



# *Transforming Care*

Conference on LGBTQ+ and HIV Health Equity

# *Joy & Resilience*

**OCTOBER 4, 2023**

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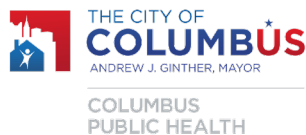


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### Tuesday, October 3

6:00 – 7:00 PM Welcome Reception (Marriott OSU Columbus)

### Wednesday, October 4

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8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration & Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 AM Welcome to 2023 Transforming Care Conference!

9:30 – 10:30 AM Keynote - Chase Strangio

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2:45 – 3:45 PM Breakout Session 3

4:00 – 5:00 PM Breakout Session 4

5:15 – 5:45 PM Closing Evaluation & Raffle

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### On behalf of the Equitas Health Institute, welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Transforming Care Conference!

Each year, the Transforming Care Conference brings together healthcare providers, researchers, activists, and community members who share a commitment to LGBTQ+ and HIV health equity. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we encourage each attendee to learn with and from one another as we engage in these necessary and urgent conversations. Your voice is important, and we encourage your active participation.

Since our last gathering, we have seen an escalation in the rhetoric and threats directed toward the communities we serve. Transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming folx have been the targets of bills that have either been introduced or passed in state legislatures across the country. Reproductive rights have come under direct assault in federal courts, statehouses, and at the ballot box. In Ohio and many other states, unjust laws remain on the books that target people living with HIV and encourage the spread of misinformation about the virus.

Make no mistake: These bills and actions further marginalize our communities and directly threaten access to life-saving affirming care. How do we strive for health equity when our access to care is under attack? We find power in community.

This year's theme, Joy & Resilience, celebrates our strength and resolve as we seek to secure and safeguard the health of transgender and gender-diverse people. It honors those who continue to provide life-affirming care and those who continue to break down the many barriers to that care. Joy & Resilience empowers us and our communities to strive for a world in which all can survive, thrive, and live full and healthy lives.

We are fortunate to welcome Chase Strangio (he, him) as this year's keynote speaker. Chase is the ACLU's deputy director for transgender justice and a prominent figure in transgender rights. Noted for his legal victories and influential media appearances, Strangio's work has made him one of *Time* Magazine's 100 most influential people in 2020. Today, he will discuss challenges to trans rights and health before participating in a roundtable discussion with Ohio's trans leaders.

What our keynote speaker has in common with Equitas Health and the Equitas Health Institute is a strong commitment to ending the disparities in healthcare access for LGBTQ+ communities. Whether you are here at the Transforming Care Conference for the first time or have joined us each of the past eight years, we hope you will leave with new tools to help you better provide and advocate for equitable LGBTQ+ and HIV care and services.

We are thankful to all attendees, organizers, presenters, volunteers, sponsors, exhibitors, providers, and others who make this event so meaningful. Equitas Health and the Equitas Health Institute are honored to be in community with you today—learning together and transforming care.

With gratitude and solidarity,

**Andrew Eck**  
Leadership Council Member

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**Jan Huebenthal, PhD**  
Associate Director of Education  
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### About Transforming Care Conference

The Transforming Care Conference (TCC) is an annual event that brings together healthcare providers, activists, and community members who share a commitment to LGBTQ+ and HIV health equity. TCC inspires action-focused conversations about the issues that matter most to our communities. With both in-person and virtual attendance options, the conference unites a vibrant mix of attendees and presenters who elevate each other's voices and lived experiences.

### 2023 Theme

2023 Transforming Care Conference: Joy & Resilience invites us to explore the power of community and activism in the face of escalating threats to LGBTQ+ health. Today, our determination to thrive, survive, and live healthy lives matters more than ever. Anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced in state legislatures across the country have explicitly targeted the transgender and non-binary communities. In Ohio, state lawmakers want to ban gender-affirming care for trans youth and prevent trans girls from competing in female sports. School boards want to restrict what students read and which bathrooms they can use. These bills and actions threaten access to life-saving affirming care.

How do we strive for health when our access to care is under attack? We find power in community. Joy & Resilience celebrates our strength and resolve as we seek to secure and safeguard the health of transgender and gender-diverse people. It honors those who have made a difference in the delivery of care and those who continue to break down barriers. Joy & Resilience empowers us and our communities to strive for a world in which all can survive, thrive, and live full and healthy lives.

