

**New York State Coalition on Elder Abuse  
News & Information  
February 2008 Bulletin**

**TRAINING & CONFERENCES**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 5, 2008 10:30 am – 12 pm

**Event:** Interactive Video Conference Training Program

**Theme:** *Financial Exploitation of the Elderly*

**Presented by:** Lifepan's Elder Abuse Prevention Program (EAPP)

**Location:** 5 video sites: SUNY Administration in Albany, Binghamton University, University at Buffalo, SUNY Plattsburgh, and Stony Brook University

**Program Highlights:** Interactive video program – participants at each site will be able to see and hear those attending the other four sites.

*Financial exploitation not only affects the financial security and physical well-being of an elderly victim, but it also takes a toll on public finances. The impact is far reaching.*

**Target audience for this program:** Social Work, Gerontology, and Criminal Justice Students and Faculty; APS and OFA staff; Financial Institutions; Legal Community, including those in government, legal services, or private practice; Health Care; Law Enforcement; Not-for-Profits.

**Panel of experts at each site:**

**Albany:** Rose Mary Bailly, Executive Director, Law Revision Commission; William Mosher, Senior Investigator, NYSP Financial Crimes Unit; Greg Olsen, Deputy Director, NYS OFA

**Binghamton:** John Choynowski, Supervisor, Broome Co. PSA; Michael Danaher, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, AG's Binghamton Regional Office; Gerald Mollen, Broome Co. DA

**Buffalo:** Gavin Kasper, Supervisor, Erie Co. PSA; Art Mason, Director, Lifespan's EAPP

**Plattsburgh:** Martha Gulley, Aging Services Coordinator, Clinton Co. OFA; Richard Holcomb, Supervisor, Clinton Co. APS

**Stony Brook:** Thomas Cassidy, Clinical Associate Professor, Stony Brook University, School of Social Welfare; Donna Planty, Assistant District Attorney, Suffolk Co. DA's Office

**Registration:** *Deadline:* March 3; Limited space. No fee to attend, but **registration is required**

***Please note:*** The program flyer, with more information and registration form, will be included as an attachment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coalition email, which will be sent immediately following this bulletin.

***If you have questions, please contact:***

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**Date:** Thursday, March 27, 2008 9 am – 3:30 pm

**Event:** Elder Abuse Conference

**Theme:** *Domestic Violence Grown Old: A Focus on Elder Mistreatment Practice and Policy in New York State*

**Presented by:** State Society on Aging of NY; SUNY Brockport, Center for Excellence in Gerontological Social Work; Nazareth College, Dept. of Social Work and Gerontology Program

**Location:** Nazareth College, Otto Shults Community Center, Rochester, NY

**Program Highlights:**

Panel Discussion with audience Q & A in the morning.

Student Poster Presentations and Breakout Sessions in the afternoon.

**Panel Discussion:**

**Joanne Otto** – Domestic Violence in Later Life: A National Perspective

**Jessica Vasquez** – Elder Domestic Violence Policy in NYS

**Cathy Mazzotta** – Providing Services for Older Domestic Violence Victims

**Patrick Crough** – Investigating Crimes Against Older Victims

**Paul Caccamise** – Overview of Services to Address Suspected Cases of Elder Abuse

**Breakout Sessions:**

- **Paul Katz & Art Mason** – Assessing Risk of Elder Abuse in the Community
- **Jessica Vasquez** – Elder Mistreatment Policy in NYS
- **Christine Ratowski & Marge DeMonaco** – Community Collaborations to Address Elder Mistreatment

**Wrap up/Conclusion:** Elizabeth Santos

**Registration:** *Deadline: March 17; \$15 fee* includes conference materials, breakfast and lunch.

State Society on Aging Student Conference Poster Presentation **Abstracts due on March 10.**

**For more information:** Conference brochure and registration form; student poster presentation forms; driving directions, campus map and parking info are available on the SSA web site:

[www.ssany.org](http://www.ssany.org).

*If you have questions, please contact:*

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## NAPSA CONFERENCE UPDATE

- NAPSA is extending the Call for Submissions deadline to **February 29, 2008**.
- In coordination with NAPSA, the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) is planning to offer a half-day pre-conference intensive training on August 26, prior to the NAPSA Conference.

Check out the NAPSA web site for all the latest information on the conference in August:  
[www.apsnetwork.org](http://www.apsnetwork.org).

## PUBLIC HEARING UPDATE

### ASSEMBLY AGING & JUCICIARY COMMITTEES

**Thank you** to all who attended the public hearing in NYC on February 7. It was another very successful hearing – **compelling testimony** and an **enthusiastic crowd**. What a great combination; and what an impressive way to inform policy makers of the complexities of elder mistreatment.

Details of both hearings and updates on all the positive results will be highlighted in future bulletins.

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*Coalition News Bulletins are sent to interested parties throughout the state. Please feel free to share them with others or contact us if you know of someone who would like to be added to the list. If you have questions or comments about the NYS Coalition on Elder Abuse or the News & Information Bulletins, or have topic suggestions for future publications, please contact:*

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