



# Illinois Student Sexual Misconduct Conference

Hello All,

I am writing to follow up on the student initiative discussed during the Chicagoland Title IX Consortium's April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting. To recap, the initiative is a Statewide Student Sexual Misconduct Conference which is slated for **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Ida Noyes Hall** on The University of Chicago's Hyde Park campus. The conference will feature speakers, panelists, peer activists, and professionals in the field of sexual misconduct, Title IX, prevention programs, and activism. Our hope is to drive forward a conversation on how college students can work most effectively to battle sexual misconduct on campus. The conference features two major goals:

- 1) Holding seminars, panels, and breakout sessions for the purpose of sharing best practices, communicating successful student-led initiatives, and disseminating topic-based information to students from professionals in the field.
- 2) Working alongside student leaders to develop a line of communication between students and government officials with regard to sexual misconduct. This will take the form of an open-letter to the newly elected Governor and Attorney General which will be workshopped during the conference. Any student wishing to sign onto the letter prior to its publishing will have the opportunity to do so.

Topics for breakout sessions of the conference may include Sexual Misconduct and Organizational Dynamics, Gender-queer/Nonconforming Students and Sexual Misconduct, Demystifying Title IX, Student Activism on Campuses, Equity/Due Process and Respondent Rights, and Sexual Misconduct Prevention Modeling.

As promised on April 13<sup>th</sup>, the website and registration link is live. I encourage you to visit the website and stay tuned as speakers and panelists are announced. The link is <https://ilssmc.weebly.com/>

I'd like to request that all of you *extend the invitation and link to student groups who are active in this field on your campuses, as well as reply to Malay Trivedi with the contact information for those student groups and their leaderships* such that a direct line of communication may be established.

In sum, this conference aims to bring student voices to the forefront of the conversation on sexual misconduct, and truly establish change at a time when the activism, interest, and efforts of young leaders has the potential to make an incredible impact.

Thank you all for your consideration, and if you have any questions, concerns, thoughts, or partnership plans, I encourage you to reach out to me at [malaytrivedi@uchicago.edu](mailto:malaytrivedi@uchicago.edu) or Shea Wolfe, Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students and Conference Advisor, at [swolfe1@uchicago.edu](mailto:swolfe1@uchicago.edu). I truly look forward to working together soon and engaging with students from your universities.

-Malay Trivedi, UChicago '21

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