

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY (2015)**

#### **EXECUTIVE EDUCATION: LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC POLICY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

Leadership education module jointly conducted by World Economic Forum and Harvard Kennedy School

### **STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY (2012)**

#### **Ph.D. in Sociology with focus on Science & Society and Bioethics**

Defended dissertation "Life Lines: Stem Cell Research in a Globalized World" April 25, 2012.

### **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY (2012)**

#### **Certificate Program in Pediatric Bioethics**

### **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY**

#### **Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (2011)**

### **STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY (2004-2005)**

#### **Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science**

Presidential Fellow (2004-2005)  
Graduate Council Fellow (2004-2005)

### **MISERICORDIA COLLEGE**

#### **Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (2005)**

### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY John F. Kennedy School of Government (2002-2004)**

#### **Master in Public Policy with specialization in Leadership and Negotiation**

Commencement Speaker, Class Day (2004)  
Public Service Fellow (2002-2004)  
Tatelman Scholar (2003-2004)  
Kennedy School Student Government Class Representative  
Policy Analysis Exercise: Peace Building in Northern Ireland and El Salvador

### **HARVARD UNIVERSITY (1996-2000)**

#### **BA in Cognitive Neuroscience**

#### **Special Certificate in the Mind, Brain, and Behavior Interdisciplinary Initiative**

Magna Cum Laude (2000)  
Cumulative and Departmental Honors (2000)  
Commencement Speaker, Class Day 2000  
Senior thesis: "The Role of Hope in Resilient Adolescents" Summa Cum Laude (2000)  
Dean's List (1996-2000)  
Harvard College Scholar (1996-2000)

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **INCLUSIVE FUTURE, COFOUNDER 2015**

Inclusive Future's mission is to ensure that policies supporting the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals are inclusive of the needs of people with disabilities. Established in 2015 after the passage of the Sustainable Development Goals, Inclusive Future focuses on policy recommendations and development, based on evidence of policy success or failure. We provide data, statistics, and lived experiences of people with disabilities to international stakeholders and policymakers. We will coordinate with existing local and international organizations to indicate areas of ongoing need and provide policy recommendations to international stakeholders. People with disabilities must be included in important social conversations that can impact their lives. At the same time, policymakers, legislators, employers, and community members have a vital role to play in ensuring that quality of life.

### **WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM NATIONAL FINALIST 2015**

Founded in 1964 by Lyndon B. Johnson, the White House Fellows program is one of America's most prestigious programs for leadership and public service. White House Fellowships offer exceptional young men and women first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the federal government. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sectors, and trips to study U.S. policy in action both domestically and internationally. In 2015, I advanced to the New York Regional Finals and then National Finals in the White House Fellows program, one of 30 in the country.

### **WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM YOUNG GLOBAL LEADER, 2014-2020**

The Forum of Young Global Leaders is a unique, multistakeholder community of more than 900 exceptional young leaders. Bold, brave, action-oriented and entrepreneurial, these individuals commit both their time and talent to make the world a better place. The community is made up of leaders from all walks of life, from every region of the world and every stakeholder group in society. Nominated under 40, young leaders are proposed through a qualified nomination process and assessed according to rigorous selection criteria that creates a diverse and truly representative body, while accepting only the very best leaders who have already demonstrated their commitment to serving society at large. Nominated and selected for my work on stem cell research, I plan to use this forum as a vehicle to advance broader social acceptance of this research and bring important stakeholders into it. Using my PhD dissertation as a guide, I plan to foster the important relationships so that stem cell research policy and science can move forward unimpeded. I also plan to use my position as a Young Global Leader to elevate the voices of people living with disability around the world, and to develop partnerships to help build social capital.

Through my tenure as a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, in 2015 I initiated a project entitled, ***INCLUSIVE FUTURE***. This project, which has become a highlighted Impact Project by the Forum of Young Global Leaders, has as its mission to promote and advance the achievement of the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals for people with disabilities. Through this initiative, colleagues and I will work with policymakers, NGOs, disability rights organizations, and heads of state to devise policy and project best practices to ensure quality of life for people with disabilities, using the Sustainable Development Goals as a framework.

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**Advanced Certificate in Health Management (2016-Present)**

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**Program Co-Director**

**Stem Cell Facility (2012-Present)**  
**Director of Education and Ethics**

**Center for Community Engagement & Leadership Development (2012- Present)**  
**Associate Director**

Enhances the academic experience of future leaders in community health disciplines and will collaborate with local community members to meet the challenges of an increasingly complex world. CCE also creates the opportunity for partnerships between Stony Brook University faculty with national and/or international communities and scholars to further enhance the mission of the Center.

