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The public service record of Anita Alvarez contains many “firsts.” The first female and first Latina elected to the post of Cook County State’s Attorney, she is also the first career prosecutor ever elected to this important public safety position. In her capacity as State’s Attorney, Ms. Alvarez leads the second largest prosecutor’s office in the nation, managing an office of more than 1,500 attorneys and administrative employees.

Hate crimes cause unique harm, both to the victim and to our entire community. In order to address and prevent hate crimes, we must work together. Effective responses to hate crimes require a clear understanding of the nature of hate crimes and the critical importance of reporting.

Vick, a former Marine (1997), has served as an FBI Agent since January 1999, having worked violent crimes early on in his career, then various corporate, bank, and wire fraud investigations, in conjunction with various public corruption matters, including the Governor Ryan and Blagojevich cases. A former U.S. Naval Academy instructor, in late 2011, Vick took on the role of training and managing the probationary agent training program for the Chicago FBI until being appointed as the supervisor of the law enforcement corruption and civil rights investigative task force in the Fall of 2012. Vick is a passionate supporter of victims’ rights, focusing his efforts on improving community-based programming and outreach. Under her leadership, the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office has led the charge across the State of Illinois in enacting many important public safety initiatives that have been signed into law to increase protections for children. She has also increased efforts to crackdown on predators attempting to victimize children on the internet and to raise public awareness about this issue.

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PRESENTATIONS

Students with an interest in the interdisciplinary understanding and prevention of hate crimes are invited to participate and submit an abstract for a research poster to display during the Summit.

We invite both undergraduate and graduate student submissions. To apply for a poster presentation, submit a one-page abstract of your proposed presentation to Dr. Paul Schewe at schewepa@uic.edu.

QUESTIONS

Questions or request for a speaker to come to your organization to discuss hate crimes and/or the Hate Crime Summit, contact Iris Archilla at iris.archilla@cityofchicago.org.

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The Keynote and Closing session of the Summit will be open captioned. If you need a foreign or sign language interpreter or are in need of any other accommodations, please call the CCHR, no later than October 13th at:

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