

“Preventing Gun Violence in NJ: A Call to Action”

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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Douglass Student Center: 100 George Street, Traves Hall, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Speaker Bios

Welcome and Overview**Michael Gusmano, PhD, Director of Outreach, Center on Gun Violence Research**

Biography: Michael K. Gusmano is an associate professor of health policy at the Rutgers University School of Public Health. He also serves as the concentration director in health systems and policy at Rutgers, the director of the School of Public Health’s doctoral program and the outreach director for the Center on Gun Violence Research. Along with his appointment at Rutgers, Dr. Gusmano is a research scholar at The Hastings Center, and a Visiting Fellow at the Rockefeller Institute of Government. His scholarship focuses on health and social policy in the United States and internationally. He has published five peer-reviewed books and more than 100 scholarly articles.

Dr. Gusmano is the Co-Director of the World Cities Project (WCP). WCP represents the first effort to compare the performance of health, social and long-term care systems in Hong Kong, London, Moscow, New Delhi, New York City, Paris, São Paulo, Shanghai and Tokyo. The project compares health status and quality of life, informal support and social networks, health and social services, and long-term care -- both within and among these cities. The first book from this project *Growing Older in World Cities: New York, London, Paris and Tokyo* (Vanderbilt University Press 2006), explored how cities are addressing the needs of their aging populations. The second book from the WCP, *Health Care in World Cities* (Johns Hopkins University Press 2010), documents the implications of national and local health care policies for access to care in New York, London and Paris.

In his most recent work, Dr. Gusmano is examining the implementation of laws designed to remove firearms from the homes of people convicted of domestic violence in New Jersey and Texas. He also has investigated the governance of new biological and medical technologies in his book with Karen Maschke, *Debating Modern Medical Technologies: The Politics of Safety, Effectiveness and Patient Access* (ABC-Clio/Praeger 2018). In the *Governance of Emerging Technologies: Aligning Policy Analysis with the Public’s Values*, Gusmano and Gregory Kaebnick advance the understanding of how cost-benefit analysis handles the public’s values. Building on these findings, Gusmano and colleagues at the Hastings Center are now investigating innovative approaches to engaging the public in deliberations about new technologies.

He holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Maryland at College Park and a Masters in public policy from the State University of New York at Albany. He was also post-doctoral fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy program at Yale University (1995-1997). He serves as the International Editor of the *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*, Associate Editor for *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, and is on the board of editors of the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, *World Medical & Health Policy*, and the editorial committee of the *Hastings Center Report*. Gusmano received his doctorate in political science from the University of Maryland College Park in 1995.

Opening Remarks:**Brian Strom, MD, MPH, Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences**

Biography: Dr. Brian Strom is the Inaugural Chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at Rutgers University. During his five years at Rutgers, Dr. Strom has spearheaded the creation of an interprofessional faculty practice group, the Rutgers Health Group; established a formal partnership with RWJBarnabas Health, to create the New Jersey’s largest and most comprehensive

academic health system; and led a major recruitment drive to bring the nation's most talented biomedical researchers and clinicians to Rutgers.

Prior to joining Rutgers, Dr. Strom was the Executive Vice Dean of Institutional Affairs, Founding Chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Founding Director of the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Founding Director of the Graduate Program in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to writing more than 600 papers and 13 books, he has been principal investigator for more than 275 grants, including over \$115 million in direct costs alone. Dr. Strom has been the recipient of multiple awards in recognition of the contributions he has made in his career to clinical research.

Dr. Strom earned a B.S. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale University, an M.D. degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and a M.P.H. Degree in Epidemiology at the University of California, Berkeley. His major research interest is in the field of pharmacoepidemiology, the application of epidemiologic methods to the study of drug use and effects. He is recognized as a founder of this field and for his pioneering work in using large databases for research. Dr. Strom received the 2016 Oscar B. Hunter Career Award in Therapeutics for his outstanding contributions to clinical pharmacology and therapeutics. In 2017, Dr. Strom was named Honorary President of The Hellenic Society of Pharmacoepidemiology. Dr. Strom also chaired the Institute of Medicine Committee on a National Strategy for the Elimination of Hepatitis B and C.

Robert Barchi, MD, PhD, President, Rutgers University

Biography: Robert Barchi is the 20th president of Rutgers University. A graduate of Georgetown University, Dr. Barchi earned his medical degree and PhD at the University of Pennsylvania, where he spent more than three decades on the faculty, eventually serving as provost and chief academic officer.

Throughout his career, Dr. Barchi has been active as a teacher and as an NIH-funded researcher in the fields of neuroscience and neurology, and he has published extensively in his field. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine. Before coming to Rutgers in 2012, he was president of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia for eight years, a period of tremendous growth for the institution.

