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Victim rights attorney, researcher and gender-based violence expert joins NASPA

*Nancy Chi Cantalupo named Associate Vice President for Equity, Inclusion and
Violence Prevention*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education has added a victim rights attorney, researcher and gender-based violence expert to its staff. Nancy Chi Cantalupo, adjunct professor at Georgetown Law and research fellow in the Victim Rights Law Center, has been named Associate Vice President for Equity, Inclusion and Violence Prevention at NASPA.

“We recognize the ever increasing pressure campuses are facing to combat gender-based violence and respond to the legal requirements of policy and legislation,” says NASPA President Kevin Kruger. “Professor Cantalupo is a great asset to the NASPA team as she is equally equipped to offer leading research in the areas of equity, inclusion and violence prevention, to liaison between the victim advocacy and higher education communities in public policy forums, and to work with NASPA institutions and professionals to increase their effectiveness in combating discrimination and violence.”

Cantalupo served as primary negotiator for advocacy organizations on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee convened by the Department of Education to draft new regulations under the Clery Act, amended by the 2013 Violence Against Women Act. She has over 19 years of experience combating sexual harassment and violence in education and has taught courses on gender, legislation and administrative law at Georgetown, George Washington and Temple universities.

“I am thrilled to bring my research, policy work and advocacy for civil rights, especially for gender-based violence victims, to NASPA and its members at this particular moment, when the need for such expertise is especially acute,” Cantalupo says. “NASPA members are first responders and I know are committed to creating and sustaining equitable, inclusive and safe campus climates, so this is an unprecedented opportunity for us all to collaborate on new solutions to discriminatory violence and increased equity and inclusion on our campuses. I know our work together will assist in meeting our shared goal: to maximize the educational opportunities of all of our students.”

Cantalupo’s research focuses upon the use of U.S. civil rights and common law legal regimes, as well as international and comparative law, to combat gender-based violence. As founding

director of a campus women's center, she led efforts to revamp the university's sexual assault response system. Her research on gender-based violence in education has appeared in the *Maryland Law Review*, *San Diego Law Review*, *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*, *Journal of College and University Law* and *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*. She also wrote a chapter of the *Campus Crime: Legal, Social, and Policy Perspectives* volume, and additional work will appear in the forthcoming book *The Crisis of Campus Sexual Violence: Critical Perspectives on Prevention and Response*.

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