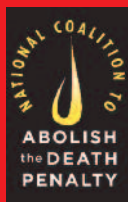




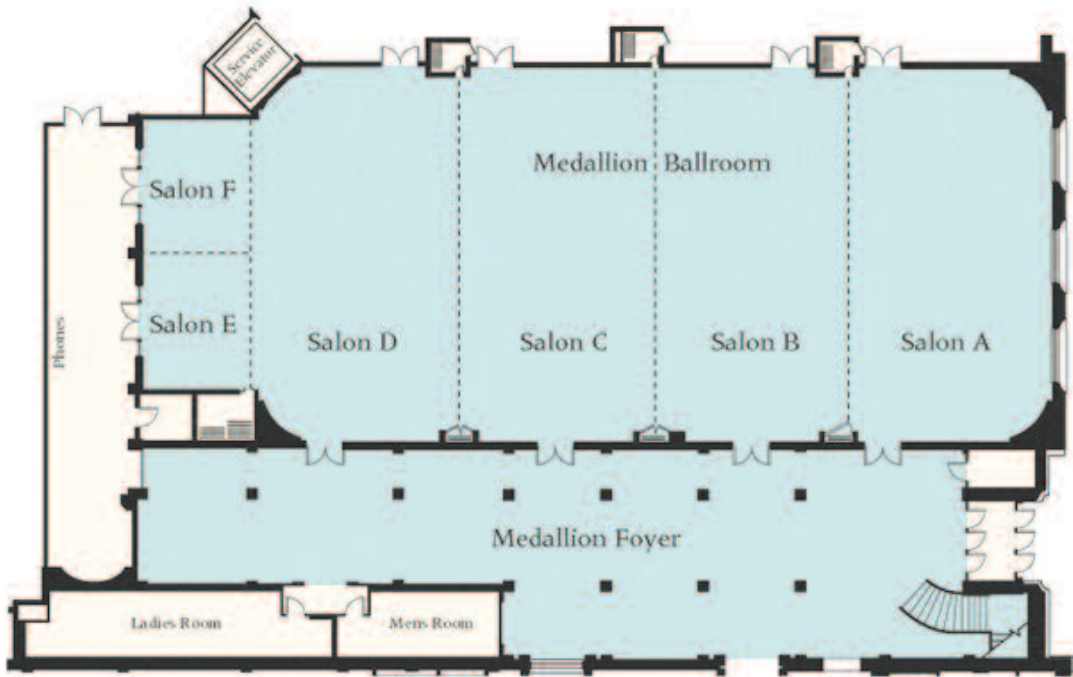
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First Floor



Mezzanine level



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Welcome From Diann Rust-Tierney, Executive Director, NCADP

Welcome to NCADP 2010: Training for the Long Run: Building Bridges to Wider Audiences. We are meeting in Louisville where the motto is: "It's possible here." What a perfect message for our conference this year.

We celebrate what has been possible. New Mexico repealed the death penalty; Maryland significantly narrowed the scope and reach of its death penalty law; North Carolina became the second state to enact the Racial Justice Act, with Kentucky being the first.

Connecticut, Colorado and Montana came within striking distance of ending capital punishment. Public support for the death penalty remains near a 25-year low according to an October 2009 Gallup poll, no doubt in part because six in ten Americans believe an innocent person has been executed in the last five years.

NCADP continues expanding our reach, informing more segments of the public that there are people who share their concerns about what happens to families of victims and fairness and equality before the law. Our increasing expertise in the use of online technology and social media has connected us to new audiences through LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook. NCADP's online national Shouting from the Rooftops campaign tools include videos posted on YouTube to spread the word about Cameron Todd Willingham, innocent and executed in Texas.

Over this past year NCADP and its Affiliates have shared our message with the National Black Police Association, League of United Latin American Citizens and the Congressional Black Caucus, among others.

We celebrate what is possible. This year's conference expands our vision of a world without the death penalty. What would justice look like in such a world? In addition to workshops to hone skills, strategies and tactics for campaigns to end the death penalty, we are providing forums and discussions on policies that provide a better response to crime and violence.

Our theme, Building Bridges to Wider Audiences celebrates what is possible if we overcome our stereotypes and judgment, and focus on what we can agree on. Families hurt by murder should be treated with compassion and respect and provided with the support and services they need; people who murder should be held accountable; and the justice system must work fairly, without bias and be informed by our highest moral and ethical standards.

This is sturdy ground upon which conservatives, liberals and progressives, as well as people from all communities, races and faith traditions, humanists, agnostics and atheists can agree.

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Welcome From Diann Rust-Tierney, continued

But as you well know, because something is possible does not make it easy. Even as I wrote the preceding sentence about building sturdy ground for all, I was calibrating whether the inclusion of one group would spark a reaction or backlash from another. To build this abolition bridge to wider audiences—each other—we must travel past decades of bad feelings, mistrust and assumptions about people we may believe have very little else in common with us beyond opposition to capital punishment. And we must embrace those who may not hold a moral or philosophical opposition to the death penalty when they join with us to change the law.

We must adhere to our convictions but be open to having our point of view challenged and changed when new perspectives and information are presented. We have to practice respect and tolerance until we have built relationships beyond our usual social and political circles until such tolerance and respect becomes natural.

NCADP is proud to provide the space where these new connections and alliances can be made. We are proud to partner with national and state allies. Many are joining us to share their experience and knowledge at this conference.

We are excited about the offerings at this year's conference. We have more than 40 conference events including plenary sessions and other activities. We listened to you and are offering more on social and criminal justice policy, more programming on working in the victims' community and with families of people on death row. We have workshops on social networking; e-advocacy; op-ed writing and organizing. We will learn how to follow the money to see how effectively and fairly law enforcement dollars are being spent. We offer a new workshop on self-care and human skills to build common ground so that we can all stay strong and focused on our mission.

Beginning with this conference, we offer the Abolition Action Center where you can, among other things, tape videos for posting on our Shouting From the Rooftops YouTube website. And we are launching our Oral History Project so that future generations will know the story of our years of dedication in the streets, the courts and state legislatures.

I would like to thank the NCADP Staff: NCADP training consultant Aimee Gabel, Deputy Director Sachin Chheda, Director of Affiliate Support Abe Bonowitz, Communications Director Margaret Summers, Director of Development Chris Rutledge, Office Manager Alicia Simmons, Director Paul O'Shea and Lifelines Editor Paul Ruffins. This terrific team has worked hard to bring the inspiration and tools that you need to fight this good fight. I am personally indebted to each of them for sharing their considerable talent, dedication and hard work with me and with NCADP— and with much patience and good humor. I also thank the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty for all their hard work and support on this year's conference.

Finally, thanks to you—for your work and lending the gift of your talents to this struggle. Thank you for being here and welcome to NCADP 2010: Training for the Long Run: Building Bridges to Wider Audiences—it's possible here!

Welcome From Rich Curtner, Board Chair, NCADP

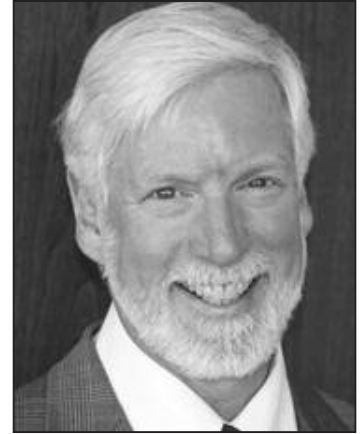
On behalf of NCADP's Board of Directors, welcome to Louisville, Kentucky for the 2010 Conference, Training for the Long Run: Building Bridges to Wider Audiences.