**Stony Brook University, School of Health Technology and Management (2012-Present)**  
**Assistant Professor**

PhD Behavioral & Community Health  
Masters In Healthcare Policy & Management  
Bachelors of Science in Health Science

PhD In Health & Rehab Sciences:

COURSES CREATED, DEVELOPED, & TAUGHT

HAX 600.S01 Doctoral Seminar  
HAX 643 Healthcare Systems and Policy  
HAX 646 Soc. Behavior & Comm. Health Change  
HAX 644 Ethics, Health Disparities & Social Justice  
HAX 699 Directed Readings

Masters in Health Policy & Management:

COURSES CREATED, DEVELOPED, & TAUGHT

HAS 546 Stem Cells & Society  
HAS 543 Health Policy  
HAS 586-T03 Practicum Health Professions Management  
HAS 598-T01 Thesis Seminar

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences:

COURSES TAUGHT

HAN 335 Professional Ethics in Health Care

Undergraduate College in Human Dev: \_

COURSES CREATED, DEVELOPED, & TAUGHT

Freshman 102 Seminar: Major Medical Questions in Film

**Stony Brook University College of Engineering and Applied Sciences**  
**Affiliated Faculty**

Science and Technology Studies

**Stony Brook University VENTure Think Tank (2012- Present)**  
**Co-founder**

Serves as a body to address the unique challenges faced by people who rely on mechanical ventilators for survival. VENTure strives to improve and utilize technology, perform and synthesize research, and create shifts in social and public policy in order to help ventilator users live longer and richer lives.

**Stony Brook University School of Engineering (2013-Present)**  
**Affiliated Faculty**

Material Sciences- ESM-399-211-Directed Research in Material Sciences

**Stony Brook University, School of Health Technology and Management (2010-2012)**  
**Adjunct Professor**

Masters in Health Policy and Management: HAS 546 Stem Cells and Society  
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences: HAN 335 Professional Ethics in Health Care

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**Stony Brook University, Department of Preventive Medicine (2010-Present)**  
**Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, & Bioethics**  
**Research Assistant Professor**

MCS 2-The Ethics of Hope, to 2nd-year medical students.

**The Brooke Ellison Project (2007-2010)**  
**President and Founder**

A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established to promote the awareness, potential, acceptance, and support of stem cell research through a broad public education campaign and grassroots mobilization. The Brooke Ellison Project used broad-based education strategies, including public presentations, speeches, and social networking to achieve its mission. The Brooke Ellison Project produced the award-winning documentary, *Hope Deferred*, which brought together some of the strongest advocates and most notable leaders in the stem cell field to clarify misconceptions about the research.

**BrookePAC (2006-2008)**  
**President and Co-Founder**

A federal political action committee dedicated to promoting the passage of stem cell research legislation, and assisting in the election of pro-stem cell research candidates.

**Democratic Candidate for New York State Senate (2005-2006)**

New York State Senate candidate in the 2006 election, focusing on the issues of Stem Cell Research, Health Care, Education, and Housing. As a candidate, worked with organized labor, activists, interest groups, and representatives from all levels of government.

**Author (2001-Present)**

Author of the personal memoir, *Miracles Happen*, January, 2002 by Hyperion Publishing Company. Represented by the William Morris Agency. Published internationally in Taiwan, Japan, and Korea in 2003.

**Public and Motivational Speaker (2000-Present)**

Speaker to a variety of audiences, including professional groups, politicians, the medical community, educators, students, businesses, and religious organizations.

**Stony Brook University, Department of Political Science (2004-2005)**  
**Graduate Council Research Fellow**

**National Organization on Disability (2003-2004)**  
**Contributing Columnist**

**Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Foundation (2003-2004)**  
**Contributing Columnist**

**Harvard University Kennedy School of Government (2003-2004)**  
**Teaching Fellow**

Master in Public Policy: ISP 235 Human Rights and International Politics

**Greater Boston Legal Services (2003)**  
**Statistical Consultant/Project Design**

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**BOARDS AND APPOINTMENTS**

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**2017 NSF Advisory Panel Reviewer**

**Stony Brook University President's committee on the ADA**

**SHTM Representative to Steering Committee for Executive Education Program in Women in STEM (2016-present)**

**Faculty Search Committee- SHTM Ph.D. Program (2013)**

**Empire State Stem Cell Research Board: Ethics Committee (2007-Present)**

Gubernatorial appointee to the Ethics Committee of the Stem Cell Research Board in New York State, which commands a \$600 million initiative to provide stem cell research grants to New York scientists

**The Genetics Policy Institute: Strategic Advisory Board (2007-Present)**

Advisor to organization dedicated to establishing a positive legal framework to advance stem cell research.

**New York State Spinal Cord Injury Research Board (2005-2010)**

Gubernatorial appointee to the Board of Directors, which serves under the New York State Department of Health, to provide grants to spinal cord injury research.

**National Organization on Disability Board of Directors (2000-2004)**

N.O.D. initiatives have included Accessible America program, International Disability Award, and disability employment initiatives.

