

who is abused. He is the father of intimate partner violence victim Simeonette (Sissy) Mapes, a Staten Island teacher who was murdered by her husband in 2012. The organization has presented educational programs for schools and the New York City Police Department.

Lisa Pelikan, who portrays a victim of domestic violence in *All Databases Are Incomplete*, is an award-winning actor who has appeared on stage in New York and Los Angeles, and in television and feature films throughout her accomplished career. Her performance in this play was featured at Remember the Women Institute's exhibition on intimate partner violence at the Strongin Collection, Washington, D.C., in December 2021, and at other Remember the Women Institute events.

Aryn Quinn is the founder of the nonprofit WeCare and a leader in using education to prevent abuse. She is also the creator of the globally presented That's Not Ok workshop, the S.A.I.L.S. model for dismantling systemic abuse, and Share The Eight: the fundamental warning signs translated into multiple languages. Her forthcoming book, *Dying For Love*, is the synthesis of her personal life story and career, combining research, testimonials, professional experience, and life lessons to shine a light on abuse.

Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel is the founding executive director of Remember the Women Institute, which for 25 years has been integrating women's stories into history through research, publications, events, and exhibitions. Her focuses are women during the Holocaust and violence against women. She is the author or editor of eight books and the curator/coordinator of art and history exhibitions, most with a focus on women during the Holocaust and genocide.

Sarah Samdani is president of the Rutgers University Women's Political Caucus. She is a junior at the university, double majoring in Political Science and Psychology and on a pre-law track. She has also been on the Rutgers Mock Trial Team, the Rutgers Judicial Council, and Rutgers Amnesty International. She plans to practice human rights law.

Lily Sanders is an award-winning author and domestic violence expert who specializes in helping young adults learn how to identify the disguises behind intimate partner violence. She is also a survivor with a powerful story. Her mission is to help break the mold for positive generational change. Lily is the author of *Truth To Triumph* and an expert on intimate partner violence. She has been consecutively named one of the Top Ten Coaching Experts in New York City and featured in various media.

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PROGRAM

VOICES - an art installation created by Cat del Buono

Greetings and Introduction

- **Jennifer Mancuso**, President of the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey (WPCNJ)
- **Sarah Samdani**, President of the Rutgers Student Chapter of WPCNJ
- **Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel**, Founding Director, Remember the Women Institute

Artistic Response to Intimate Partner Violence

- Display of clothing of victims Jana Lynne Mackey and Simeonette (Sissy) Mapes from December 2021 exhibition in Washington, D.C. - Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel

Theatrical Response to Intimate Partner Violence

- Presentation of *All Databases are Incomplete*, a play by Cynthia L. Cooper
- Introduction by Cynthia L. Cooper
- Video of the play performed by professional actor Lisa Pelikan

The Voices of Activists Who Know – Panel Discussion

- **Joan Dean**, Moderator
- **John Mapes**, father of Simeonette Mapes and co-founder of Sissy's Angels
- **Gloria A Bachmann, MD**, Co-Director, Women's Health Institute, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- **Lily Sanders**, author of *Truth to Triumph*
- **Juana Hutchinson-Colas, MD**, Co-Director, Women's Health Institute, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- **Aryn Quinn**, founder of WeCare

Audience Questions

Concluding remarks – Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel

Reception hosted by Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey

PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Gloria A. Bachman is internationally recognized in areas including women's advocacy, midlife and menopause, perinatal and obstetrical issues, outreach to the underserved, One Health initiatives, sexual health, LGBTQ+ wellness, health care for incarcerated women, diversity and inclusion, and gynecologic pain. She is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Associate Dean for Women's Health and the Director of the Women's Health Institute at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Cynthia L. Cooper is an award-winning playwright, journalist, and author who uses the theater to illuminate the personal dimensions of human rights. Her one-woman play, *All Databases Are Incomplete*, focuses on intimate partner violence. Her plays have been produced across the country, including at Primary Stages and the Women's Project in New York City, as well as at Remember the Women Institute's events. Her plays are in seventeen publications.

Joan Dean serves as a consultant to Remember the Women Institute. She worked in government and politics in New York and California for more than 35 years, including as California's Deputy Secretary for Trade and Commerce and as Senator Dianne Feinstein's Deputy State Director. She was president of the American Jewish Committee in San Diego and served on AJC's New York Board. She holds a master's degree in Public Administration.

Cat Del Buono, an artist/activist, creates videos, installations, and public happenings that focus on social issues. She has shown in the United States and abroad, including Bronx Museum, Microscope Gallery, MoCA Miami, and Shiva Gallery at John Jay College. Her work has been featured in Huffington Post, Brooklyn Rail, Miami Herald, and on PBS. She recently received a Fulbright fellowship and is working on a project on domestic violence in Naples, Italy.

Dr. Juana Hutchinson-Colas is an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She is also director of the division of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. Her clinical areas include pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence and bladder issues, geriatric gynecology, urogenital fistulas, and surgery for transgender men. She serves on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee of the Association of Professors in Gynecology and Obstetrics.

Jennifer Mancuso, president of Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey, is the Executive Director of the Fair Share Hospitals Collaborative, a coalition of nine healthcare systems representing 35 New Jersey hospitals tasked with providing accessible and accountable community health care. She has extensive background and experience working in state government and on political campaigns, including fundraising on behalf of women candidates and organizations dedicated to advancing women's issues.

John Mapes, along with his wife Theresa, founded Sissy's Angels, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping to end domestic violence and to supporting anyone