The theme of this year's conference illustrates the challenge that lies ahead of us. As has been the case in most movements for social justice and change, there was a recognized need to increase the ranks as active participants grew older, or moved on to other things. This is no less true for the abolition movement. As Martina Correia, sister of Troy Davis has said, thousands of young people who were born in 1991, the year her brother was convicted and placed on death row, are unfamiliar with his case. There are generations who don't know about the United States Supreme Court decisions in *Furman v. Georgia* and *Gregg v. Georgia* decisions and their impact on the struggle against the death penalty. There are other constituencies, women and people of color, who need to know that we are here and ready to build partnerships for a better response to crime and violence.

Yet opinion polls over the last six years demonstrate that these constituencies could be significant allies. A 2004 Gallup poll, for example, showed that women oppose the death penalty at a higher percentage than men – 32% to 23%. A 2007 Gallup poll showed that a majority of African Americans, 56%, are against the death penalty. According to a 2007 Pew Research Center poll, 55% of Hispanics are also against capital punishment.

Law enforcement professionals and political conservatives are gradually becoming new voices in the movement due to their growing concerns over how capital punishment's costs drain states' funding from more effective crime prevention methods; the arbitrary and unfair application of the death penalty; and its tendency to mistakenly convict and execute innocent people. Victims' family members have been an active presence in the movement from the beginning, but through Rachel's Fund we are working diligently to ensure that they are better served by a criminal justice system which ends the death penalty and funds programs and services these families need in order to recover from the loss of loved ones to violence.

And so in this year's conference, we dedicate ourselves to building bridges to key constituencies, incorporating new voices, and accelerating the growth of our movement. As the saying goes, there is strength in numbers, and as our numbers increase we will be strong enough to abolish the death penalty state by state.



**Welcome From Rev. Patrick Delahanty,
Chairman, Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty**



Welcome Fellow Abolitionists. On behalf of the board and staff of KCADP, welcome to Kentucky! We are excited to be hosting you during this year's conference. While our work has become less lonely with recent victories in New Jersey and New Mexico, it still feels really good to have so many of us in one place each year.

Louisville developed because of the Ohio River. It was a major shipping port to get goods delivered to the South and a major crossing point for settlers heading west. Just over the bridge is the Falls of the Ohio State Park. Louisville, of course, is famous for the Kentucky Derby, and Churchill Downs is just a short ride up Fourth Street. Muhammad Ali was born in Louisville and grew up not far from where this conference is being held. A center dedicated to his life's work is nearby, and KCADP is hosting a special event there to honor Kentucky abolitionists. Baseball fans know what a Louisville Slugger is and you can watch them make the bats just six blocks from the site of the conference. All around the Seelbach are restaurants and watering holes where you can sample Kentucky's famous substitute for water, Kentucky Bourbon – just don't try too much. Some locally owned restaurants are offering discounts to conferees and we urge you to support them.

KCADP believes your presence here is important. As we learn from each other and as we share our ideas and hopes, we are inspiring each other to do more to bring an end to the death penalty in our states and in our nation. Thank you for helping us build the movement in Kentucky. Let's all make this a great conference.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

BADGES and MEALS

Badges must be worn to gain entry to all sessions, meetings and food functions. Full conference participants will enjoy three Continental breakfasts, two lunches, and all NCADP Annual Conference sessions and functions, including the Awards Dinner and reception. One-day registration does not include admission to the Awards Dinner. Banquet tickets are available for \$150 each.

Vegetarian meal options are available. Please see the NCADP registration desk if you would like a vegetarian meal.

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Please be respectful and silence your cell phones and mobile devices during plenary and workshop sessions.

EVALUATIONS

NCADP is very interested in your evaluation of the conference. An evaluation form is included in the conference packet you received at registration. Please take a few minutes immediately following each session to fill out the appropriate section of the evaluation. We appreciate your taking the time to complete and return the forms, since they will be important tools when we plan our 2011 program. Thank you!

GREEN CONFERENCE

NCADP is committed to working towards a greener conference.

- ALL conference materials will be posted online at www.ncadp-sharc.org. We will not print any workshop session materials.
- The conference and dinner programs are printed on 30% recycled paper.
- We have worked with the Seelbach Hotel to provide environmentally friendly practices such as reduced waste during the meals and recycling. The Seelbach has implemented other environmentally conscious practices including energy-efficient fluorescent bulbs in hallway, lobby and bathroom lighting fixtures, upgraded windows throughout the hotel to be more energy efficient, and water-efficient low flow toilets in all public restrooms.
- We encourage our participants and Affiliates to continue to be conscious of their individual impact on their community and environment.

MATERIALS

Please find all conference materials at www.ncadp-sharc.org. You will be required to register when you first log in.

Exhibitors

Compassion Newsletter

compassionondeathrow.org

This bimonthly publication includes introspective articles written by death row prisoners. Within its pages we work to develop healing communication between capital punishment offenders and murder victims' families. Half of all its subscription and donation funds are awarded as college scholarships to family members of murder victims. Please visit our table and purchase artwork by death row prisoners. The funds will go towards scholarships.

Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at the Eastern Mennonite University

www.emu.edu/cjp

The Center for Justice & Peacebuilding equips and sustains individuals, institutions and communities to work for justice and peace through education, training, practice and research.

Equal Justice USA

www.ejusa.org

Equal Justice USA (EJUSA) is a national, grass-roots organization working to build a criminal justice system that is fair, effective, and humane, starting with repeal of the death penalty and increased services to families of homicide victims. Come to Equal Justice USA's table to check out our new materials and preview our new website!

Journey of Hope...from Violence to Healing

www.journeyofhope.org

Journey of Hope...from Violence to Healing is an organization led by murder victim family members joined by death row family members, family members of the executed, the exonerated, and others with stories to tell, that conducts public education speaking tours and addresses alternatives to the death penalty.

Justice Watch

The Justin Wolfe Documentary Project

The Justin Wolfe Documentary Project is developing a nonprofit documentary film about Virginia death row inmate Justin Wolfe. Please help us tell this story of injustice by donating today.

Kentucky Coalition To Abolish the Death Penalty

www.kcadp.org

KCADP's mission is to abolish the death penalty in Kentucky by assembling a broad-based coalition of individuals and organizations. The table will offer KCADP literature and the sale of Politics, Religion and Death, Memoir of a Lobbyist, by Carl Wedekind, Director Emeritus of the Abolition Now Campaign in Kentucky.

Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights

www.mvfr.org

Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights is an international, non-governmental organization of family members of victims of criminal murder, terrorist killings, state executions, extrajudicial assassinations, and "disappearances" working to oppose the death penalty from a human rights perspective. Visit the MVFHR table for our new report about mental illness and the death penalty and other testimony from victims' families and families of the executed -- and buttons too!

Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation

www.mvfr.org

Founded in 1976, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation is a national organization of family members of victims of both homicide and executions who oppose the death penalty in all cases. Stop by our table to meet our new staff and learn about ways MVFR can assist your campaign.

Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

www.pa-abolitionists.org

Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (PADP) is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to ending capital punishment in Pennsylvania. PADP works toward this end by implementing a legislative campaign for a moratorium on executions and organizing community education events all over the state.

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty

www.pfadp.org

Execute justice, not people! Fry okra, not people! You get the message. Help spread it by picking up some t-shirts. The mission of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty is to educate and mobilize faith communities to act to abolish the death penalty in the United States.

Witness to Innocence

www.witnesstoinnocence.org

Witness to Innocence is a national organization led by exonerated prisoners. They are now actively engaged in the struggle to end the death penalty. These courageous witnesses bring a unique perspective to the death penalty that no one else can. Through their compelling stories, they illuminate the unfairness and immorality of capital punishment.