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## **GRANTS**

### **RESEARCH/ACADEMIC**

#### **Loreen Arbus Foundation**

A private philanthropic grant provided to fund research on disability and human rights. This grant will be dedicated to policy research and policy recommendations for influential international stakeholders working on the Sustainable Development Goals, to help ensure that policies implemented to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals are inclusive of and relevant to the lives of people disabilities around the world.

#### **New York Stem Cell Program NYSTEM (2011-2015)**

Facilities Grant to Stony Brook Stem Cell Facility for Director of Education & Ethics

## **PERSONAL GRANTS**

#### **Amy & Horace Hagedorn Foundation (2007)**

To the Brooke Ellison Project for the production of *Hope Deferred*

#### **Dan Nir and Jill Braufman Family Foundation (2007)**

To the Brooke Ellison Project for the production of *Hope Deferred*

#### **Laura and Robert Sillerman Tomorrow Foundation (2007)**

To the Brooke Ellison Project for the production of *Hope Deferred*

#### **Eleanor and Stephen Hammerman Foundation (2007)**

To the Brooke Ellison Project for the production of *Hope Deferred*

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**Meltzer-Lippe Foundation (2007)**

To the Brooke Ellison Project for the production of *Hope Deferred*

**Elena Melius Foundation (2007)**

To the Brooke Ellison Project for the production of *Hope Deferred*

**John Rosenwald and the Monterey Fund (2007)**

To the Brooke Ellison Project for the production of *Hope Deferred*

**Stony Brook University Presidential Fellow (2004-2005)**

**Stony Brook University Graduate Council Fellow (2004-2005)**

**Harvard Kennedy School Tatelman Scholar (2003-2004)**

**Harvard Kennedy School Public Service Fellow (2002-2004)**

**Harvard College Scholar (1996-2000)**

**Fitzie Prize Recipient (1996-2000)**

**Peter Wilson Award (1996-2000)**

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**BOOKS AND BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS**

***Miracles Happen: One Mother, One Daughter, One Journey***

By Brooke and Jean Ellison (2002)  
Published in Korean (2004)  
Published in Japanese (2003)  
Published in Taiwanese (2003)

***The Brooke Ellison Story*-Paperback version of *Miracles Happen* (2004)**

By Brooke and Jean Ellison

**Contributor in:**

***The Hidden Gifts of Helping* (2011)**

By Stephen G. Post

**Foreword in:**

***Breakthrough Parenting for Children with Special Needs* (2006)**

By Judy Winter

**Excerpted in:**

***Spotlight on Reading* (2011)**

By Shirley Russak Wachtel & Helena Swanicke

**Chapter in:**

***Occupational Therapy Without Borders* (2014)**

cowritten with Dr. Pamela Block and Mary Squillace

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**ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

**Brooke Mackenzie Ellison**  
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**Ellison, B. 2016.** Stem cell research and social justice: aligning scientific progress with social need. *Current Stem Cell Reports*.

**Ellison, B. 2015-Present.** Editor for ethics section of *Current Stem Cell Reports*. Volumes 1 & 2.

**Ellison, B. 2014.** Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer: A Call to Reevaluate Stem Cell Research Policies. *Journal of Stem Cells Research, Reviews, And Reports*. 1(3):5.

**Ellison, B. (2014).** Community Engagement: An Important Addition To the Medical Curriculum. *American Journal of Bioethics*. Vol. 14:23-24.

**Ellison, B. (2013).** #StemCells: Education, Innovation, and Outreach. *Cell Stem Cell* - 7 November 2013 (Vol. 13, Issue 5, pp. 517-519)

**Ellison, B. (2013).** Making ESCRO committees work in New York State. *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 13:1 (63-64).

**Ellison, B. & J. Meliker. (2011).** Assessing the risk of Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome in egg donation: Implications for stem cell research. *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 11(9); 22-30.

**Ellison, B. (2011).** Communicating hope: the bridge between science and the future it creates. *Cell Stem Cell*, 8; 616-617.

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#### **COLUMNS, EDITORIALS, AND OPINION PIECES**

**Ellison, B. (2008) "Stem Cell Research at a Crossroads"**  
Op-ed published in *Philadelphia Inquirer*

**Ellison, B. (2007) "Disability Is a Valuable Lesson"**  
Op-ed published in *New York Newsday*

**Ellison, B. (2007) "Stem Cell Research Needs Federal Attention"**  
Op-ed published in the *Seattle Post Intelligencer*

**Ellison, B. (2002) "Words of Inspiration"**  
Student briefing page, *Newsday*

**Ellison, B. (2002) "Quadriplegic: How I won Harvard Honors"**  
Sunday Book Exclusive Excerpt, *New York Post*

**Ellison, B. (2000) "No One Has Escaped the Love and Care of Others"**  
Harvard Commencement speech published in *Newsday*

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#### **MANUSCRIPT REVIEW (SELECTED)**

*Current Stem Cell Reports*  
Ethics Section Editor  
*Libertas Academica*  
*The American Journal of Bioethics*

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**AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Stony Brook University 40 under 40 nominee (2017)**