### About Equitas Health - Our History

In 1984, a grave new threat knocked on humanity's door. We answered the way humans have throughout history: United and ready to fight. Relatively little was known about HIV/AIDS at the time. But we knew our loved ones in the LGBTQ+ community were getting sick and dying, and we knew the resources in our battle were lacking.

So we gathered in living rooms and around kitchen tables, caring for the sick in any way we could. Soon, this grassroots movement spread across the state and a collective formed. A flicker of hope was ignited. Today, we have a new name, and our mission has grown in scope to providing healthcare for all.

We're still united and even stronger in our collective power. Today, Equitas Health is a nonprofit community healthcare system. We are one of the nation's largest LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS-serving organizations, serving tens of thousands of patients in Ohio, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Our legacy is comprised of the following organizations: AIDS Foundation of Dayton, AIDS Foundation Miami Valley, AIDS Resource Center Ohio, BRAVO, Columbus AIDS Task Force, David's House of Compassion, Dayton Area AIDS Task Force, Metropolitan Residential Services, and Ohio AIDS Coalition.

### About The Equitas Health Institute

The Equitas Health Institute is the education, research, and patient empowerment division of Equitas Health, focused on reducing LGBTQ+, HIV, and BIPOC health disparities through educational initiatives that engage providers, corporate partners, and community stakeholders; original research and research collaborations with University and public partners; and action-inspiring and community-building events around the health issues that matter most to our communities



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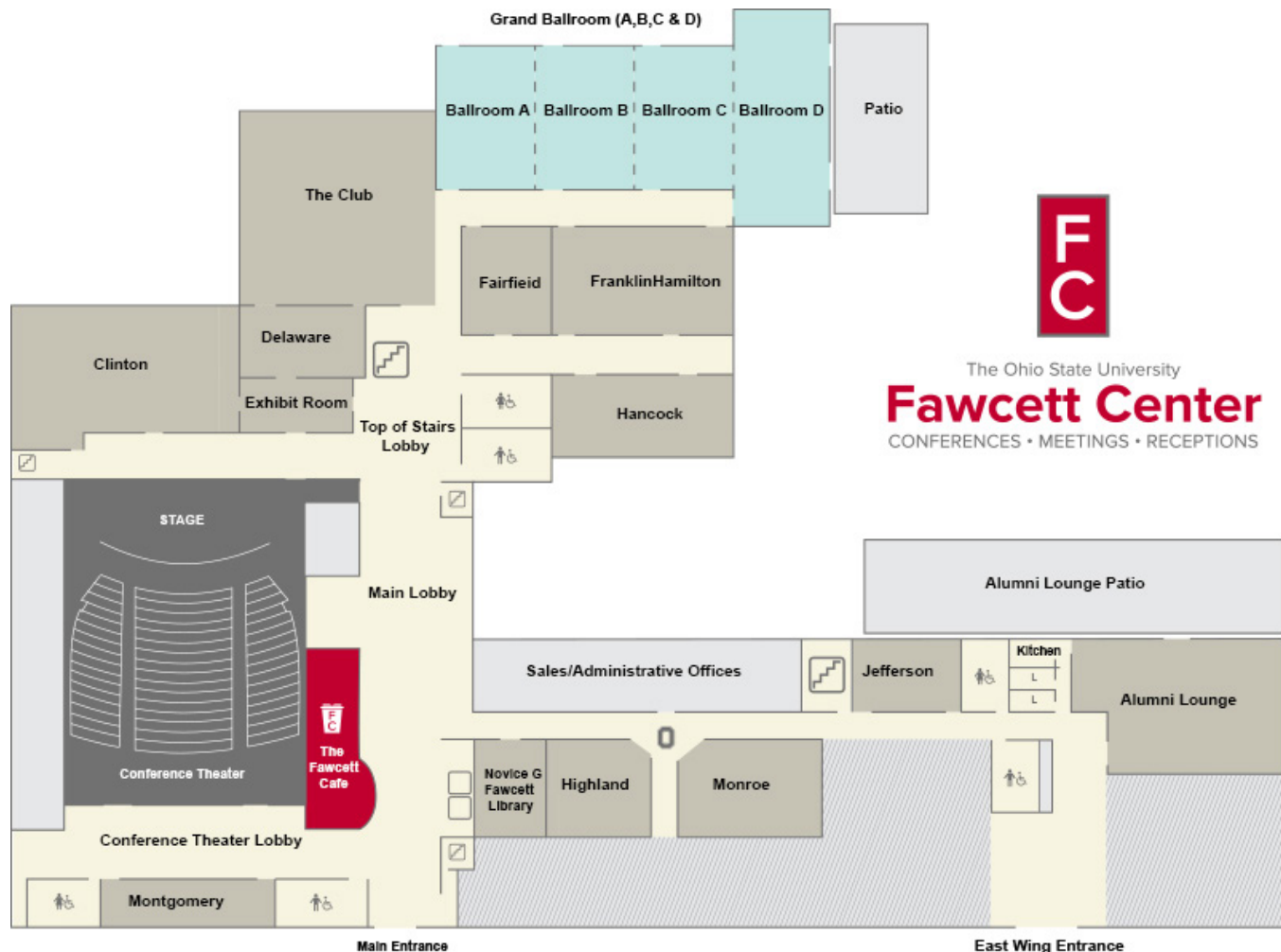