WHAT IS THE SHARC?

www.ncadp-sharc.org

NCADP's new StakeHolder/Affiliate Resource Center, the "SHARC," is a private, online information-sharing service for those active in the abolition movement through our Affiliates and board. This new tool is where you'll find Affiliate-only materials, especially our Abolition Agenda publication for activists and background materials for our training calls and conferences. In addition, you'll be able to connect with other Affiliate staff and volunteers, and share documents among the states. You can learn more about the SHARC and register for your free log-in at the Abolition Action Center next to the registration desk. *Thanks to Jeremy Schroeder of ICADP for his development work on this tool!*

Keynote Speaker

Laying the Groundwork and Building Bridges



SISTER HELEN PREJEAN has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty and helping to shape the Catholic Church's reinvigorated opposition to state executions. She is a

member of the Congregation of St. Joseph where she spent her first years with the Sisters teaching religion to junior high school students. Realizing that

being on the side of poor people is an essential part of the Gospel, Prejean moved into the St. Thomas Housing Project in New Orleans and began working at Hope House. During this time she was asked to correspond with death row inmate Patrick Sonnier at Angola. She agreed and became his spiritual adviser. Concerned with the plight of murder victims' families she founded "Survive," which provides counseling and support for grieving families. And then she sat down and wrote a book about the experience. The result was *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness*

Account of the Death Penalty in the United States. Since 1984, Prejean has divided her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individual death row prisoners. She has accompanied six men to their deaths. In doing so, she began to suspect that some of those executed were not guilty. This realization inspired her second book, *The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions*. She is presently at work on another book: *River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey to Death Row*.

Plenary Panels

The State of the Death Penalty: An Overview of the Politics and the Law



RICHARD C. DIETER, ESQ. is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center, where he was one of the University's first Public

Interest Law Scholars. He has served as the Executive Director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, D.C. since 1992, and is an Adjunct Professor at the Catholic University School of Law. Dieter worked for many years on issues related to human rights and the death penalty. He prepared reports for the U. S. House of Representatives and testified at numerous state legislative hearings. He is the author of many articles and reports on the death penalty and is frequently quoted in both national and international media.



HENDERSON HILL, ESQ. is a shareholder of Ferguson Stein Chambers Gresham & Sumter, P.A., and a graduate of Lehman College, City

University of New York and Harvard Law School. Hill served with the D.C. Public Defender Service and as director of the North Carolina Death Penalty Resource Center (later, the Center for Death Penalty Litigation) before joining the firm. In 1999 Hill lost two friends, Dawud Abdullah Muhammed and Harvey Lee Green to the execution chamber in Raleigh, North Carolina. That same year he became a co-founder of Charlotte Coalition for Moratorium Now, a grassroots organization that has worked hard to expand public education, discourse and action in support of a moratorium on executions.



SHARI SILBERSTEIN, Executive Director of Equal Justice USA, has become a nationally recognized anti-death penalty organizer, cam-

campaign strategist, and trainer. She has provided hands-on technical assistance, capacity building, strategic planning, training, and campaign coordination to more than two dozen state organizations working for death penalty reform, moratoria, and abolition. Silberstein has played a leading role in the first two state campaigns that ended the death penalty in the modern era – New York in 2005 and New Jersey in 2007. Under her leadership, EJUSA launched as an independent organization in 2008, more than tripling its staff since 2004. Prior to joining the staff of Equal Justice USA, Silberstein worked as the Programs Director for the Education for Peace in Iraq Center. She has a Bachelor's Degree from New York University and a Master's Degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Plenary Panels, continued

Conservative Voices Opposing the Death Penalty: Building Bridges to Political and Religious Conservatives

Organized with the Help of *Equal Justice USA*



REPRESENTATIVE ROY BROWN is a 42-year resident of Billings, Montana. After years of hard work in the real estate and petroleum industries,

Brown is semi-retired and represents Billings in the Montana Senate. He is a long time leader in Montana's Republican party, having served as Majority Whip, Majority Leader and Republican Leader in the Montana House, and Majority Whip and Chair of the Montana Senate. Brown was the Republican nominee for Governor in 2008. He also served as a board member of the Rotary Club and is a member of the Midland Empire Pachyderm Club. He is active in the North Park Task Force and is a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Voice of the Poor Committee. In addition, he serves as an advisory board member for the College of Business at Montana State University. Brown is happily married 29 years with three terrific kids.



REVEREND BARRY W. LYNN is executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. In addition to his work as a long-time activist

and lawyer in the civil liberties field, Lynn is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, offering him a unique perspective on church-state issues. An accomplished speaker and lecturer, Lynn has appeared frequently on television and radio broadcasts to offer analysis of First Amendment issues. News programs on which Lynn has appeared include PBS's "NewsHour," NBC's "Today Show," Fox News Channel's "O'Reilly Factor," ABC's "Nightline," CNN's "Crossfire," CBS's "60 Minutes," MSNBC's "Countdown with Keith Olbermann," Fox News Channel's "Hannity & Colmes," ABC's "Good Morning America," CNN's "Larry King Live" and the national nightly news on NBC, ABC and CBS. On the radio, Lynn serves as host of "Culture Shocks," a daily look at various issues affecting society and culture. In the 1990s he served for two years as regular co-host of "Pat Buchanan and Company" and after that cohosted a weekly syndicated radio program, "Review of the News," with Col. Oliver

North. Lynn is a regular guest on nationally broadcast radio programs, including National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," "Morning Edition" and "Talk of the Nation." He also appeared on national networks such as CBS Radio, CNN Radio, ABC Radio and AP Radio. Lynn is an accomplished author on freedom of religious expression and church and state. A member of the Washington, D.C. and U.S. Supreme Court Bar, Lynn earned his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1978. In addition, he received his theology degree from Boston University School of Theology in 1973.

REVEREND MATT RANGLES is the pastor of Headwaters Covenant Church, a new church starting in Helena, Montana. The vision of the church is to have "a faith that's more than words." On the last Sunday of the month, instead of having a worship service, the church gathers for an all-church service project in the community. Randles has a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is married with two daughters.

Plenary Panels, continued

Getting Smarter on Crime: Perspectives of Law Enforcement



DR. ALLEN L. AULT currently serves as Dean of the College of Justice and Safety at Eastern Kentucky University. Prior to this appointment in 2003, he served as a Chief for the National Institute of Corrections at the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C. Ault has also served as a Commissioner of state departments of corrections for five governors in three states and as a Warden of a maximum security prison. During his career, he has been Chairman and Full Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Georgia State University, a Rehabilitation Counselor, Director of State Programs for People with Mental Retardation, and President of a national criminal justice consulting firm. Ault received a Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Georgia. He has

participated in Post Doctoral work at Harvard University.



TERRENCE P. DWYER, ESQ. retired from the New York State Police after a 22-year career. He spent 17½ years as an Investigator in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, with assignments to the Special Investigations Unit, Troop K BCI and Violent Crimes Investigative Team. He currently teaches at Western Connecticut State University. Over the years he has been involved in police litigation and disciplinary cases either as an attorney or as a consultant. As a lecturer Dwyer has given presentations to trade associations, regional law enforcement training seminars, security company training groups and local organizations. Public and private sector law enforcement liability and misconduct, law enforcement disciplinary

process and critical incident policy are his special interest and focus.



RONALD E. HAMPTON is the Executive Director of the National Black Police Association and a Law Enforcement Fellow at the University of the District of Columbia's Institute for Public Safety and Justice. He has been involved in designing and delivering community policing and problem solving training for residents in public housing as well as overseeing the NBPA's Community Monitor Project. He also serves as an instructor teaching criminal justice classes at the University of the District of Columbia. Hampton retired from the D. C. Metropolitan Police Department after over twenty-four years of service as a Community Police Officer.