**Stony Brook University 40 under 40 (2016)**

**Town of Brookhaven, “Brooke Ellison Day”, July 16, 2015**

**Stony Brook University Outstanding Faculty Award (2015)**

**Stony Brook University Inaugural 40 under 40 (2015)**

**Kessler Foundation American Society for Neuro-Rehabilitation Award (2014)**

**Staller Center Season 2012-2013 Featured Graduate School Alumni**

**Stony Brook University Commencement Featured Graduate (2012)**

**Stony Brook University Provost's Graduate Student Lecture Series (2012)**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-9GJqH-les>

**DV Award: International Digital Video Honor for “Breakfast at the Barracks” Interview (2012)**

**Telly Award for “Breakfast at the Barracks” Interview (2012)**

**Stony Brook University School of Health Technology & Mngt. Commencement Speaker (2011)**

**Rutgers University Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (2011)**

**Suffolk County Women’s Hall of Fame (2009)**

**Long Island International Film Expo Humanitarian Award for Hope Deferred (2009)**

**Boston Film Festival Impact Award for Hope Deferred (2009)**

**World Stem Cell Summit Inspiration Award (2008)**

**Rosa Parks Humanitarian Award, Rosa Parks Democratic Association (2008)**

**New York State Women of Excellence Award (2007)**

**The Heiser Foundation Kevin Kalinowski Humanitarian Award (2007)**

**First Annual “Dana Reeve Indomitable Spirit” Award (2006)**

**Long Island Press Power List (2006)**

Ranked #31 on list of Long Island’s 50 Most Influential People

**Harvard Club of San Francisco Public Service Leader of the Year (2006)**

**Long Island Press Power List (2005)**

Ranked #39 on list of Long Island’s 50 Most Influential People



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Ward Melville High School Wall of Recognition (2005)

Misericordia College Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (2005)

Stony Brook University Presidential Fellow (2004-2005)

Stony Brook University Graduate Council Fellow (2004-2005)

The Christopher Award for “The Brooke Ellison Story” (2004)

A&E “Lives That Make a Difference Award” (2004)

The Brooke Ellison Story, cinematic adaptation of *Miracles Happen* (2004)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz\\_nlcmkXvw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wz_nlcmkXvw)

Inspiration for Christopher Reeve’s final directional work which aired on the A&E network

Walt Whitman House Poets in Residence Award (2004)

Harvard Kennedy School Commencement Speaker, Class Day (2004)

Harvard Kennedy School Tatelman Scholar (2003-2004)

Harvard Kennedy School Public Service Fellow (2002-2004)

Teddy Pendergrass Alliance Award (2000)

Foundation for a Better Life Poster Campaign “Determination”(2000)

Rehab Institute of Chicago Tree of Life Award (2000)

Henry H. Kessler Foundation Human Dignity award (2000)

Harvard University Magna Cum Laude (2000)

Harvard University Psychology Dept. Cumulative & Departmental Honors (2000)

Harvard University Class Day Speaker (2000) [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alf\\_l1p7bds](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alf_l1p7bds)

Harvard University Senior Thesis Summa Cum Laude (2000)

Dean's List (1996-2000)

Harvard College Scholar (1996-2000)

Fitzie Prize Recipient (1996-2000)

Peter Wilson Award (1996-2000)

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**PROFESSIONAL /SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

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**November 28, 2016** – Material Sciences Conference, Boston Massachusetts. Presentation on ethics, social justice, and engineering.

**October 19, 2016** – Disability and STEM. Stony Brook University. Presentation on inclusion in STEM fields.

**October 16, 2016** – Adaptive Leadership Conference. Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Presentation on leadership in stem cell research and nonprofit work.

**January 21, 2016** – World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Davos Switzerland. Panel discussion on ethics of emerging technologies: Headlines and Redlines.

**August 15, 2015** – Summit of the Young Global Leaders, *Into the Light* presentation and discussion

**August 6, 2015** – Presentation to Garcia Science Students on Ethics and Sustainability

**January 6, 2015**-Garcia Program Open House- Stem Cell Presentation - Queens College

**September 13, 2014:** VENTure Think Tank First Annual Community Conference (2014). Co-organizer, introductory remarks.

**October 29, 2014:** Center for Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology 2014: 11 International Conference and Expo on The Emerging Technologies for a Smarter World. Panel presentation on ventilator dependence in natural disasters.

