

# The Future Direction of **Elder Justice:** Advocacy, Equity, and Inclusion



DoubleTree Hotel, East Syracuse, NY

**JUNE 15 | 8 AM - 4 PM**

Presented by: **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

## Agenda

**8 AM** Registration & Breakfast

**9 AM** Bob Blancato's Keynote Address

**10:45 AM** Choice of Workshop (see pg. 2)

**11:45 AM** Luncheon

**1:15 PM** Juanita Davis' Keynote Address

**2:45 PM** Collaborative Plenary Session

## Keynote Speakers



**Juanita Davis, J.D.**

**Principal Consultant**  
Fire and Light Consulting

### Activating Radical Imagination: Framework for Equity & Justice

This session will review historic barriers, challenges, and possibilities for equity and social justice in elder abuse. This talk is grounded in decolonial thought, critical theory, and anti-racist practices. Learn how to better serve minoritized older adults and reflect on and reclaim agency in enacting organizational and systemic change and dynamic institutionalization of social justice and equity intentions.



**Bob Blancato**

**National Coordinator**  
Elder Justice Coalition

### WEAAD 2022: The State of Elder Justice

This keynote address will provide up to date information on the pending legislative and regulatory activities related to elder justice, including funding and the renewal of the Elder Justice Act. In addition to addressing elder justice policy on the federal level, the session will provide practical guidance on engaging in public advocacy locally, providing attendees with tools to apply to elder justice policy advocacy within their local community.

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To ensure the safety of all guests, we ask that you remain masked when not actively eating or drinking. All guests will be required to present proof of vaccination upon arrival.

#### For Questions, Contact:

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# Choice of One Morning Workshop

## Workshop A

### **Broken Trust: Poverty, Trauma and Financial Exploitation**

#### **Presenters:**

Geoff Rogers, BA, Silberman School of Social Work

Jason Burnett, PhD, McGovern Medical School at UTHealth

Explore the traumatic impact of financial exploitation on individuals living in poverty, discuss the steps we can take to improve our understanding of community member needs, and discover feasible and low-cost ways to address some of the social vulnerability major risk factors for long-term outcomes of financial exploitation.

## Workshop B

### **Capacity & Competence**

#### **Presenters:**

Morgan R. Thurston, Esq. Onondaga County Law Department

Elizabeth J. Santos, MD, MPH, DFAPA, DFAAGP, U of R School of Medicine & Dentistry

This workshop will provide an exploration of Capacity and Competence through the examination of medical and legal distinctions and similarities by real life case studies, court cases and statutory updates. Opportunities for questions and interaction from the audience.

## Workshop C

### **Abuse in Later Life 101: A Community Problem with Systemic Solutions**

#### **Presenter:**

Loren Ulrich, MSW, Vera House

This session will explore the implications and impact of abuse in later life at the community level and the need to implement systemic solutions. Community resources will be highlighted and strategies for intervention and prevention will be presented.

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