



CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION
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AMERICA'S GUN EPIDEMIC

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A semester-long themed initiative at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Spring 2017

From Virtual to Violent: The Role of Social Media in Gun Violence Panel Discussion

Social media, such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter allows us to connect with others and acts as an extension of our social lives. At the same time, social media has become the new space of conflict as youth involved in gun violence use it to taunt and threaten rivals, share criminal activity, freely discuss shootings and past violence, buy and sell weapons, and engage in arguments.

This panel will discuss the joint efforts of the Citizens Crime Commission, New York University, and NYC Cure Violence to understand the impacts social media has on gun violence and the creation of a new intervention that adapts proven, effective in-person conflict resolution to the online space. The program, called *E-Responder*, was piloted last summer with positive results and trains credible community members to interrupt violent social media activity before it turns into real-world violence, and build life-long skills in youth to help instill lasting change.

Panelists:

- **Dr. Shabnam Javdani**, Assistant Professor, NYU Steinhardt
- **Roberta Liggett**, Program Associate, E-Responder Program, Citizens Crime Commission of New York City
- **Michael Perry**, Program Supervisor, True 2 Life, Central Family Life Center
- **Michael Rodriguez**, Outreach Worker, Release the Grip, Bronx Connect
- **Moderator: Richard Aborn**, President, Citizens Crime Commission of New York City

Date: Monday, March 20th, 2017

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: John Jay College, 524 West 59th Street, Moot Court Room, New York, NY 10019

Please RSVP by March 15th (acceptances only):

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