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## If you need to unplug for a bit...

An all-day conference can be overstimulating. It's okay to need a break between sessions and events. To ensure a comfortable experience for all TCC attendees, the Club Room will be designated as a Low-Volume Room during breakout sessions. This space is located across the Ballroom. The Low-Volume Room will be marked with a sign after breakfast. The quiet room will be open after breakfast and will be available between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

You can work, think, chill out or nap in the Low-Volume Room. You can listen to headphones and you are also welcome to use computers and phones – provided your devices have their sound muted. We also invite you to follow the live-streamed conference proceedings through the Whova® app while hanging out in our Low-Volume Room.

All-gender restrooms will be marked and available throughout the conference.



### Keynote Speaker

Chase Strangio (he, him) is the deputy director for transgender justice with the ACLU's LGBTQ & HIV Project and a nationally recognized leader in transgender rights. He has represented the trans community in some of the most pivotal cases to come before courts and state legislatures across the country. He led the ACLU's challenge to North Carolina's notorious "bathroom bill" (HB2) and the case of Aimee Stephens, the first transgender civil rights case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. Strangio also provided counsel in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized same-sex marriage nationwide.

Outside the courtroom, Strangio advocates for LGBTQ+ rights in his writing and in the media. He has appeared on *The Rachel Maddow Show*, *PBS NewsHour*, *Democracy Now*, and *Pod Save America*. In 2020, *Time Magazine* named Strangio one of the 100 most influential people of the year. Actress and LGBTQ+ advocate Laverne Cox wrote that Strangio's legal work and activism helped to shape her own activism. "Chase has the fortitude to speak with clarity on the messy contradictions and limitations of our legal system, while simultaneously wielding the powers of that system to help the most vulnerable," wrote Cox.

Strangio is the producer of numerous short films, including the Emmy-award winning, *Trans in America: Texas Strong*. He co-founded the Lorena Borjas Community Fund, TranSanta, and the Trans Week of Visibility & Action. A graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and a Harvard Law School fellow, he has received numerous honors and awards for his work.

The Equitas Health Institute is proud to welcome this dynamic speaker, activist, and advocate to this year's Transforming Care Conference. Strangio will address the challenges to trans rights and health in 2023 with an emphasis on finding joy and resilience in community. He also will join Ohio trans leaders in an afternoon roundtable discussion moderated by Dr. Rhea Debussy (she, her), director of external affairs at Equitas Health.

### Flu Shots Available at Transforming Care

Equitas Health Pharmacy is proud to offer flu shots to Transforming Care Conferences attendees. Find our table in the Montgomery Room from 10:30 - 11:30 AM, and from 1:30 - 2:30 PM! Flu shots are free with most insurance plans. Please bring your insurance card with you. Additional options may be available if you are uninsured. Please come see us!







### Tuesday, October 3

6:00 - 7:00 PM: Welcome Reception		
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<p>Come meet your fellow TCC attendees, presenters, and Equitas Health staff!</p> <p>Cash bar. A limited number of complimentary drink tickets will be available (valid for alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages). Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.</p>	 <b>GILEAD</b>	<i>OSU Columbus Marriott</i> 3100 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH 43202 Outdoor Courtyard

### Wednesday, Oct 4

All Day: Vendors/Sponsor Exhibit	
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Fawcett Center Lobby	 <b>GILEAD</b>

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Registration & Breakfast	
Location	
Conference Theater Lobby	

9:00 - 9:30 AM: Welcome	
Presenters	Location
<p>Jan Huebenthal, PhD Associate Director of Education</p> <p>G. Kent Holloway Leadership Council Member</p> <p>Rhea Debussy, PhD Director of External Affairs</p>	Conference Theater