At Rutgers, Dr. Barchi guided the 2013 formation of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, a major division of the university established through restructuring legislation that brought into Rutgers most units of the former University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Five years later, he played a pivotal role in an affiliation agreement that RBHS entered into with RWJBarnabas Health to jointly operate New Jersey's largest and most comprehensive academic health system.

President Barchi has led development of an ambitious university wide strategic plan, the first at Rutgers in nearly 20 years, and a corresponding physical master plan. He helped lead Rutgers into the Big Ten Athletic Conference, a group of similarly sized leading research institutions, and the conference's academic consortium, the Big Ten Academic Alliance.

Among other projects, President Barchi launched the Honors College at Rutgers–New Brunswick, implemented a forward-looking plan to ensure the continued strength of the humanities at Rutgers, championed great faculty diversity across the university, undertook an overhaul of Rutgers' administrative systems, and focused efforts on improving the student experience while increasing access and affordability. In-state tuition increases during his tenure have averaged less than 2.5 percent, significantly lower than those prior to his arrival. Since he took office, undergraduate enrollment has increased by more than 10 percent.

Working closely with Rutgers alumni and friends, he successfully completed the university's first billion-dollar capital campaign, and annual giving to the university has more than doubled in his tenure. After helping advocate for passage of a statewide bond referendum for higher education construction, Dr. Barchi has overseen a capital

program totaling more than \$2 billion in planning, design, and construction of academic and student-services facilities across all Rutgers locations.

Dr. Barchi is married to Francis Harper Barchi, a faculty member in the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers. They have four adult children.

Opening Keynote:

Phil Murphy, Governor, State of New Jersey

Biography: The 56th Governor of New Jersey, Philip Murphy was raised, as he has put it, “middle class on a good day,” as the youngest of four children outside Boston. Educated in the Needham, Massachusetts, public schools, Governor Murphy received his B.A. in economics from Harvard University in 1979, and an M.B.A from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1983.

During his administration, Governor Murphy has put a new emphasis on rebuilding the state’s economy by reinvesting in education, workforce development, and infrastructure to restore New Jersey’s standing as a world leader in technology and innovation, and clean energy.

From 2009 until 2013, Governor Murphy served as the United States Ambassador to The Federal Republic of Germany, appointed by President Barack Obama.

Following a 23-year career in international business, Governor Murphy put his focus on civic life and philanthropic pursuits. In 2002, he began volunteering at 180 Turning Lives Around, a Monmouth County women’s shelter where he ultimately served as board president from 2005 until 2009. Additionally, Governor Murphy was a member of the Board of Directors of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a non-profit organization which works with local community development associations to transform urban neighborhoods across the country, from 2002 until 2009.

In 2014, Governor and First Lady Tammy Snyder Murphy founded New Start New Jersey, a “think-and-do tank” dedicated to seeking new policy directions to grow New Jersey’s economy and middle class. The Murphys partnered with the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University to create the New Start Career Network which specifically helps long-term unemployed New Jerseyans over age 45 get back into the workforce.

From June 2015 until March 2017, Governor Murphy served proudly on the National Board of the NAACP.

Governor and Mrs. Murphy are the parents of four children: Josh, Emma, Charlie, and Sam. The family resides in Middletown, Monmouth County.

Welcoming Remarks:

Frank Pallone, Jr., Congressman, New Jersey

Biography: Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) has represented central New Jersey in Congress since 1988. On January 3, 2019, Frank Pallone, Jr. was sworn in for his 16th full term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Pallone represents New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District, which covers most of Middlesex County, as well as the Bayshore and oceanfront areas of Monmouth County. In 2019, Pallone was sworn in as the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee after serving as the Ranking Member in the 115th Congress. The Committee has jurisdiction over issues pertaining to energy, environment, health care, commerce, and telecommunications.

Throughout his career, Pallone has been a leader in protecting the integrity of the Medicare guarantee and Medicaid programs, making the nation’s food system safer, strengthening laws to keep our air and water clean,

making health care more affordable and accessible, and supporting initiatives that advance and protect the public health.

From 2006 to 2014, Pallone served as the top Democrat on the Committee's Subcommittee on Health. As Chairman during the 111th Congress, Pallone played a key role in authoring and passing the Affordable Care Act. The landmark law extends health care coverage to millions of Americans, while driving down health care costs and reigning in abusive tactics used by insurance companies to deny medical treatment.

Frank Pallone, Jr., was born and raised in Long Branch, New Jersey, where he still resides. He is a graduate of Middlebury College, holds a master's degree in international relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and earned his law degree at Rutgers University. Pallone and his wife Sarah have three children; daughters Rose Marie and Celeste Teresa, and a son, Frank Andrew.

