

Breakout Session C: Safety Concerns in the Current Environment



Ron Katsuyama is a Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Dayton (UD). Ron also serves as Vice-Chair of the Ohio AAPI Advisory Council and Chair of the Asian American Council, Dayton. He previously directed the Social Science Research Center and the Center for Family and Community Research at the University of Dayton, where he directed over 30 research projects, including two surveys of Racial Attitudes in the Dayton Area. While at UD, Ron chaired a committee that helped develop the university's policy for responding to campus hate crimes and bias-related incidents, and he conducted numerous evaluations of prejudice reduction programs. He was a co-founder of Forces Against Intolerance and Racism (FAIR), a hate crimes task force that became a National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) program. His leadership in civil rights initiatives such as these were recognized in three Certificates of Recognition from the Ohio Civil Rights Commission.



Romin Iqbal is the Legal Director at the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Romin has worked for CAIR-Ohio since 2006. He is a practicing attorney and has litigated cases of civil rights and employment discrimination, and has assisted many victims of hate crimes throughout Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Michigan. He is a member of the State Bar of Ohio, and Federal Bars of Southern and Northern District of Ohio, Eastern District of Kentucky, Eastern and Western District of Michigan, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a graduate of Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University.



Amar Pandey is the president of the Federation of Indian Associations in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Pandey, an Asian Indian community leader, is the founder of Hospitality Synergy Group, Inc., a hotel management company. He also Chairs the Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association, which has assisted over 400 hotels through its advocacy efforts at the state and local levels. As a community organizer, Mr. Pandey is a Co-Founder, Past-President, and current Board member of Asha Ray of Hope, an organization devoted to assisting victims of domestic violence throughout Ohio and advocating for social change within the South-Asian community that would reduce its occurrence. He is also the Past-President and current Chair of the Federation of Indian Associations, which promotes education, advocacy, and cultural events, including the Annual India Festival in Downtown Columbus.



Jaipal Singh is a social activist representing Sikhism across Ohio and the Midwest. He is a spiritual leader and educator for Sikh youth and young adults and has been at the forefront of Sikh awareness and activism in the United States for 15+ years. He has worked closely with the Department of Justice and FBI while assisting other leading Sikh organizations. He is active with UNITED SIKHS Disaster Relief, currently coordinating missions to Mexico and Puerto Rico as a result of the recent natural disasters. He was honored by the UN Forces for his work during the 2010 Haiti Earthquake. Professionally, Jaipal is the Principal Architect of CHAATRIK Architecture leading the design, development and construction of the built environment. He holds a B.A. in Architecture, and a dual Master's in Architecture and Urban Design. He was born in Liberty Township, OH and went to Lakota High School. Jaipal is an avid musician, teaching music to youth and young adults, and performs at least once a week, locally. He loves movies and is eagerly awaiting the next season of Game of Thrones.



Peter Glenn-Applegate is an Assistant United States Attorney, where he focuses on prosecuting complex financial crimes and public corruption. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Glenn-Applegate was a Deputy Solicitor in the Appeals Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, where he represented the State of Ohio in the U.S. Supreme Court, the Ohio Supreme Court, and other major appeals. Glenn-Applegate also clerked for Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and is a 2010 graduate of The OSU Moritz College of Law.