.S.E; UP End Hate Youth Advisory Council member

Kimberlyn Moffet, Director of Program & Training, Community Matters

Dr. Chuck Herring, Director of Student and Community Engagement, South Fayette Township School District

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• **Still Standing: A Blueprint for Sustainable Hate Prevention** (*Room 317*)

- Local groups and civic institutions have led anti-hate response and prevention efforts for decades, some tracing roots back to the 1960s. This workshop draws on that longevity, featuring organizations that have sustained their work through changing funding landscapes, political climates, and emerging threats. Panelists will share lessons on sustainable funding models, resident-led and city-sponsored efforts, and hybrid partnerships spanning campuses, schools, and businesses. A facilitated peer-to-peer discussion will follow that explores what has sustained decades-long collaboration, what has hindered it, and how lasting partnerships translate into long-term hate prevention.

Moderated by:

Patrice O'Neill, Executive Producer, The Working Group

Speakers:

Randy Duque, Deputy Director, Community Relations Division, Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations

Don Han, Chief Growth Officer, Groundswell

Jen Stevens, Coordinator, Rhode Island Commission on Prejudice & Bias

Jenny Tan, Director of Public Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, Hate Free Together

Pardeep Kaleka, Clinical Director, Mental Health America

• **New Strategies for State and Local Governments to Fill the Gaps in Preventing Hate-Fueled Violence** (*Room 304*)

- State and local government agencies can play an important role in preventing hate-fueled violence, investigating incidents, and enforcing laws against hate crimes. This panel of state and local government officials will highlight the resources, civil and criminal laws and regulations, and other creative tools needed to fulfill their vital mission to protect and defend targeted communities.

Moderated by:

Tom Brzozowski, Policy Counsel, Anti-Defamation League

Speakers:

Elana Kahn, Executive Director, Illinois State Commission on Hate Crimes and Discrimination

Daniel Goldberg, Assistant State's Attorney, Cook County State's Attorney's Office Hate Crimes Unit

Karen McDonald, Prosecutor, Oakland County, Michigan

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David Harris, Sally Ann Semenko Endowed Chair and Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Corbett Anderson, Chief Deputy Attorney General - Civil Rights Enforcement Section, PA Office of Attorney General

- **From Signals to Safeguards: Distinguishing Online Threats to Prevent Hate-Fueled Violence** (*Room 301*)

- This workshop builds advanced skills for distinguishing online “lawful but awful” expression from credible threats of offline harm. Participants will examine cross-sector threat assessment approaches to better prioritize, contextualize, and respond to online signals linked to hate-fueled and political violence.

Moderated by:

Dr. Michael Loadenthal, Assistant Professor of Cyber Strategy, University of Cincinnati; Executive Director, The Prosecution Project

Speakers:

Dr. Marlon Hurt, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Hofstra University

Dr. Juliane Ford, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Hofstra University

Dakota Wing, PhD Candidate, Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, York University

Dr. Molly Fitzpatrick, Clinical Psychologist, Boston Children’s Hospital

- **Nihilistic Violence Working Group** (*Room 303; invitation only*)

- This Working Group is composed of dedicated people from diverse fields who are actively addressing the global challenge of nihilistic violence and youth radicalization. This closed door session will bring together multi-sectoral and global perspectives to identify specific opportunities for better coordination, cooperation, and information sharing among those engaged in the identification and prevention of this global threat. A cornerstone of this working group is providing support for the victims of nihilistic violent extremism and their families. To register to join this Working Group session, please contact Working Group Co-Chairs Dr. Marc-Andre Argentino marc-andre.argentino@ps-sp.gc.ca or Laura Ellsworth lellsworth@jonesday.com.

Break

4:00pm - 4:25pm

Profiles of Upstanders and the Power of Delegations to Drive Change

4:25pm - 5:10pm

This session highlights individuals and delegations who acted to stop violence, aid the wounded, and prevent future attacks—including first responders who stepped in amid chaos and uncertainty, and a community delegation that turned its Summit experience into lasting local change, from education and law enforcement training to new legislation, and prevention of attacks. Panelists will explore what drives people to act despite fear and risk, and how a single Summit experience can translate into sustained, tangible impact back home.

