



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual U.S. Conference on DISABILITY

### *Ability Focused Advocacy: Breaking Barriers to Achieving Careers and Independence*

Thursday, October 5, 2023

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks  
**Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.**, President, the University of Scranton  
**Victoria Castellanos, Ph.D., RD**, Dean, The Panuska College of Professional Studies  
**Edward R. and Patricia Leahy**, Honorary Conference Co-Chairs
- 8:45 – 10:00 a.m. Opening Keynote 1.25 CEU  
**Mason Ameri, Ph.D.**
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Break & Networking
- 10:30 – 11:30 p.m. *Innovative Collaborations in a Post Covid World* 1.00 CEU  
**Kathy West Evans, M.S.**, CRC - Panel Moderator
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. *Nothing Changes Unless Something Moves* 0.50 CEU  
**Michelle Bornman, M.Ed.**, CRC, Annuitant, PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- 12:00 – 1:00pm. Lunch  
Welcome Remarks, **Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D.**, Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Blessing, **Dan Cosacchi**, Vice President of Mission and Ministry, The University of Scranton
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Taryn Williams**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) (**recorded presentation**) 0.50 CEU
- 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. “The Greatest Challenge” (**virtual presentation**)  
**Theo W. Braddy**, Executive Director, Council for Independent Living 0.50 CEU
- 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Break & Networking
- 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Interactive viewing of the award winning movie – **CRIP CAMP** 2.50 CEU  
The film will be stopped at various points for discussion and questions with director and disability advocate, **James LeBrecht**