People Affected by the Criminal Justice System



STEPHEN B. BRIGHT, ESQ. is president and senior counsel of Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR) and teaches at Yale and Georgetown Law School. Subjects of his litigation, teaching and writing include capital punishment, conditions and practices in prisons and jails, legal representation for poor people accused of crimes, and judicial independence. His work with the SCHR has been the subject of a documentary film, *Fighting for Life in the Death Belt*, (EM Productions 2005), and two books, *Proximity to Death* by William McFeely (Norton 1999) and *Finding Life on Death Row* by Kayta

Lezin (Northeastern University Press 1999). He received the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award in 1998, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008.



DR. DAVID J. HARRIS is the Managing Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School. Prior to assuming this position he served as founding Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston and served as a Civil Rights Analyst with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Harris holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard University, a B.A. from Georgetown University and is an adjunct faculty member of Cambridge College. He has been named Chair of the Massachusetts Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights and chairs the Medford Human Rights Commission.



REVEREND LENNOX YEARWOOD, JR. is a minister, community activist and organizer, and one of the most influential people in Hip Hop political life. He works tirelessly to encourage the Hip Hop generation

Plenary Panels, continued

to utilize its political and social voice. Yearwood currently serves as President and CEO of the Hip Hop Caucus, a national, award-winning organization that engages young people in elections, policymaking, and service. He worked as the National Director of the Gulf Coast Renewal Campaign, in which he organized a coalition of national and grassroots organizations to advocate for

the rights of Hurricane Katrina survivors. The Gulf Coast Renewal Campaign successfully pushed back FEMA's preemptive temporary housing evictions of Katrina Survivors. This work earned the Hip Hop Caucus the prestigious 30th Annual Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award. Yearwood works with celebrities and athletes to engage them in projects that transform communities. He has co-

created many different campaigns, including the "Respect My Vote" voter mobilization campaign with Platinum Grammy winning recording artists. He was named one of Utne Magazine's "50 Visionaries," The Source Magazine's "Power 30," and a top ten contemporary African-American thinker by the NAACP's Crisis Magazine.

Innovative and Effective Responses to Crime and Violence



REPRESENTATIVE RENNY CUSHING, New Hampshire State Representative, is the Executive Director of Murder Victims' Families for Human

Rights, a lifelong social justice activist and a pioneer in the effort to bridge the death penalty abolition and victims' rights movements. Cushing sponsored a measure that would have abolished the death penalty in his state. He is the co-author of *Dignity Denied: The Experience of Murder Victims' Family Members Who Oppose the Death Penalty* and *I Don't Want Another Kid to Die: Families of Victims Murdered by Juveniles Oppose the Juvenile Death Penalty*. He serves as Vice Chair on the board of NCADP and is on the steering committee of the World Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Cushing's father, Robert Cushing, was murdered in 1988.



SUSAN HERMAN, ESQ. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Pace University. With more than 25 years of leader-

ship experience in government, criminal justice, and social services, she is an internationally recognized spokesperson for victims of crime and sets forth a new vision of justice in her book, *Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime*. Previously, Herman served as the Executive Director of the National Center for Victims of Crime, the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization for crime victims; Director of Community Services at The Enterprise Foundation; Director of the Domestic Violence Division of Victim Services (now Safe Horizon) in New York City; Special Counsel to the Police Commissioner of New York City; Director of Mediation Services at the Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution; as an attorney at the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, and as an instructor at New York University's School of Law and NYU's Wagner School of Public Service. Herman is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and the Antioch School of Law.



DR. HOWARD ZEHR is Professor of Restorative Justice at the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University. Previously,

he served for 19 years as director of the Office on Crime and Justice for Mennonite Central Committee U.S. His book, *Changing Lenses: A New Focus for Crime and Justice* has been a foundational work in the growing restorative justice movement; in their book *Restoring Justice*, Dan Van Ness and Karen Heeterks Strong cite him as the "grandfather of restorative justice." He is author of numerous other books and articles. Zehr lectures and consults internationally on topics related to restorative justice including victim offender conferencing, which he helped pioneer. He has also worked professionally as a photographer and photojournalist. In 2008, Zehr was appointed to the Victims Advisory Group of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. He serves on various other advisory boards.

Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, January 14

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Executive Directors' Caucus
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	NCADP Affiliates' Meeting
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	NCADP First-Time Attendee Meeting
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.	KCADP Event at the Ali Center

Friday, January 15

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Capital Defense Legal Training
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Conference Welcome and The State of the Death Penalty: An Overview of the Politics and the Law Plenary Panel
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	Workshop Group One
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Conservative Voices Opposing the Death Penalty: Building Bridges to Political and Religious Conservatives Plenary Panel, organized with the help of EJUSA
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Networking Lunch
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	Workshop Group Two
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Getting Smarter on Crime: Perspectives of Law Enforcement Plenary Panel
4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	Workshop Group Three

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Voices of Experience: Insider Perspectives on the Death Penalty

Saturday, January 16

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Capital Defense Legal Training
8:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Laying the Ground Work and Building Bridges Keynote by Sister Helen Prejean
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Workshop Group Four
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	People Affected by the Criminal Justice System Plenary Panel
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Networking Lunch
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	Innovative and Effective Responses to Crime and Violence Plenary Panel
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Workshop Group Five
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Caucuses
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Awards Dinner Reception
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.	NCADP Annual Awards Dinner

Sunday, January 17

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Praise and Healing Ceremony: An Interfaith Celebration

ABOLITION ACTION CENTER

Much of our work depends on fundamental grassroots organizing techniques, and effective use of technology.

New to the NCADP Annual Conference, the **Abolition Action Center** will provide a place to get active during the conference and learn about tools NCADP provides and Affiliates could use. Activists can write an op/ed or letter to the editor, record a Shouting from the Rooftops video, start a Rachel's Fund webpage, or discuss and work on best practices. At various times, experts will be available to help with specific activities, and to discuss your specific needs.

The Abolition Action Center will be located next to the registration desk, and will be open on Friday and Saturday during workshop sessions, breaks, and most meal and transition times. It will be closed during plenary sessions and during the Annual Dinner.

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8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Executive Directors' Caucus

Medallion Salon A

Executive Directors of anti-death penalty groups face a constant series of challenges and opportunities. This Caucus includes updates on new resources for NCADP Affiliates, ample networking time, and special training on how to effectively work with your board while staying on top of day-to-day needs. Additionally, meeting with other Executive Directors from across the country will provide an opportunity to form lasting relationships that will serve as a source of support and advice long after the conference is over.

Pre-registration is required.

Coordinated by: Abraham J. Bonowitz, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Sachin Chheda, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Kevin Connolly, Executive Director, Center for Nonprofit Excellence; Will R. McAuliffe, Indiana Coalition Acting to Suspend Executions; Beth Panilaitis, Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty; Jeremy Schroeder, Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Conference Registration Opens

Medallion Foyer

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

NCADP Affiliates' Meeting

Walnut Room

Join the NCADP staff and Board for a conversation about progress in advancing the work to abolish the death penalty. As we develop individual campaigns, what new alliances have the potential to increase our capacity? Who has exciting, useful ideas? In addition to a community conversation, a short business meeting will outline NCADP's goals and achievements.

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

NCADP First-Time Attendee Meeting

Medallion Salon A

At this session you will meet NCADP staff and Board members who will review the conference agenda and provide tips on how to get the most from the conference.

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

KCADP Event at the Ali Center

*Muhammad Ali Center
One Muhammad Ali Plaza
144 N. Sixth Street
Louisville*

Plan to join us for a very special reception hosted by the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Guests will enjoy full access to the Muhammad Ali Center, a cultural attraction and an international education center inspired by the ideals of its founder, Muhammad Ali. The Ali Center's innovative exhibits carry on his legacy and inspire exploration of the greatness within ourselves through six core values: respect, confidence, conviction, dedication, giving, and spirituality. The evening will conclude with a dessert and coffee reception honoring KCADP loyal advocates. Fee is \$20 for museum entrance and reception, limited to the first 95 participants. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The Ali Center is approximately eight walking blocks from the hotel. A shuttle will run from the hotel to the Center from 6:45 to 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Medallion Foyer

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Medallion Salon A/B

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Capital Defense Legal Training

Green Room

Pre-Registration required for this session.