9:30 - 10:30: Keynote Address		
Presentation Title	Presenter	Location
<p>Building Resistance and Harnessing Joy in the Legal and Political Fights for Trans Justice</p> <p><b>LIVESTREAMED</b></p>	Chase Strangio	Conference Theater + VIRTUAL on the Whova© app



10:45 - 11:45 AM: Breakout Session 1			
Area of Emphasis	Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Location
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical	Bridging the Gap: Psychedelic Research and Mental Health Equity in Gender and Sexual Minorities	Rafaelle Lancelotta, MS, LPC	Alumni Lounge
LGBTQ+ Health	Creating Inclusive and Accessible Menstrual Health Education	Jill Guinan Marilena Wolf Julia Barbera	Clinton
LGBTQ+ Health <b>LIVESTREAMED</b>	Drag and Resilience: Explaining a Core Pillar of LGBTQ+ Culture	Genesis Vaughn, MA Ramona Peel, MA	Conference Theater + VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
LGBTQ+ Health	Exploring Gender Euphoria and the Gym: A Complex Relationship	Rory O'Malley Mack Bentley	Franklin/Hamilton
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical <b>VIRTUAL</b>	Trans-Inclusive Chest Cancer Screening: A Pilot Training for Imaging Professionals	Jasmine Haraburda, BS Maddie Schumacher Delia Sosa, MS Rahul Patel	VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical	Implicit Bias in Healthcare Regarding Non-Binary and Gender Non-Conforming Individuals	Stephanie Tucker, APRN, WHNP-BC	Hancock
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical	Creating Comfortable LGBTQIA2+ Patient Spaces: A Review of the Rainbow Clinic, A Free LGBTQIA2+ Clinic, and The Impact on Patient Experiences	Gabriel Lee, BS Courtney Shihabuddin, DNP, APRN-NP, AGPCNP	Highland
LGBTQ+ Health <b>VIRTUAL</b>	LGBTQ+ Inclusive Sex Education	Clay O'Neill	VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical <b>VIRTUAL</b>	Examining Nursing Students' LGBTQ+ Care Competency Using Pacquiao's Framework for Culturally Competent Healthcare: A Cross-Sectional Survey	Justin Tulaylay Nicole Viola Lacanilao	VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
LGBTQ+ Health	Building Resiliency: The Importance of Hope and Self-Care	Mary DeCenzo, MSW, LISW-S, ACTRP-C	Monroe
LGBTQ+ Health	You've Been Asked: A Crash Course in Civic Engagement	Jodi Whitted, DSW, MSSW	Jefferson
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical <b>VIRTUAL</b>	The Therapeutic Value of Dungeons & Dragons Therapy for LGBTQ+ Individuals	Aliesha Knauer Michelle Vaughan, PhD	VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
HIV <b>VIRTUAL</b>	The Tea Is on the Ground: How Can We Clean It Up?	Naimah Oneal, LSW Tina Marbury Michelle Jackson	VIRTUAL on the Whova© app






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AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY

## 12:00 - 1:00 PM: Lunch and Award Ceremony

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	Alex Frazier Tea Brown	Ballroom Overflow in The Club Room

## Award Winners

Whole Person Health Care Champion	Emerging Leader Presented by	Trailblazing Community Advocate Presented by
	 <b>THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY</b> COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH	 <b>MEDICAL MUTUAL</b>
Courtney Shihabuddin, DNP, APRN-CNP	Delia Sosa, MS	Tracy Jones