**June, 2014** – Society on Disability Studies. Panel on Women's Studies and Ethics. VENTure Think Tank.

**March 5, 2014** – Tufts University, Students for Science in Society, Presentation on Stem Cell Research.

**December 4, 2013** – Stony Brook University Medical School, Speech on Hope

**September 28, 2013** – NAACP Legislative Breakfast, Presentation on the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health

**September 15-16, 2013-** Stony Brook University Stem Cell Summit. “At the Crossroad of Stem Cell Research and Engineering” Conference Organizer, Ethics Panel Orchestrator, and Ethics Panel Presenter

**July 2, 2013**–Stony Brook University Summer Garcia Program. Presentation on stem cell research

**June 14, 2013**–Harvard Stem Cell Institute Summer Internship Program. Presentation on stem cell activism

**June 13, 2013** International Society for Stem Cell Research 12th Annual Meeting. Poster presenter

**June 5, 2013**–Shanghai, China International Workshop on Stem Cell Differentiation: The Influence of Biomaterials and Biomechanics. Ethics panel presenter

**June 4, 2013**–Stony Brook University Undergraduate Summer Program in Stem Cell Research.

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Presentation on stem cell ethics

**April 15, 2013-** Converging Science Summit- “Stem Cell Research in a Globalized World” Podium Presenter, SBU

**April 15, 2013-** Converging Science Summit-“VENTure Think Tank:Creating Solution to Improve the Quality of Life of Ventilator Users and Their Families” Podium Co-Presenter, SBU

**April 10, 2013**—Guest lecture, “The Ethics of Hope”. Stony Brook University School of Medicine

**February 21, 2013** -Stem Cell Spotlight Speaker Series "Stem Cell Research in a Globalized World" Stem Cell Facility

**January 9, 2013-**Garcia Program Open House- 3 Stem Cell Presentations - Queens College

**November 13, 2012-** Colloquium- "Stem Cell Research in a Globalized World"- Center for Medical Humanities, Bioethics & Compassionate Care

**October 24, 2012.** SBU, Medical School, Speech on Hope

**October 1, 2012-** SHTM Doctoral Seminar -"Stem Cell Research in a Globalized World"

**October 11, 2011.** SBU, Medical School, Speech on Hope

**October 14, 2010.** SBU, Medical School, Speech on Hope

**June 4, 2009.** Harvard’s Kennedy School Reunion, Stem Cell Forum and *Hope Deferred* Screening

**April 1, 2009.** Rutgers University Screening of *Hope Deferred* and Guest Lecture

**March 29, 2009.** New School, Panel Discussion on Stem Cell Research NYC

**March 25, 2009.** SBU Stem Cell Research Panel Forum and Screening of *Hope Deferred*

**March 15, 2008.** Mayo Clinic Conference, Guest Presentation on Stem Cell Research VA

**July 17, 2006.** Cold Spring Harbor Lab Research Luncheon. Presentation on Stem Cell Research

**June 6, 2006.** Stony Brook Nephrology, Doctor of the Year Award. Guest Speaker. Oheka Castle

**May 23, 2006.** CDRPF, *Rally for the Cure*. Guest speaker. Washington, D.C.

**September 21, 2005.** Disabilities Expo, Sports Plus. Invited Professional Presentation. NY

**June 17, 2005.** SOS-LI Forum “Stem Cell Research: Hope for the Future”, Huntington, NY

**June 15, 2005.** SBU Annual Plenary & Recognition Luncheon, Keynote Speaker. Stony Brook, NY

**June 6, 2005.** Harvard University Reunion. Screening of *The Brooke Ellison Story* & Presentation

**May 25, 2005.** Christopher Reeve Foundation, *Rally for the Cure*, invited speaker. Washington, D.C.

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**March 7, 2005.** American Association of Insurance Plans, **Congressional Briefing**

**December 4, 2004.** Amer. Assoc. Respiratory Caregivers Conference, Keynote Speaker, New Orleans

**July 2, 2001.** National Organization on Disability Board of Directors, Airline Transportation Presentation

**July 2, 2001.** United Nations, FDR International Disabilities Award Princess of Thailand Introduction

**August 2, 2000.** Keynote Address for Women's Health Summit, Washington D.C.

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### **GUEST LECTURES AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