8:30 a.m.

Call to Conference: Music by Phyllis Prentice

Medallion Salon A/B

Conference Welcome

*Diann Rust-Tierney, Executive Director, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
Rich Curtner, Board Chair, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
Patrick Delahanty, Chairman, Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty*

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Plenary Panel One

Medallion Salon A/B

Voice of Experience

Vicki Schieber, Murder Victims' Families For Human Rights

The State of the Death Penalty: An Overview of the Politics and the Law
This plenary will update conference participants on the current political and legal environment for the issue, demonstrating that momentum is in favor of ending capital punishment in the United States. Participants will be briefed on public opinion research, the latest action in state legislatures from around the country and legal developments.

Richard Dieter, Death Penalty Information Center; Henderson Hill,

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Ferguson Stein Chambers Gresham & Sumter PA; Shari Silberstein, Equal Justice USA; Moderator: Diann Rust-Tierney, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Break

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WORKSHOP GROUP ONE

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Execute Art, Not People!: Art and Activism in the Abolition Movement

Mezzanine Salon C

Art, in all forms, has the power to change minds, inspire action and thrust peoples' movements to dynamic heights. This colorful workshop will ignite your creative spirit as an abolitionist and activist. Learn how to use arts-based events to highlight abolition work in multiple media, integrate the arts community into your state's campaign and share your organizational messaging with the public. This workshop will explore the intersection between art and activism while providing you with tools to organize an Execute Art, Not People! event in your neck of the woods.

Scott Langley, Langley Creations; Ashlee Shelton, Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Writing Wrongs: How to Shift Public Opinion on the Death Penalty with Letters to the Editor

Mezzanine Salon B

Letters to the editor is the most widely read section of the newspaper--but getting your letter selected from the hundreds sent in is no small feat. Workshop participants will learn the elements of effective letters to the editor and how to write letters that are crisp, compelling, on-message and more likely to be published. Participants will have an opportunity to practice writing letters and to dis-

cuss how letters to newspapers can be part of an abolition communications strategy.

Nancy Oliveira, former chairperson of the San Francisco Chapter of Death Penalty Focus

Not Getting What You Pay For: The Cost of the Death Penalty

Medallion Ballroom C

This workshop will provide participants with an in-depth briefing on the recently published Death Penalty Information Center report, Smart on Crime: Reconsidering the Death Penalty in a Time of Economic Crisis. We will also discuss why the death penalty is so expensive at every stage and explain the costs of maintaining a capital punishment system which are often overlooked. Workshop participants will receive guidance on how best to engage policy makers, the media and everyday citizens in a dialogue that can build consensus for rejecting the death penalty in favor of smarter alternatives.

Richard Dieter, Death Penalty Information Center

Social Networking and E-advocacy

Mezzanine Salon A

We are a few years into the Social Media explosion. Facebook has almost 400 million users worldwide, and Twitter-terms are now part of our daily vocabulary. Any advocacy campaign worth its salt must effectively use online tools. This workshop will explore the most common tools in social media and online advocacy, and how you can effectively make use of the Internet in your campaign.

Sachin Chbeda, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Rose Vines, Death Penalty Discourse Network; John Wenz, Death Penalty Information Center

Murder Victim Family Members Part One: Lay of the Land

Medallion Ballroom D

This session will provide an overview of

the victims' movement including laws and policies addressing victims' concerns. It will offer an analysis of strengths and weaknesses of those programs and services provided by local organizations serving or advocating for victims. It will also provide insights to working with Rachel's Fund, a new program from NCADP designed in part to provide our Affiliates with tools to build common ground with victims of violence.

Renny Cushing, Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights; Rachael Dietkus-Miller, MSW Candidate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

11:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Plenary Panel Two

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Voice of Experience

Juan Melendez, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Board Member

Welcome

Shari Silberstein, Executive Director, Equal Justice USA

Conservative Voices Opposing the Death Penalty: Building Bridges to Political and Religious Conservatives

Organized with the Help of EJUSA

In this plenary session, conference participants will hear the perspectives of political and religious conservatives opposed to the death penalty and gain insight on how best to ensure that political and religious conservatives can be welcomed into state campaigns to reform or repeal the death penalty.

Roy Brown, Montana Legislature; Barry W. Lynn, Americans United for Separation of Church and State; Matt Randles, Headwaters Covenant Church, Montana

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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

Grand Ballroom

WORKSHOP GROUP TWO

1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Outreach to Conservatives

Medallion Ballroom C

As a follow up to the morning plenary, workshop participants will discuss strategies for effective outreach to conservatives based on the perspectives and insight gained during the preceding plenary session. The discussion will focus on how to successfully reach out, build relationships, and cultivate allies with conservatives in your area.

Roy Brown, Montana Legislature; Heather Hass, Montana Abolition Coalition; Laura Porter, Equal Justice USA; Matt Randles, Headwaters Covenant Church, Montana

Affiliate Board of Directors Roundtable

Mezzanine Salon C

An effective board of directors plays a vital role in helping set the strategic direction of the campaign and ensuring that the necessary resources are available. Learn best practices and gather new resources to enhance the capacity of your board. Address ways to overcome challenges and gain support from other board members. The discussion will touch on many issues including board roles, long-term planning, fundraising, campaign evaluation, and navigating dual roles when board members implement parts of the campaign.

Alexander Robinson, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty Board Member; Chris Rutledge, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Communications Strategies to Reach Key Communities: Youth, Women, and Communities of Color

Mezzanine Salon D

Over the years various opinion polls have demonstrated that large percentages of women, people of color and young people oppose the death penalty. How can the abolition movement build bridges to them? What media are most effective for reaching these constituents with our messages? Panel presenters will discuss strategies for reaching these groups, and possible print, broadcast and Internet vehicles for getting our messages to them.

Eric Ferrero, The Innocence Project; Margaret Summers, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Organizing Communities of Faith

Mezzanine Salon B

Nearly all the major religious bodies in the U.S. have policy positions that oppose the death penalty, but it is only one of many social issues of concern. Learn about programs and resources available to assist communities of faith in transforming their beliefs into action, and how to build the relationships necessary to encourage communities of faith to engage in study and action as part of a secular state campaign.

Karen Clifton, Catholic Mobilizing Network; Stephen Dear, People of Faith Against the Death Penalty; Bill Mefford, United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society

Self Care: Refresh, Renew and Reflect

Mezzanine Salon A

Our work can be exhausting and we usually do not take the time to take care of ourselves. This workshop will include an examination of the physical, cognitive, emotional and spiritual impact of stress and trauma; strategies for recognizing symptoms of compassion fatigue,

burnout, and secondary trauma, and interactive exploration of self-care tools and techniques. Join your colleagues and walk about rejuvenated and supported.

Erin Martz, George Mason University/ Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution; Susan Robinson, CSW

Systemic Flaws: Death Penalty Policy Debate

Medallion Ballroom D

This capital punishment 201 session examines the key policy arguments in the death penalty debate. An indepth look at issues such as innocence, fairness, cost, secondary trauma, defense, and others will be discussed. The interactive conversation will address both policy issues and how to address the issue within your network.

Chris Hill, American Civil Liberties Union Capital Punishment Project; Shari Silberstein, Equal Justice USA

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Plenary Panel Three

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Voice of Experience

Martina Correia, Georgia CURE and Amnesty International State Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for Georgia

Getting Smarter on Crime:

Perspectives of Law Enforcement

The death penalty is at the bottom of the list of effective crime fighting tools, if it makes the call at all, but what does hold offenders accountable and keep the community safe? This plenary will provide conference participants with a menu of tested and innovative law enforcement approaches to crime that work.