Moderated by:

Dr. Jay Jacobson, Chair, Antisemitism Task Force, Community Partners Against Hate, United Jewish Federation of Utah

Speakers:

Darren Chait, Co-Founder and Director, Community Health Support

Janice Ward, Temple Brith Sholem President, Ogden, Utah

Nicholas Street, Lieutenant, Utah Department of Public Safety, Commander of Utah Statewide Information & Analysis Center

Matthew Ward, Captain, Ogden Police Department

Nihilistic Violence: Activating Prevention Pathways Around the World

5:10pm - 6:00pm

Eradicate Hate was among the first organizations to spotlight nihilistic violence, a growing threat in which vulnerable children are groomed online and coerced into self-harm, sexual exploitation, violence (including school shootings), and suicide. This session will provide an update on the threat profile and highlight the Working Group's solutions, including public education, juvenile justice engagement, and survivor support. The panel will also address the current gaps and challenges, including definitional disputes, the need for interview-based research, the victim-to-perpetrator progression, and how disciplines outside the traditional extremism field can provide tested strategies for addressing some of these issues.

Moderated by:

Justin Herdman, Partner, Jones Day

Speakers:

Dr. Marc-Andre Argentino, Team Lead, Open Source Unit, Public Safety Canada

Dr. Bettina Rottweiler, Associate Research Professor, National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center

Kathryn Rifenburg, Director, CyberTipline, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Hazel Stewart, Manager, Threat Leadership Command, National Crime Agency, UK

Jane Doe, Mother of survivor of nihilistic violent extremism

Joey Orduna Hastings, Former CEO, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Speaker Photo

6:00pm - 6:10pm

Networking Reception

6:00pm - 7:00pm

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Thursday, September 17, 2026

AI Roundtable Breakfast

8:00am - 9:00am (*Room 303; invitation only*)

Keynote: Dr. Robert Pape

9:00am - 9:20am

Robert A. Pape is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, where he also founded and serves as Director of the Chicago Project on Security and Threats. He is widely regarded to be one of the nation's leading experts on both political violence and national security. His most recent book, *Our Own Worst Enemies: America in the Age of Violent Populism*, is scheduled for release this month.

The Cost of Public Service: Confronting Political Violence and Intimidation

9:20am - 10:10am

Political violence, threats, and harassment against judges, elected officials, and public servants create a chilling effect on democratic participation in the U.S. and globally. This panel will examine the drivers and impacts of political intimidation and focus on practical solutions to protect public officials, strengthen civic trust, improve accountability, and safeguard democratic participation while preserving open debate.

Moderated by

Erin Mazursky, Executive Director, Over Zero

Speakers:

Dr. Garen Wintemute, Emergency Medicine Physician, U.C. Davis Medical Center

Robert J. Cindrich, President, Cindrich Consulting, LLC

Mary-Katherine Stone, State Representative, Vermont

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Breakouts

10:20am - 11:20am

- **Enhancing School Safety: The Evolving Role of Law**

- Enforcement in Educational Environments** (*Main Ballroom*)

- This panel examines how law enforcement supports school safety through school resource officers, behavioral threat assessment teams, and climate-building initiatives. Panelists will discuss collaborative strategies used in K–12 schools and higher education to prevent violence, strengthen relationships, and create safe, supportive learning environments for students, staff, and communities.

Moderated by:

Dr. Beth Sanborn, School Safety Coordinator, Montgomery County (PA)
Department of Public Safety

Speakers:

Jamie Cunningham, Officer, University of Pittsburgh Police Department

Dr. Aaron Skrbini, Director of Safety & Security, Allegheny Intermediate Unit

- **A Delegation that Delivers** (*Room 304*)

- In the first year of Eradicate Hate, Salt Lake City sent a delegation of people from many different backgrounds to the Global Summit to learn what they each could do in their own community to prevent identity-based hate. Upon returning home, they formed a local organization that conducted community education, trained law enforcement, launched multifaith initiatives, and helped secured the passage of new hate crimes legislation. This delegation has returned to the Summit each year since, continuing to take ideas back to deliver transformative change in their home community. In this session, members of the delegation provide personal stories and practical tips on how a delegation of individuals can translate their Eradicate Hate experience into tangible initiatives in their own community, and how their efforts came to fruition when they were able to prevent an attack on places of worship in 2026.

