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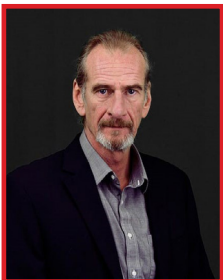
Dr. Charles "Chuck" Barber • "The Road I've Traveled: From Bald Knob to Washington DC"

Dr. Charles Barber assumed the duties as the Department of Navy's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Lead in May 2021. With over 20 years of experience in Human Resources, Inclusion & Diversity, Business Transformation and Cultural Intelligence, Dr. Barber is passionate about transformation and process improvement efforts as he's supported a number of government-wide efforts and Presidential Management Agenda items. While serving as the Culture Champion at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), he spearheaded the development of a culture intelligence framework and expertly integrated transformational leadership principles into the framework. His efforts greatly enhanced the ability to operationalize culture. A recognized expert in Diversity, Culture and Transformational Leadership, he routinely lectures throughout government, corporate and academic sectors on the topic.



Lisa Hamp • "Lessons from A Virginia Tech Survivor"

Lisa Hamp is a survivor of the Virginia Tech shooting in Norris Hall that took place on April 16, 2007. With her classmates, she built a barricade to prevent the shooter from entering their classroom. Lisa suffered from untreated PTSD for many years after the Virginia Tech incident. In 2015, she sought counseling for an eating disorder. She had suffocated her feelings that were caused by the trauma and developed an eating disorder to cope. In this presentation, Lisa shares her personal story during the April 16, 2007 Virginia Tech shooting, as well as her recovery afterwards and her struggle to return to a "normal" life during the weeks, months, and years that followed. Through her raw and emotional presentation, she provides a survivor's perspective on experiencing and recovering from a school shooting.



John Michael Keyes • "Black Swan"

Following a school shooting that took the life of their daughter, Emily, John Michael Keyes and his wife Ellen founded the "I Love U Guys" Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has collaborated extensively with first responders, school districts and other safety professionals to create specific and easy-to-implement protocols to train for, address and respond to crisis situations. The resulting Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and the Standard Reunification Method (SRM) have been adopted by more than 25,000 schools, agencies, municipalities and government organizations across the United States and Canada. In this presentation, John-Michael Keyes connects the violent incident at Platte Canyon High School with the Black Swan Theory of improbable events. He will also provide an introduction to the Standard Response Protocol and Standard Reunification Method.



Dave Opalewski • "The iGeneration's Connection to the Suicide Pandemic"

Dave Opalewski is President of Grief Recovery Inc., in Saginaw, Michigan, a certified Death and Dying and Suicide Prevention Instructor for Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. He is also a certified support group facilitator and child trauma specialist, along with being a 33-year veteran of K-12 education; 25 years as a classroom teacher and 8 years as the Director of At-Risk Programs. He is ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) trained. His published books include 15-Minute Focus - GRIEF: Processing and Recovery, Confronting Death in the School Family, and many others. In this presentation, Dave will address the fact that the average iGeneration adolescent checks his/her phone an average of eighty times per day. Adolescents communicate more on their phones than in person as two out of three own iPhones or smartphones. Adolescents today are at the forefront of the worst mental health crisis in decades, with rates of teen depression and suicide skyrocketing.

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