Allen Ault, Eastern Kentucky University College of Justice & Safety; Richard Dieter, Death Penalty Information Center; Terry Dwyer, Western

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Connecticut State University; Ronald E. Hampton, National Black Police Association, Inc.; Moderator: Laura Porter, Equal Justice USA

4:15 - 4:30 p.m.
Break

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WORKSHOP GROUP THREE
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4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m..
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It's Not Just About Keeping the Doors Open: Fundraising For Your Campaign

Medallion Ballroom D

This extended workshop is designed for Affiliate staff, board members and volunteer leaders with fundraising responsibilities. Learn how to raise money for your Affiliate campaign using practical tips tailored to your organization's stage of development. Don't know where to start or how to go about it? Join us for this discussion of strategies on 1) how to develop a fundraising plan; 2) who gives and why people give; 3) how to find prospective donors in your circle of friends and allies; 4) how to ask people for support; and 5) how to move prospects to valued donors.

Jeremy Collins, North Carolina Coalition for a Moratorium; Kristin Houle, Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Chris Rutledge, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Effective Storytelling for Murder Victim Family Members

Mezzanine Salon B

This extended workshop is designed for murder victim family members who are interested in telling their story in a way that others (legislators, reporters, church groups) can hear it and be moved. Learn about ways to speak to different audiences -- and get the chance to practice in a supportive environment.

Cathy Ansheles, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation; Therese

Bartholomew, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation; Beth Wood, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation

Incorporating Shouting From the Rooftops in Your State Campaign

Mezzanine Salon C

In 2009, Cameron Todd Willingham's case captured the attention of the nation. Not only had experts long said he was likely innocent, now a government-hired expert is saying the evidence in the case was worthless. NCADP responded by launching Shouting From the Rooftops, a set of tools to carry the message of innocence effectively in your campaign.

In this workshop, learn more about the Shouting campaign and how you can use it in your state.

Sachin Chheda, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Eric Ferrero, The Innocence Project

Organizing Catholics Against the Death Penalty

Mezzanine Salon D

Learn how to engage and organize Catholics in this interactive workshop. After completing the training, you'll understand the Church's position on the death penalty as well as the importance of organizing Catholics in the fight. You'll be more comfortable talking about the death penalty, know how to make important connections in the Catholic community, understand the practical and moral arguments, and know how to get started organizing. This training is for Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Sarah Craft, Equal Justice USA; Vicki Schieber, Murder Victims' Families For Human Rights; Emma Weisfeld-Adams, Equal Justice USA

Practical Advice on Individual Death Row Cases

Mezzanine Salon A

This workshop is designed for death row family members and prisoner advocates who want to go beyond providing moral

support for friends and loved ones facing execution. Using the Capital Defense Handbook for Defendants and Their Families, participants will learn how to become an asset to the legal team involved in the case. While this is not a clinic on individual cases nor will specific legal advice be offered, there will be opportunities to ask questions and seek guidance.

Henderson Hill, Ferguson Stein Chambers Gresham & Sumter PA; Russ Stetler, Office of the Federal Public Defender; Claudia Whitman, Citizens United for the Rehabilitation Of Errants

Reaching Out to Law Enforcement
Medallion Ballroom C

We know that the death penalty ranks near the bottom of the list of things that law enforcement leaders believe are helpful in fighting crime. Participants in this workshop will learn how to engage various law enforcement professionals in a productive dialogue on the death penalty as a way to build relationships that will advance your campaign. Examples of successful law enforcement outreach will be shared by organizers doing this work. Participants will leave feeling comfortable about reaching out to law enforcement, with ideas and first steps toward building and implementing a law enforcement outreach plan, and with experience practicing initial conversations through role play.

Redditt Hudson, American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri; George Kain, Connecticut Network to Abolish the Death Penalty Board Member; Laura Porter, Equal Justice USA; Denver Schimming, Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner on Your Own

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6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Murder Victims' Family Members Meet and Greet

Hosted by: MVFR and MVFHR

Rathskeller

All Murder Victims' Family Members are invited to a private, social reception and dinner in a comfortable space. Food and drinks are provided courtesy of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation and Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights.

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Voices of Experience: Insider Perspectives on the Death Penalty

Medallion Salon A/B

Join us to hear the stories of people who know the death penalty from the inside. Presented in the format of a public education speaking tour event like those produced by many of NCADP's state Affiliates and national partners, you will learn what it is like to lose a loved one to murder, see a family member condemned to death, and be a person who was wrongly condemned to death before being exonerated. This is an event with stories put into the context of a repeal campaign event. We will also share tips for finding appropriate speakers and producing an event in your area.

Abraham J. Bonowitz, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Martina Correia, Sister of Troy Davis; Cathy Harrington, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation; Randy Steidl, Witness to Innocence; Music by John Gage

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Medallion Foyer

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Medallion Salon A/B

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Legal Training

Green Room

Pre-Registration required for this session.

8:30 a.m.

Call to Conference: John Gage

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Building Bridges Welcome from Partners

Barbara Arnwine, The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Chris Hill, American Civil Liberties Union Capital Punishment Project; Bill Mefford, United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society; Laura Moye, Amnesty International USA; John Terzano, The Justice Project

Voice of Experience

Ray Krone, Witness to Innocence

Laying the Groundwork and Building Bridges Keynote by Sister Helen Prejean

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Break

WORKSHOP GROUP FOUR

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m..

Building Our Stakeholder Base by Diversifying Campaigns

Mezzanine Salon B

Campaigns must be diverse. Not only because those are our values, but also because a campaign that represents a broad-based array of constituents is more effective and more likely to succeed. In this workshop, you will hear from cam-

aign experts about how they think about diversity, and from an ACLU leader who has had broad success in recruiting in diverse communities.

Abraham J. Bonowitz, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Sachin Chheda, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Reginald Shuford, American Civil Liberties Union

Messaging

Mezzanine Salon D

How do you create effective anti-death penalty messages that persuade various constituents, especially state legislators, that capital punishment must be abolished? How do you "frame" messages, and what does "framing" mean? Join us for this participatory workshop about the principles of effective messaging, how to message around tough issues, and matching messages with the messengers.

Shari Silberstein, Equal Justice USA

Murder Victim Family Members Part Two: Working Towards Abolition Together

Medallion Ballroom D

Murder victim family members have an essential role in state repeal campaigns. Learn how to partner successfully with murder victim family members through the experience of California Crime Victims for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (CCV). The CCV team will share their successes, workplan and the challenges they encountered in successfully doing this work.

Aarti Kelapure, California Crime Victims for Alternatives to the Death Penalty; Natasha Minsker, ACLU Northern California; Laura Porter, Equal Justice USA; Marie Verzulli, New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty; Beth Wood, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation

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Participating in Rachel's Fund Race to Heal

Mezzanine Salon A

Rachel's Fund and the Race to Heal Initiative offer NCADP Affiliates a vehicle for building bridges to the larger victims services community. The Race to Heal Initiative provides Affiliates the opportunity to raise money to support this work while educating wider audiences. Join us for a brief overview of Rachel's Fund, and hands-on training on how to use online fund raising tools to expand your network and raise money. Session includes practical advice on how to set up FirstGiving pages, how to promote your campaign and the follow-up you will need to make your Race to Heal a success.

Rachael Dietkus-Miller, MSW Candidate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Kristin Houle, Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Chris Rutledge, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Troy Anthony Davis Case: Getting Advocates and Youth Involved

Medallion Ballroom C

Join Martina Correia, Troy Davis' sister, and Amnesty International's Death Penalty Abolition Campaign Coordinator Laura Moye for an update on the case, and a focus on the "how to's" of building a public education and mobilization campaign involving youth, people of color, people of faith, civic leaders and others.

