



# Ciancaglini to speak in Columbia, Rochester concussion conferences

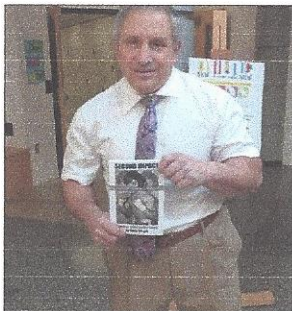
NEW YORK — Genevan Ray Ciancaglini will be among the guest speakers this weekend as Columbia University Synapse presents a two-day conference, “The Social Brain ... Bridging the Brain Injury Community,” on March 13 and 14.

Ciancaglini, former professional boxer and award-winning concussion awareness activist who runs The Second Impact, will give a lecture titled, “The Invisible Opponent.” It will take place on Saturday via zoom from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Registration is required for the free event and can be accessed at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-conference-the-social-brain-tickets-141352865225>.

Columbia is ranked among the top medical/research universities in the country.

Ciancaglini also will be lecturing via zoom on April 9 at 8:30 a.m. for the Rochester Regional Health Conference’s “Clarity in a new decade. Where we’re at and where we’re going.” He will be speaking along with prominent concussion management physician Dr. Jeff Bazarian.

The audience for the lectures



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**Andy Siegel's book “Second Impact: The Ray Ciancaglini Story” is available on Amazon. The book costs \$8.99 and a portion of the proceeds will go to Ciancaglini's foundation The Second Impact.**

will consist of medical professionals, scientists, medical students, athletes, coaches, athletic trainers and physical therapists.

Ciancaglini had originally been scheduled to present at the Tulane University Brain Injury Conference in New Orleans on March

18. Due to COVID restrictions, the conference is being rescheduled for early May.

Ciancaglini has concluded a five-year Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) Legend Study at Boston University. It focused on examining the effects of repetitive head impacts on former athletes and consisted of annual cognitive testing to gauge the progression of brain function. DNA samples also were taken for genetic analysis. Upon his death, Ciancaglini has donated his brain for continued CTE research at the Concussion Legacy Foundation, Boston University.

“Second Impact, The Ray Ciancaglini Story,” by Andy Siegel continues to be a popular and informational read available at Amazon.

Ciancaglini has been battling Parkinson’s syndrome and dementia pugilistica for many years.

“I’ve had almost 50 years to ponder what went wrong and I always come back to the same conclusion,” he says. “Lack of concussion education and peer pressure led to my demise. Education is the key and that’s what drives me today!”