Lou D. Greenwald, Assembly Majority Leader

Biography: Assembly Majority Leader Lou Greenwald is among the most ardent Rutgers supporters in the Legislature, let alone the General Assembly, in which he is serving a 12th term. Assemblyman Greenwald is a high-ranking, long-time participant in the regional power structure of Southern New Jersey Democratic politics. He has consistently supported the University in various capacities, including through sponsoring supplemental State budget funding for the University – particularly the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Assemblyman Greenwald has advocated for and helped deliver \$3 million in additional funds to CINJ for the creation of pilot programs focused on early screening of colorectal and lung cancers in targeted New Jersey counties. Those programs are currently on-going, having been funded for three fiscal years now.

He was born in Mount Holly in March 1967 and attended parochial elementary school, Cherry Hill High School East public high school and Moravian College, in Bethlehem, Pa., graduating in 1989 with a Bachelor's degree in political science. The assemblyman received a Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1992, the same year he was admitted to the bar in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He is as an attorney and health care consultant in Marlton.

Among the many laws Mr. Greenwald has sponsored includes one designed to lower auto insurance rates and another to extend eligibility requirements for veterans to receive the Distinguished Service Medal. He sponsored the law creating the Amber Alert system. As the Assembly Budget Committee Chairman, he sponsored the annual appropriation acts from 2002 to 2011. In 2004, a law he sponsored revised the State's charity care formula to provide greater reimbursements to hospitals.

Majority Leader Greenwald has been a longtime leader in the fight to reduce gun violence in New Jersey. As a leading voice of a gun violence prevention package that was passed in 2013, Majority Leader Greenwald fought to get dangerous weapons off our streets, crack down on criminals and illegal firearms traffickers, provide for safety training, improve school security, limit ammunition magazines to 10 rounds, and strengthen mental health background checks. Majority Leader Greenwald also was sponsor of a bill that would have created a gun violence research center at Rutgers. As you know, the center has been created at Rutgers through the State budget.

The assemblyman and his wife have three children. His mother, the late Maria Barnaby Greenwald, served terms as mayor of Cherry Hill, Camden County freeholder director and Camden County surrogate. The Camden County justice complex, in Camden, is named in her honor.

NJ Center on Gun Violence Research at Rutgers: Mission and Vision

Bernadette Hohl, PhD, Co-Director, Center on Gun Violence Research

Biography: Bernadette Hohl, PhD, MPH is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at Rutgers University School of Public Health. She also has an appointment in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University – Newark. Her research employs mixed methods, community based

participatory research approaches and epidemiologic study designs to examine the influence of social and physical neighborhood factors on community well-being, youth development and risk. She has been part of several community and academic partnerships that worked to address health and safety issues facing urban, minority, and disadvantaged communities including two CDC funded Youth Violence Prevention Centers. She has organized teams of community, city and academic stakeholders to assess community needs, design and implement interventions and disseminate results. Her current research focuses on identifying modifiable community level risk factors for violence and in turn developing and testing place-based interventions to address those factors.

Prior to joining the faculty at Rutgers in 2014, Bernadette led efforts to implement comprehensive school and community approaches to improve student access to mental health services and youth violence prevention for at risk communities. She serves as an active member of several national organizations including the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) where she chairs the Science and Research Committee. Bernadette received her PhD (2013) and MPH (2007) in Social and Behavioral Health from Temple University and completed a 2 year Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Urban Health Lab at the University of Pennsylvania.

Michael Ostermann, PhD, Co-Director Center on Gun Violence Research

Biography: Michael Ostermann is an Associate Professor and Undergraduate Program Chair at the Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice. His research interests primarily lie within the fields of prisoner reentry and corrections, and how they intersect with public policy. His recent work investigates the impact of post-release reentry services upon recidivism, whether effects vary across different levels of programmatic quality, how the privatization of correctional services influence mechanisms of social control, and how measurement strategies by researchers translate into different policy prescriptions within evaluation research. Ostermann has served as Principal Investigator on several federally funded grants that investigate research questions about evidence-based crime policies, and include partnerships with practitioners and other criminal justice stakeholders. The American Probation and Parole Association have awarded his research activities, and he recently received the American Society of Criminology's Division on Sentencing and Corrections' *Distinguished New Scholar* award for his early career scientific contributions. His student mentoring efforts have been awarded by Rutgers University, and The College of New Jersey (his *alma mater*) and the American Criminal Justice Association have awarded him for his service contributions as a publicly engaged scholar.

Keynote: “What needs to be done and why: It is Our Lane!”

