

Gregory M. Maney, Associate Professor of Sociology, for a community-based participatory action research project entitled “Promoting Effective Responses to Hate Crimes in Suffolk County.” The purpose of the research is to enhance the validity and the credibility of the Long Island Immigrant Alliance’s recommendations for responding to hate crimes in Suffolk County. The research involved drawing upon academic studies as well as recommendations by governmental taskforces and law enforcement agencies to assess the likely efficacy of local hate crime prevention and reduction initiatives. LIIA members, Dr. Maney, and his graduate assistant Charisse Wheby worked collaboratively, using the research findings to both evaluate and revise preliminary ideas for recommendations. A large gathering of representatives of LIIA affiliates presented the final recommendations to the Hate Crimes Taskforce of the Suffolk County Legislature. The project promotes diversity by: (1) identifying proactive and effective responses to hate crimes by a range of stakeholders; (2) highlighting social conditions and encouraging practices supportive of diversity; (3) providing an opportunity for a community coalition and Hofstra to partner together; and (4) strengthening LIIA’s research and mobilization capacities.