**April 18, 2010.** SBU, SHTM, OT Dept. Guest Lecture

**November 18, 2009.** SBU, Guest Lecture on Stem Cell Research for SHTM, Ethics Class

**October 15, 2009.** Ashlye Stiles Memorial Fundraiser, Guest Speaker on Stem Cell Research. NYC

**April 19, 2009.** Suffolk Community College, *Hope Deferred* Screening and Stem Cell Lecture

**April 13, 2009.** Amherst College, *Hope Deferred Screening and Stem Cell Lecture*

**March 12, 2009.** SBU, SHTM, OT Dept. Guest Lecture

**March 3, 2009.** Jefferson's Ferry Screening of *Hope Deferred* and Guest Lecture. Centereach, NY

**December 12, 2008.** Anchin, Block & Anchin, State of the Firm, Keynote Speaker. NYC

**November 25, 2008.** Screening Liberally, *Hope Deferred* and Guest Lecture. NYC

**November 11, 2008.** SUNY Farmingdale, *Sociology of the Family*, Guest Lecture and *Hope Deferred*

**September 16, 2008.** Brooke Ellison Project, NY Premier of *Hope Deferred*. Times Center, NYC

**June 11, 2008.** University of Pennsylvania Screening of *Hope Deferred and stem cell lecture*

**October 22, 2007.** SUNY Farmingdale, *Sociology of the Family*, Guest Lecture

**October 25, 2007.** Stony Brook RA's Orientation Invited Guest Lecture Stony Brook, NY

**October 16, 2007.** Heiser Foundation, Kevin Kalinowski Award Acceptance Speech

**May 25, 2005.** Philosophy of Religion Guest Lecture on *Hope and Resilience*

### **MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES AND YOUTH MENTORING**

**March 14, 2014** –Commack Middle School. Disability Awareness Day. Guest Speaker.

**December 9, 2013** – Middle Country Central School District, "Brooke Ellison Day" Guest Speaker

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**November 7, 2013** – Accomsett Middle School, “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**May 22, 2013**–Ward Melville High School “Patriot Pride Day” -Presentation on activism & change

**April 18, 2013**– Syosset SD. Guest Speaker on Resilience

**April 9, 2013**– MCCSD. “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**June 4, 2012.** Syosset SD. Guest Speaker on Resilience

**November 28, 2011.** MCCSD. “Brooke Ellison Day Guest Speaker

**March 28, 2011.** Syosset SD. Guest Speaker on Resilience

**February 7, 2011.** TVCSD. “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**June 6, 2010.** Babylon SD. Character Education Day, Guest Speaker Babylon, NY

**June 4, 2010.** Syosset SD. Guest Speaker on Resilience

**March 3, 2010.** MCCSD. “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker.

**February 10, 2010.** TVCSD. “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**March 18, 2009.** MCCSD. “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**March 13, 2009.** TVCSD. “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**March 6, 2009.** Bayshore SD. Awareness Weekend, Guest Mentor Bayshore , NY

**February 17, 2009.** Babylon SD, Character Education Day, Guest Speaker Babylon, NY

**November 13, 2008.** MCCSD, “Brooke Ellison Day” Speech

**February 8, 2008.** TVCSD. “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**December 7, 2007.** TVCSD, “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**December 6, 2007.** MMCSO, “Brooke Ellison Day” Guest Speaker

**September 20, 2007.** Brookhaven Youth Achievement Awards Guest Speaker

**April 19, 2007.** Woodmere-Hewlett SD. Guest Speaker on Hope & Resilience

**March 19, 2007.** Lindenhurst SD, Guest Speaker on Overcoming Obstacles

**February, 11, 2007.** West Babylon SD. Guest Speaker on Hope

**February 6, 2007.** William Floyd SD. Guest Speaker on Overcoming Obstacles

**February 3, 2007.** Woodmere SD. Guest Speaker on Hope

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**October 25, 2007.** Stony Brook RA's Orientation Invited Guest Lecture. Stony Brook, NY