Martina Correia, Georgia CURE and Amnesty International State Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for Georgia; Laura Moye, Amnesty International USA

Update from the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty

Mezzanine Salon C

The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty is an alliance of over ninety non-governmental organizations including bar associations, civil rights and civil lib-

erties organizations and unions. The momentum away from the death penalty in the United States is in line with a sharp decline in the practice across the globe. In addition to providing moral support for the struggle against the death penalty, our allies around the world may be able to provide more tangible support for our efforts. Workshop participants will hear an update on initiatives sponsored by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty and learn about special projects that can help state campaign efforts.

Elizabeth Zitrin, Death Penalty Focus

11:00 - 11:15 a.m.
Break

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Plenary Panel Four
Medallion Salon A/B

Voice of Experience
Celeste Fitzgerald, New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

People Affected by the Criminal Justice System

The failure of some criminal justice policies to keep communities safe is due largely to the fact that communities most heavily impacted by crime and violence have not had a seat at the table when choices are made about how to allocate scarce law enforcement and crime prevention dollars, or whether those scarce dollars will be spent on the death penalty. This plenary will brief participants on the ways in which race and class affect the allocation of scarce dollars and suggest opportunities and strategies for engaging key communities in shaping crime policy.

Stephen B. Bright, Southern Center for Human Rights; David Harris, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School; Lennox Yearwood, Hip Hop Caucus

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Networking Lunch
Grand Ballroom

1:45 - 2:45 p.m.
Plenary Panel Five
Medallion Salon A/B

Voice of Experience
Henderson Hill, Ferguson Stein Chambers Gresham & Sumter PA

Innovative and Effective Responses to Crime and Violence

There are ways of responding to crime and violence that address the needs and concerns of victims and leave communities stronger and healthier. Our goal is more than the absence of the death penalty—our mission includes a society that keeps us safe, holds offenders accountable and emphasizes support and concern for the needs of victims surviving the worst that can be imagined. Panelists will share a practical vision of a criminal justice system that can deliver on these goals.

Renny Cushing, Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights; Susan Herman, Pace University and former Executive Director of the National Center for Victims of Crime; Howard Zehr, Center for Justice & Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Break

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WORKSHOP GROUP FIVE
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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The Bible and Contemporary U.S. Death Penalty Law

Mezzanine Salon B

"The Bible demands the death penalty!" is a charge often heard from people who base their support for executions on their understanding of Scripture. But does it really? Participants in this workshop will

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gain an understanding of why language suggesting support for executions in Hebrew Scripture and the Gospels is incompatible with the secular legal system in place today, and how to discuss this subject with those who believe the death penalty is Biblically mandated.

Abraham J. Bonowitz, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Dale Recinella, Catholic Lay Chaplain for Florida Death Row & Solitary Confinement

Current Trends in Southern States

Mezzanine Salon A

Even the death-belt states in the South have slowed their pace of executions, and sentences are down across the region. Texas continues to execute many, but imposition of the death penalty in Texas is down. Virginia has imposed only one death sentence in 18 months, North Carolina recently passed a Racial Justice Act, and economics are spurring debate in Kentucky, Georgia and elsewhere. Join us for a discussion of the status of the death penalty and new approaches to abolition in Southern states.

Stephen Bright, Southern Center for Human Rights; Jeremy Collins, North Carolina Coalition for a Moratorium; Henderson Hill, Ferguson Stein Chambers Gresham & Sumter PA

Human Skills to Build Common Ground

Mezzanine Salon D

Our work hinges on building common ground across political, racial, religious and philosophical grounds. This interactive workshop will help you refine your skills for building bridges. You will be introduced to ideas and processes from peacebuilding, restorative justice and conflict transformation perspectives.

Jeff From, Restorative Associates of Kentucky; Howard Zehr, Center for Justice & Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University

Outreach to Key Stakeholders in the Death Penalty Debate

Medallion Ballroom D

As economic realities continue to force states to slash budgets, our challenge is to shift the death penalty debate to one about how law enforcement and crime prevention dollars will be allocated. These resources have not been distributed equally among communities. Communities of color in particular need to know how these scarce resources are allocated. Learn how to “follow the dollar” in your community to uncover opportunities for building common ground for a more effective response to crime—without the death penalty.

David Harris, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School; Rob Smith, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School

Part of the Solution: Innovative Crime Prevention and Community Responses to Violence

Medallion Ballroom C

When the last vote to repeal the death penalty is cast and repeal is signed into law, our work is still not finished. We are committed to crime policies that work, that help victims heal, leaving communities safer and stronger. Participants will be briefed on policy initiatives that help victims and learn how we can support and encourage policymakers to make services for victims and victim survivors a priority.

Viki Elkey, New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty; Celeste Fitzgerald, New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty; Jane Henderson, Maryland Citizens Against State Executions; David Kaczynski, New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Working with Death Row Family Members

Mezzanine Salon C

Many death row family members actively support their loved ones on death row, but some want to do more. Workshop attendees will learn strategies for involving and utilizing death row family members in broader campaign work, beyond their individual cases. Families That Matter is an Ohio death row family group that offers peer support along with opportunities for skills development and opportunities to collaborate toward abolition in Ohio. Staff and members will share their group models and experiences.

Debbie Bibler, Families That Matter; Alice Gerdeman, Families That Matter and Ohioans to Stop Executions; Sara Haines, Families That Matter; Claudia Whitman, Citizens United for the Rehabilitation Of Errants

4:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Break

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4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

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International Caucus

Mezzanine Salon C

The citizens of the United States are eager to regain our reputation as a beacon of fairness and justice, and the abolitionist world is eager to support us as we struggle against the death penalty. The International Caucus will offer ways our colleagues in other parts of the world can help us. Hear news of international efforts against capital punishment from the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty and its USA Working Group. Share your ideas for our ongoing international strategy to be reported back to the World Coalition.

Elizabeth Zitrin, International Outreach and Communications Project Coordinator, Death Penalty Focus

Speaker Biographies



CATHY ANSHELES, whose great aunt was murdered in New Jersey, helped bring together family members of murder victims in New Mexico and was one of the first family members to testify against expansion of the death penalty before the state legislature. She served on the boards of NCADP and the American Friends Service

Committee's Religious Organizing Against the Death Penalty Project and worked with Equal Justice USA. Ansheles was a founding member and coordinator of the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty and is Executive Director of the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. She is currently a board member of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation.



BARBARA R. ARNWINE, executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, is internationally renowned for contributions on critical justice issues including the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1991. A graduate of Scripps College

and Duke University School of Law, she continues to champion civil rights issues nationally and internationally in the areas of housing, fair lending, community development, employment, voting, education and environmental justice. A prominent leader in the civil rights community, Arnwine also continues to fight for the preservation of affirmative action and diversity programs. She is newly appointed to the NCADP Board.



THERESE BARTHOLOMEW is the North Carolina Co-Coordinator for Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation. She is a recent graduate of UNC Charlotte where she completed her masters in criminal justice. It was her younger brother's shooting death in 2003

that led her down the path of exploring the criminal justice system and society's response to crime, the victim and the offender. Bartholomew is a strong proponent and a growing voice in North Carolina's restorative justice movement. She is currently directing a documentary film titled *The Final Gift* in which she seeks to discover the story of her brother's killer. Her collection of essays, *Coffee Shop God*, was published in 2009. The book chronicles the days, weeks and months following her brother's tragic death.



DEBBIE BIBLER is on the Board of Families That Matter. She speaks on death penalty issues and was active in passing *Angie's Law* in Ohio. Bibler's son, Robert Bethel, is an Ohio death row inmate.