Stephanie Bonne, MD, Director of Surveillance, Center on Gun Violence Research

Biography: Dr. Bonne completed her medical training at Rosalind Franklin University and her surgical internship and residency at the University of Illinois Metropolitan Group in Chicago. She then completed fellowships in Surgical Critical Care and Trauma and Acute Care Surgery at Washington University in St. Louis. She was retained on the faculty as an Assistant Professor, where she practiced before joining the Faculty at New Jersey Medical School.

Panel: Gun Violence Research at Rutgers University

Paul Boxer, PhD, Director of Research, Center on Gun Violence Research

Biography: Paul Boxer is the Director of the [Rutgers Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice](#) and a Professor of Psychology at Rutgers-Newark. Along with his appointment in the Rutgers School of Social Work, he is a research associate in the Rutgers Center for Public Security and an adjunct faculty associate in the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. Boxer studies the development, prevention, and treatment of violent and nonviolent antisocial behavior, particularly among youths involved in the juvenile justice system. The current focus of Boxer's scholarly agenda centers on the study of evidence-based practices in the juvenile justice

system; the impact of violence and crime in communities on youth development, and the role of youth gangs in the development and persistence of antisocial behavior. He holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Bowling Green State University and a BA from Williams College.

Boxer's work has been funded by the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, the Centers for Disease Control, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Mental Health, the US Bureau of Justice Assistance, the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime.

Shireen Rizvi, PhD, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Rutgers - New Brunswick

Biography: Shireen L. Rizvi, PhD, ABPP, is Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University where she also holds affiliate appointments in the Psychology Department and the Department of Psychiatry. Her research interests include improving outcomes, training, and dissemination of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) for the treatment of complex and severe populations, including chronically suicidal individuals. Dr. Rizvi has received funding from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) for her research. Her work has resulted in over 60 peer-reviewed articles and chapters. Dr. Rizvi is board certified in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology and in Dialectical Behavior Therapy and is currently member-at-large for the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. She has trained hundreds of practitioners in DBT from around the world and received the Spotlight on a Mentor Award from the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies in 2017. At Rutgers, she directs the Dialectical Behavior Therapy Clinic which provides comprehensive psychosocial treatment to individuals with suicidal and self-harm behaviors from the community.

Richard Stansfield, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers - Camden

Biography: Dr. Stansfield is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Rutgers-Camden. His research includes a focus on community violence, intimate partner violence, risk assessment and violent recidivism. He is currently involved in several projects related to the prediction of ongoing dangerous acts of violence between intimate partners and the relationship between firearms and intimate partner homicide. He is also currently a principal researcher for a community-based crime reduction initiative in Philadelphia, funded by the Department of Justice.

Joe Pascarella, PhD, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers-Newark

Biography: Dr. Pascarella is a Part Time Lecturer at the School of Criminal Justice, a retired Police Captain from the New York Police Department, and a former Post-Doctoral Fellow and Research Associate at the Violence Institute of New Jersey. Dr. Pascarella has recently published research in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence on Violence and Mental Illness, research on the impact of Operation Ceasefire in Newark in the Journal of Justice Research and Policy and the impact of Concentration Effects and Community Violence on Recidivism in the Journal of Community Corrections. Dr. Pascarella has also presented research on Gender Differences and Trauma, Firearms Violence and Trauma Center Proximity, the impact of violence on voting patterns and changing patterns of violence in the US.

Valerio Bacak, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers-Newark

Biography: Dr. Valerio Baćak joined the faculty in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University as an Assistant Professor in 2015. His research interests center on understanding how offending and contact with the criminal justice system are related to health. With regard to gun violence, he is interested in assessing the quality of data on police officer-involved shootings and examining how on-duty shootings affect the health and wellbeing of the parties involved. Since 2005, he consulted on public health projects for various United Nations organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Azerbaijan, West Bank and Gaza, and Iraq. Dr. Bacak received his PhD in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania, MA in Statistics from the Wharton School, MSc in Sociology from the University of Oxford, and BA in Sociology from the University of Zagreb.

Ping-hsin Chen, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine, New Jersey Medical School, Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences, Newark.

Biography: Dr. Ping-Hsin Chen, is Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Chen has over 15 years of extensive experience in domestic violence research, including gun-related domestic violence. She is a certified domestic violence advocate and a committee member of the University Hospital Coalition to End Abuse in Newark, New Jersey. Her experience includes, but is not limited to, conducting domestic violence provider training and patient education, intervention programs, and research in health care settings. Currently, she provides leadership for the Community Engaged Service Learning (CESL) projects and directs the Domestic Violence Intervention Program under CESL at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. She has also been a Principal Investigator and a Co-Principal Investigator on several NIH and foundation-funded studies on screening for domestic violence in clinical settings, domestic violence intervention for women in clinical settings, health consequences of domestic violence, cost analysis and effectiveness of domestic violence screening and intervention, elder and child abuse, and health disparities related to domestic violence.