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1:30 - 2:30 PM: Breakout Session 2			
Area of Emphasis	Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Location
LGBTQ+ Health	Building Strength, Finding Joy: A Conversation with Chase Strangio and Ohio Trans Leaders	Chase Strangio Rhea Debussy, PhD Ocean Wei Monika Veliz Gio Santiago James Knapp, Esq. Key Beck	Alumni Lounge
HIV LGBTQ+ Health	Make Space & Take Space: Creating/Mobilizing Affinity Spaces to Address Health Disparities amongst Marginalized Groups	Francisco Caro, FC-CHW, CCMA, AA Javier Alvarez	Clinton
HIV	Self-Care Ain't Selfish, It's Necessary: Exploring the 8 Components of Self Care for People with HIV	Ashley Browning, MRC, CNP	Hancock
LGBTQ+ Health <b>LIVESTREAMED</b> No CEs	HelloMe Top Surgery App: An Innovative Approach to Trans Health Care Access	Liam Johnson, PhD, MS Shaun Glaze	Conference Theater + VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical	Here, Queer, & Neurospicy: Embracing Neurodivergence in LGBTQIA Healthcare	Miriam Mogilevsky, LISWS-S Reyna Lusson, MSW, LSW	Jefferson
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical	Social Determinants of Health and LGBTQ Identities	DeAnn Wegwert, RN, MS	Highland
HIV	Employment... A Treatment Option That Works	Gil Kudrin	Monroe
LGBTQ+ Health <b>VIRTUAL</b>	Divine Healing: Building Spiritual Practice with Tarot	Tea Brown	VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
LGBTQ+ Health	More than just a seat at the table: Principles for authentic community engagement	Andrew M. Snyder, BSN, MPH Shaunte Rouse Alex DiDonato Le'Priya White Ty Stimpert Erin Washington	Franklin/Hamilton
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical <b>VIRTUAL</b>	Negative Attitudes and Experiences LGBTQ+ Employees Face in Helping Professions	Aliesha Knauer, BS Heather Wicker Jack Behr Michelle Vaughan	VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical <b>VIRTUAL</b>	Evidence-Based Sexual/ Reproductive Healthcare for your LGBTQIA+ Patients	Courtney Shihabuddin, DNP, APRN-NP, AGPCNP Gabriel Lee Kelly Casler, DNP, APRN-CNP, CHSE, EBP-C	VIRTUAL on the Whova© app





2:45 - 3:45 PM: Breakout Session 3			
Area of Emphasis	Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Location
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical	Gender-affirming care of the face, neck, and voice: breaking down barriers and exploring cases!	Laura Matrka, MD Anna Lichtenstein, MA, CCC-SLP Ryan Nesemeier, MD Hannah Kuhar Morrin, MD PGY-5	Clinton
LGBTQ+ Health	Understanding Legal Wellness: A Case for Preventive Law	Maya Simek, ESQ, MSSA, LISW-S Sol A. Kersey, MA, JD	Alumni Lounge
HIV <b>LIVESTREAMED</b> No CEs	Elevate your Voice: Telling HIV Stories and Busting Stigma through Art	Randle B. Moore-Frost, III Kenneth Eaddy Myko Glaze And special guest to be announced	Conference Theater + VIRTUAL on the Whova© app
LGBTQ+ Health	Negotiations and Phenomenology: Choice and Reality in Black Trans Womanhood	Genesis Vaughn, MA	Franklin/Hamilton
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical	Unpacking Bias to Provide Joyful Care	Brithany H. Pawloski, PsyD	Hancock
LGBTQ+ Health	Some Like it Ruff: Clinical implications to working with clients in the human-pup kink community	Jared Smith-Valentine (Pup Fidget), LPCC-S, CST	Highland
LGBTQ+ Health	Striking a Chord: A Resonance Training	Alex Frazier	Monroe
LGBTQ+ Health	Heterosexually Identified Men Who Have Sex with Men: A Population in Need of Unique Healthcare Approaches	Travis Scheadler, MSW, MS, LSW Andrew D. Eaton, PhD, MSW RSW	Jefferson





4:00 - 5:00 PM: Breakout Session 4			
Area of Emphasis	Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Location
HIV <b>VIRTUAL</b>	Aging Pozitively: From Survival to Resilience	Brittany Feeling, MPH, CHES Stella Sheke, MPH Rachel Hetrick, BS	VIRTUAL on the Whova® app
LGBTQ+ Health	SCOTUS and 303 Creative: What the Court's Opinion May Mean for LGBTQ+ Rights and Access to Care	Rhea Debussy, PhD	Clinton
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical <b>LIVESTREAMED</b>	We Get Around!: Providing Informed Care to Patients Who Self-Identify as Consensually Non-Monogamous	Brittany Pollard, CPhT, MA	Conference Theater + VIRTUAL on the Whova® app
LGBTQ+ Health	Mpox Outbreak in Central Ohio: The Vital Role of Health Equity and Public Health Partnerships	Gavin French, CHES Heather Pennington, MPA	Franklin/Hamilton
LGBTQ+ Health	Cultivating (Y)our Mental Health Garden	Faith Lewis	Hancock
HIV	Living with HIV	Graig Cote	Highland
LGBTQ+ Health	This is where the work is: Resisting anti-LGBTQ attacks in school contexts	Joseph Wegwert, PhD	Monroe
LGBTQ+ Health Clinical	Neurodiversity: Intersection of ADHD and Queerness	Melanie Thomas-Castillo, PsyD	Jefferson

5:15 - 5:45 PM: Closing and Evaluation, Raffle (Eligible for Continuing Education Credit)	
Location	
Conference Theater	





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