

It's that time of year again! Please see below an invitation to the annual PRISM Conference from our friends at SUNY Oneonta. If you have questions, please reach out to <u>Emily.Olson@oneonta.edu</u>.

I particularly like the quote from Harvey Milk, University at Albany '51. If you want to hear his Hope Speech, you can find it at the bottom of <u>this webpage</u>.

SAVE THE DATE October 25 – 26, 2024 *This Year's Theme: Walking the Talk* You're invited to attend our annual SUNY Oneonta PRISM Conference!

The planning committee for the SUNY Oneonta PRISM Conference cordially invites students, community members, resource professionals, junior and senior faculty, and administrators to attend our conference this fall.

In 2024, we are faced with many challenges, between struggles for civil rights, economic and political strife, and threats to the lives of those we hold dear. It is through this that we can often find ourselves asking if there is more that we can do than show solidarity and support in these causes. This year, we bring to you the 11th Annual PRISM Conference theme: **Walking the Talk**; a conference to discuss advocacy and allyship and how to transform allyship into activism.

Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California once said: "I know you can't live on hope alone; but without hope, life is not worth living. So you got to give them hope." During this conference, we hope to bring together bright minds to celebrate and imbue hope to the discourse of advocacy and activism in 2024.

We are happy to share that the conference will continue to be hybrid this year.

All details regarding conference registration, call for proposals, keynote speakers, hotel information, event schedule, and more will be made available beginning in August. Stay tuned on our <u>conference</u> <u>website</u> for updates.

PRISM Conference Learning Outcomes

Conference participants will be able to:

- Identify multiple aspects of diversity, including the ongoing development of identity and creating an inclusive community. (*Pride*)
- Explore and analyze current trends and issues that LGBTQIA+ college students face through historical and/or future-oriented lenses. (*Research*)
- Create an understanding around the experiences of intersecting identities within the LGBTQIA+ community. (Intersectionality)
- Facilitate opportunities for mentorship to strengthen leadership development in preparation for life beyond college. (*Support*)
- Develop impactful approaches to promoting diversity, inclusion, and wellness through advocacy. (*Movement*)

How to Submit a Presentation Proposal – NOW LIVE

All presentations should:

- 1. Explore the PRISM Conference theme through the analysis of research, best practices, lived experience, and activism.
- 2. Promote audience engagement personal and collective reflection, and robust discussion.
- 3. Include a strongly articulated purpose, conceptual foundation, contextual background, and contributions to intersectional LGBTQIA+ scholarship and advocacy.

To submit a proposal, please complete the form <u>here</u>. **Submissions are due by Sunday, October 6,** 2024 at 11:59 PM EST.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Olson, Chair of the PRISM Conference Committee, at Emily.Olson@oneonta.edu.