**September 14, 2006.** Partners for Youth, Mentoring Speech for Disabled Children

**May 20, 2006.** St. Phillip & James Church Personal speech on Hope

**May 15, 2006.** Port Jefferson SD. "Brooke Ellison Day" Guest Speaker

**May 2, 2006.** MCCSD. "Brooke Ellison Day" Guest Speaker

**March 19, 2006.** Brentwood SD Youth Leadership, Guest Mentor

**February 8, 2006.** TVCSD "Brooke Ellison Day" Guest Speaker

**December 12, 2005.** Longwood SD. "Brooke Ellison Day" Guest Speaker

**December 6, 2005.** KIDS in Action Symposium Guest Speaker

**October 27, 2005.** Viscardi School, Guest Speaker Albertson, NY

**June 16, 2005.** St. Charles Hospital, "Hope on the Horizon", Keynote Speaker Port Jefferson, NY

**May 23, 2005.** Testeverde Fund 6<sup>th</sup> Spinal Victory Challenge Gala, Guest Speaker Woodmere, NY

**April 11, 2005.** TVCSD "Brooke Ellison Day", Guest Speaker Selden, NY

**April 4, 2005.** MCCSD "Brooke Ellison Day", Guest Speaker Centereach, NY

**March 18, 2005.** Longwood School District "Brooke Ellison Day" Guest Speaker Longwood, NY

**March 11, 2005.** Babylon School District Character Day, Guest Speaker Babylon, NY

**October 11, 2004.** MCCSD. "Brooke Ellison Day" Guest Speaker

**June 3, 2003.** MCCSD "Brooke Ellison Day", Guest Speaker Selden, NY

**November 13, 2002.** Youth Development Program, Guest Mentor

**May 10, 2002.** MCCSD "Brooke Ellison Day", Guest Speaker Centereach, NY

**April 30, 2002.** MCCSD "Brooke Ellison Day", Guest Speaker Selden, NY

**April 26, 2001.** Harmony Heights School, Guest Speaker

**January 18, 2001.** Marble Collegiate Church, Guest Speaker NYC, NY

**December 4, 2000.** Longwood School District, Guest Speaker Longwood, NY

**November 11, 2000.** Brookhaven Youth Bureau Peer Leadership Weekend, Consultant/Keynote

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### **POLITICAL SPEECHES**

**October 10, 2006.** State Senate Campaign Fundraiser with Silda Spitzer Keynote Speaker. NYC

**September 25, 2006.** DL21C State Senate Fundraising Event with Senator Claire MacCaskill, NYC

**June 3, 2006.** State Senate Campaign Kick-Off Event Keynote Address

**April 25, 2006.** Suffolk County Democratic Nominating Convention State Senate Candidate

**April 19, 2006.** Building, Construction & Trade Convention Invited Guest Speaker

**April 17, 2006.** North Shore Democrats, State Senate Campaign Speech Miller Place, NY

**April 8, 2006.** Press Conference on NYS Stem Cell Initiative with Eliot Spitzer North Shore Hospital

**April 4, 2006.** State Senate Campaign Fundraising Event, Keynote Speaker Washington, D.C.

**March 22, 2006.** Brookhaven Democratic Nominating Convention State Senate Candidate Address

**March 2, 2006.** State Senate Campaign Fundraising Event, Watermill Inn Keynote Address

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### **CINEMATIC PRODUCTIONS**

#### ***Hope Deferred, (2008)***

Stem cell documentary produced by The Brooke Ellison Project, directed by James Siegel

#### ***The Brooke Ellison Story (2004)***

A&E production, directed by Christopher Reeve

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### **TELEVISION. DOCUMENTARY AND MOVIE APPEARANCES**

**October 1, 2014** – Weather Channel. When power outage means life and death.

**May 25, 2011-** Rutgers University “Breakfast at the Barracks”

**March 9, 2009-** CNN Live

**March 9, 2009** Channel 12 Long Island Talks-Stem Cell Debate

**March 13, 2009-**WPIX Marvin Scott Show

**March 3, 2009-**Channel 11 News Close-up

**December 2007-** *Christopher Reeve: Hope in Motion Documentary*

**May 12, 2007-**Channel 12 News Stem Cell Research

**December 2006.** *Superman: Ultimate Collector’s Edition*

**October 19, 2006** Channel 12 News -Long Island Talks- State Senate Debate

**October 16, 2006** Channel 12 News Spot

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May 30, 2006-NBC-Today Show

May 2, 2006. CNN- Kyra Phillips Live “Rally for the Cure” Washington D.C.

October 29, 2006- News 55 Focus

December 9, 2005 CNN Paula Zahn Show *Million Dollar Baby*

November 1, 2005 Channel 12 Long Island <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccBONpxVANg>

December 1, 2004. *Biography of Christopher Reeve: Triumph, Tragedy and Courage*

October 15, 2004 Channel 12 Long Island

October 17, 2004- NBC Today Show

October 18, 2004- Larry King Live <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JTQhmbFpKq>

January 10, 2002- NBC-Today Show

June 8, 2000 -NBC Today Show <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=31sNch0pkBs>

June 8, 2000- NBC Nightly News <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghh5mUimBJE>

June 8, 2000-CNN Live

June 8, 2000-Entertainment Tonight

June 8, 2000-CBS Morning Show

June 8, 2000-ABC Good Morning America

June 8, 2000-Access Hollywood

June 8, 2000- Korean Television

June 8, 2000-German Television

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#### **STATE SENATE CAMPAIGN COMMERCIALS**

Elliot Spitzer on Brooke Ellison “Hero: Ad

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDjcJSPkDJo>

Brooke Ellison “Kick Butt” Ad

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeFJZZ282Dw>

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#### **RADIO INTERVIEWS**

March 9, 2009- NPR Stem Cell Debate

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#### **ARTICLES FEATURED IN**



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**June 30, 2014:** Harvard Kennedy School Alumni Named Young Global Leaders. *Harvard Kennedy School Alumni Magazine*.

**June, 2013**–ThisAble Online Magazine

**July 2012.** Tufano, M. “Miracles Happen: The Brooke Ellison Story” *Critical Health Care Magazine (Premier Issue Cover Story)*