Moderated by:

Liz Paige, Assistant Director, Jewish Federation of Utah

Speakers:

Janice Ward, President, Temple Brith Shalom

Nicholas Street, Lieutenant, Utah Department of Public Safety

David McKean, Regional Security Advisor, Secure Community Network

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Diana Lopez, Community Outreach Coordinator, Ogden City Police Department

Jason Hinojosa, Police Captain, University of Utah

Nicholas Pensari, Intergovernmental Liaison, Salt Lake County District

Attorney's Office

Keith Chalmers, Communications Manager, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

Jennifer Newell, Senior Advisor for Education, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office

Curtis Price, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Salt Lake City

Mark Shepherd, Mayor, Clearfield City, Utah

Bengisu Kul, Representative, Emerald Hills Institute

- **What Went Right: Lessons from Temple Israel** (*Room 315*)

- Security professionals often study failures. This panel examines a success. When a devastating terrorist attack targeted Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, Michigan, years of planning, training, strong partnerships with law enforcement, and an extraordinary community response were put to the test — and they worked. Hear from those directly involved as they walk through the Temple Israel response as a case study in preparedness and coordination.

Moderated by:

Varsha Koduvayur, Business Development Manager, Valens Global

Speakers:

Elyssa Schmier, Director, Anti-Defamation League, Michigan

Steven Richter, Deputy Chief, West Bloomfield Police Department

Taylor Weintraub, a parent of the Temple Israel preschoolers

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11:20am - 11:30am

Covering the Gap: Financing Strategies to Promote Prevention

11:30am - 12:20pm

Mass violence carries staggering costs — lost lives, litigation, and liability. What if that cost calculus became the biggest untapped funding source for prevention work? At a time when grants are shrinking, insurance markets offer something rarer: a sustainable, self-renewing revenue stream. This session explores how insurers can use premium discounts to incentivize workplaces, schools, and providers to adopt threat assessment programs. It will also address another key barrier: the lack of liability coverage for clinicians taking on this work. Featuring voices from insurance, risk management, and violence prevention, panelists will show how aligning financial incentives with safety could institutionalize prevention funding, scaling evidence-based work faster than mandates alone.

Moderated by

Diane Holder, Consultant and Advisor; Board Member, Eradicate Hate

Speakers:

Matt Hurford, CEO, Community Care Behavioral Health

Tiffany Sewell, Director of Prevention and Public Safety Engagement,
Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab

Shawn VanSlyke, Director, Control Risks

William Braniff, Executive Director, PERIL, American University

Closing Remarks and Survey

12:20pm - 12:30pm

Post-Summit Programming

Operationalizing BTAM in Pennsylvania

2:00pm - 3:30pm (*Room 304*)

This roundtable brings together operational county and regional behavioral threat assessment and management teams from across Pennsylvania to share real-world successes, lessons learned, and ongoing challenges. Participants will discuss practical approaches to identifying and managing threats, highlight gaps in current systems, and explore opportunities to strengthen coordination, training, and prevention efforts across communities.

Moderated by:

Eric Patterson, Special Agent, CATO Program Coordinator; Threat Management Coordinator, FBI Philadelphia

Speakers:

Daniel Jones, Captain, Intelligence Division Director, Pennsylvania State Police

Chief Garth Warner, Derry Township Police Department; Coordinator, Dauphin County Threat Advisory Group

Corporal Andy McCloskey, Caernarvon Township Police Department; Coordinator, Berks County Community Anti-Threat Team

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Allegheny County Stakeholders Meeting

3:30pm - 5:00pm (*Room 304*)

This roundtable convenes stakeholders from across Allegheny County to strengthen and better coordinate threat assessment and intervention efforts across schools and hospitals. Participants will share current practices, identify gaps, and explore practical ways to build a more integrated, collaborative approach to early identification, response, and prevention.