

# GRAND ROUNDS

**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

**Location: Zoom** (please RSVP for [link](#))

**4:30pm- 6:00pm**

## **Look Both Ways**

**Brooke Ellison, PhD**



In her new book, *Look Both Ways*, Stony Brook University's Dr. Brooke Ellison discusses her life, the last 31 years of which were lived with ventilator-dependent quadriplegia after a devastating accident that took place on Nicolls Road. Stony Brook University was the institution that saved her life, and it is now the institution where she has built her career. Through this book, Dr. Ellison examines not only the events that have shaped who she has become, but also the lessons – lessons of challenge, hope, vulnerability, and leadership – that she has derived from these events.

In this Grand Rounds, Dr. Ellison will discuss her life – including her accident when she was a child, her academic path through Harvard University, and her work now, as an Associate Professor of Applied Ethics at Stony Brook – and will share passages from her book. Dr. Ellison will also reserve time for question and answer about her life, her work, and views of the world when you look both ways.



On Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> of 1990, when she was 11 years old, Brooke Ellison was hit by a car: an accident that left her paralyzed from the neck down and dependent on a ventilator. In 2000, Brooke graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University. In 2002, Brooke published a book, *Miracles Happen*, which subsequently was made into a movie, directed by Christopher Reeve. Brooke continued her education by graduating from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government with a Master's degree in Public Policy. In 2006, Brooke ran for New York State Senate. Brooke Ellison is a PhD and an Associate Professor at Stony Brook University. In 2011, Dr. Ellison was granted an honorary degree from Rutgers University, and, in 2014, was chosen to be a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader. In 2017, Brooke joined the Board of Directors of the New York Civil Liberties Union. In 2018, Brooke was chosen to be a Truman National Security Project Political Partner. In 2020, Brooke was appointed to the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission.

For more information about Brooke Ellison, please visit her web site:

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