**August 27, 2010.** Chang, S. “Stem cell research advocate undeterred by funding ban” *Newsday*

**October 20, 2006.** Brand, R. “Veteran faces a Challenge” *Newsday*

**October 20, 2006.** Lambert, B. “Paralyzed, 28, and Aiming for the State Senate” *New York Times*

**August 17, 2006.** Copquin, C. “Overcoming Challenges is her Specialty” *Newsday*

**July 1, 2006.** “The Race is on” *Able Magazine (Cover Story)*

**May 28, 2006.** Munoz, L. “A Special Challenge” *New York Daily News*

**April 1, 2006.** Olsen, D. “The future of function” (Cover story) *Advance Magazine*

**April 1, 2006.** Antonio, M. “Brooke Ellison runs for New York State Senate” *Able Magazine*

**February 4, 2005.** Talan, J. “Push for Stem Cell Funding” *Newsday*

**May 22, 2005.** “Super Friend” (Part 2 cover story) *Newsday*

**December 4, 2005.** Fischler, M. “Overcoming Adversity as a Rallying Cry” *New York Times*

**June 4, 2005.** Brand, R. “Is he her next challenge?” *Newsday*

**October 25, 2004.** Staff writer “The lives he touched” *People Magazine*

**October 25, 2004.** Stanley, A. “Getting to Harvard, with Mom and a wheelchair” *New York Times*

**October 24, 2004.** Strickland, E. “A Portrait of Courage” *New York Times*

**October 22, 2004.** Abrams, A. “Role model now a role” *Newsday*

**October 12, 2004.** Abrams, A. “Similar Experiences and Identical Goals” *Newsday*

**August 10, 2004.** Painter, K. “Diary of a Courageous Life” *USA Today*

**July 23, 2004.** Werts, D. “The Big Easy Does It” *Newsday*

**May 13, 2004.** Painter, K. “Miracles Keep Happening” *USA Today*

**March 19, 2002.** Caroll, F. “Miracle student redefines her life” *NJ Home News Tribune*

**July 1, 2002.** Beamish, R. “The Miracle of Jean and Brooke Ellison” *Biography Magazine*

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**February 14, 2002.** Potier, B. "Ellison '00, Miracles Happen" *Harvard Gazette*

**January 7, 2002.** Painter, K. "Miracles for Mom, paralyzed Daughter" Cover story *USA TODAY*

**January 1, 2002.** "The Accident" *Reader's Digest* (*Miracles Happen excerpt*)

**January 30, 2001.** Abrams, A. "Next Chapter" *Newsday*

**June 8, 2000.** Hellmich, N. "Paralyzed Grad leaves Harvard" *USA Today*

**June 5, 2000.** Abrams, A. "A Degree in Perseverance" *Newsday*

**May 17, 2000.** Steinberg, J. "An Unrelenting Drive and a Harvard Degree" (Front page) *NY Times*

**May 10, 2000.** Hellmich, N. "The All-Ellison Academic Team" *USA Today*

**November 25, 1996.** Painter, K. "The ability to tackle Harvard" *USA Today*

**November 14, 1996.** Abrams, A. "The Freshman and Her Mom" *Newsday*

**October 5, 1996.** Macmillan, V. "First year Ellison makes Harvard work" *Harvard Crimson*

**June 24, 1996.** Markon, J. "Pomp and Pride" *Newsday*

**June 21, 1996.** Abrams, A. "Achiever" *Newsday*

**May 17, 1996.** Ordovensky, P. "Rising to the challenge" (cover story) *USA Today*

**October 20, 1995.** Hildebrand, J. "Not one to sit back and watch others" *Newsday*

**April 25, 1995.** Kellerman, V. "Thanks Mom" *Women's World Magazine*

**March 21, 1995.** Abrams, A. "Accident Victim and Inspiration" *Newsday*

**June 28, 1992.** Feemster, R. "Youths Overcome Adversity" *Newsday*

**September 4, 1991.** Slackman, M. "It's a Fight for Rights" *Newsday*

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### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Stony Brook University Center for Community Engagement and Leadership Development –  
Associate Director**

**Stony Brook University VENTure Think Tank- Organizer**

**Diversity Day (2013)**

**Stem Cell Spotlight Speaker Series- Created & Directed by Brooke Ellison**

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**Stem Cell Symposium at Stony Brook University-** Planning Committee Chair (Sept. 15 & 16, 2013)

**Stem Cell Teacher Training Workshop-** Collaboration with SBU CESAME Program TBA

**Stem Cell Conference Shanghai, China-** Presenter for Ethics Component- June 2013

**Stem Cell Center Website Content Contributor-** Ongoing

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### **VOLUNTEER AND ADVOCACY WORK**

#### **New York State Delegate for Sen. Hillary Clinton (2008)**

Served as a delegate from New York's 1st Congressional District for Sen. Clinton in her 2008 presidential bid.

#### **Federal Stem Cell Policy Implementation Playbook for Sen. Obama (2006)**

Drafted an implementation plan for a federal stem cell research initiative for Sen. Obama's 2008 presidential bid, including what steps to be taken and factors to be considered for a federal policy to be initiated.

#### **New York State Stem Cell Research Congressional Initiative (2006)**

Initiative contributor, acting in accordance with Congressman Israel and Congressman Crowley, as well as, members of the scientific and medical community.

#### **Suffolk County and Brookhaven Town Democratic Committee Person (2006-Present)**

#### **Partners for Youth with Disabilities National Mentoring Campaign Spokesperson (2005)**

National Spokesperson, selected to fill the voluntary position

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### **INTERESTS AND SKILLS**

Disability and Human Rights  
Negotiation and Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Leadership  
Speechwriting and Journalism  
Political Analysis and Policymaking  
Health Care Reform  
Ethics  
Stem Cell Research