ABRAHAM J. BONOWITZ is the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty's Director of Affiliate Support. He formerly served as field manager with New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and director of Citizens United for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, a

national non-profit organization he co-founded that promotes positive dialogue regarding capital punishment. Bonowitz is a former member of the board of directors of NCADP, Amnesty International USA and also a former board member of the Journey of Hope ...From Violence to Healing, Inc., an organization led by murder victim family members. In 2004 he received NCADP's Abolitionist of the Year Award.



SACHIN CHHEDA is Deputy Director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, overseeing field, political, communications and outreach efforts. A life-long opponent of capital punishment, he came actively to the abolition movement when he was hired to lead the "No

Death Penalty Wisconsin" campaign in 2006, working to defeat the return of the death penalty to Wisconsin after more than 150 years. Now serving NCADP full-time, Sachin is a partner at Nation Consulting, a Wisconsin-based public strategies firm, where he served a diverse array of clients, including the Wisconsin Coalition Against the Death Penalty, SEIU, Wisconsin Stem Cell Now, the Citizens Trade Campaign, and various political campaigns. In more than seventeen years as a nonprofit, advocacy, campaign and government relations professional, Sachin has worked as a senior aide to Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, organized parents of lead-poisoned children, and managed candidates for federal, state and local office. Sachin splits his time between Milwaukee and Washington, DC.



KAREN CLIFTON began her work on death penalty issues in 1996 in Houston, Texas when her social justice and advocacy projects intersected with Sr. Helen Prejean. In 2008, Clifton led formation of the Catholic Mobilizing Network (CMN) which she now directs from Washington, DC. CMN is an educational and organizational campaign which collaborates with US Catholic Conference of Bishops Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty. She has been an organizer and advocate since 1990. Her work has been associated with the Catholic Worker, San Jose Clinic, AIDS ministry, Ignatian Spirituality Project and parish ministry in Houston and DC.



JEREMY J. COLLINS is the Campaign Coordinator for the North Carolina Coalition for a Moratorium. A native eastern North Carolinian, he is a 2002 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he holds degrees in Political Science and Communication

Studies. Since graduating, Collins has worked in the non-profit sector educating and mobilizing citizens while providing grassroots and legislative advocacy on a myriad of social justice issues. He currently lives and works in Durham, volunteers for several state and national organizations and is active in both local and state politics.



MARTINA CORREIA is the sister of Georgia death row inmate Troy Anthony Davis, whose case has garnered national and international attention. Correia is on the board of Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, the Campaign to End the Death Penalty and State Death Penalty

Abolition Coordinator for Georgia. She is the recipient of many state and national awards for her work against the death penalty, including an award from NCADP.



SARAH CRAFT has provided hands-on technical assistance, training, campaign coordination, and strategic planning to more than a dozen state death penalty groups in her role as State Campaign Organizer for Equal Justice USA (EJUSA). She spearheaded EJUSA's database initiative, which provides state death penalty organizations with an advanced database program with custom settings for working on moratorium, repeal, and reform campaigns. In 2009, Craft co-coordinated the campaign to repeal Montana's death penalty with EJUSA's partner, the Montana Abolition

Coalition, and opened EJUSA's Western Field Office in Seattle, Washington. Originally from Indiana, she is a graduate of Haverford College in Pennsylvania.



COLLEEN CUNNINGHAM is a Chicago-based State Campaign Organizer with Equal Justice USA. Prior to her work with EJUSA, she was the Executive Director of Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Her volunteer work has included: Amnesty International (AI) Illinois Student Area Coordinator, AI Midwest Regional Planning Group (chair 2004-2007), founder and president of Millikin University's Amnesty International chapter, co-founder of Millikin University's Stand anti-genocide organization, and member of the Executive Board of the Macon County Citizens Opposing Capital Punishment.



STEPHEN DEAR has been an organizer on peace, justice and human rights issues for nearly three decades since he was in college. He has been the executive director of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty (PFADP) since 1997. PFADP is a national membership organization based in North

Carolina. Its mission is to educate and mobilize faith communities to act to abolish the death penalty in the United States. Dear holds a BA in political science from the University of Richmond and an MA in International Studies from Claremont Graduate University. He is a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Malawi. Dear has served on NCADP's board of directors and other nonprofit boards. Along with the ACLU's Chris Hill and PFADP's John Comer, he is a founding member of the musical wonder *Evolving Standards of Decency*.



RACHAEL DIETKUS-MILLER is currently finishing her Masters in Social Work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has been focusing her research on macro-level human rights policy and advocacy. She previously served as the Program Director with the Illinois

Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty and was involved with some of the organization's most historic programs, events, and successes. In 2006, Dietkus-Miller served as an NGO delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland.



ERIC DODGE is a senior associate at Nation Consulting, where he works primarily developing media content for each of the firm's clients. He has worked on the communications staff for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin and Wisconsin

Governor Doyle's Inaugural Committee, where he helped implement the media strategies for both organizations. Dodge graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2006 with a degree in Political Science and Economics. He manages online strategies for NCADP.



VIKI ELKEY is the Executive Director for the New Mexico Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty, who led the organization to repeal in 2009. She has extensive knowledge of the legislative process in New Mexico, having successfully lobbied for animal rights and advocacy issues on the local and state level. Elkey graduated summa cum laude from the University of New Mexico with a BA in Women's Studies and African American Studies. She has been involved in social advocacy around the country for over 20 years, with experience in non-profit management, legislative matters and lobbying, fundraising, marketing, research, media relations, and employee, board and volunteer management and training.

Speaker Biographies



ERIC FERRERO is Director of Communications at the Innocence Project, a national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice. Previously, he was the Director of Communications at Lambda Legal, worked as the Public Education Director at the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian & Gay Rights Project, and worked on Capitol Hill and at the California State Assembly. Ferrero is the author of *Too High a Price: The Case Against Restricting Gay Parenting*, and his writing has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and numerous other outlets.



CELESTE FITZGERALD is the National Death Penalty Steering Committee Coordinator. Previously she served as the Director of New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (NJADP), for which she also served as founding Chair. Fitzgerald led the campaigns that resulted in passage of New Jersey's historic death penalty moratorium (2005) and abolition (2007) bills. Under her leadership, NJADP also successfully challenged New Jersey's regulations for lethal injection, which resulted in a court decision that halted executions. Fitzgerald also served as the Northeast Field Organizer for Equal Justice USA; accomplishments include co-coordinating the successful campaigns to pass a moratorium resolution in the New York City Council and to secure a national position in favor of abolition by the League of Women Voters.

JENNIFER FRIEDMAN has been Deputy Public Defender in Los Angeles County for over 23 years. She is the office's Assistant Special Circumstance Coordinator and Forensic Science Coordinator and represents clients charged with capital murder. Friedman has tried over 130 felony jury trials, many of which were sexual assaults and homicides involving complex scientific issues. She is a member of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, California Public Defenders Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys and a member of LA County Public Defender planning committee for the annual capital case seminar and the co-chair of the planning committee for the California Capital Case Defense Seminar. She is a member of the California Crime Lab Task Force and the NACDL forensic task force. Friedman wrote the expert section of the California Death Penalty Manual and is a frequent lecturer on the use of various forensic sciences in the courts.



JEFF FROM is a restorative justice practitioner who lives with his family in Berea, Kentucky. He has a background in theatre and an M.A. in Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite University. In his restorative justice practice, From uses interactive tools to work with men in prison, adjudicated juveniles, victims and offenders of domestic violence, highly conflicted families, and legal, academic, and social service professionals. He is also a trainer for Defense Initiated Victim Outreach for capital punishment and cases of severe violence.



JOHN GAGE is a singer-songwriter in the folk, country, blues tradition whose music touches the heart with spiritual content that strives to connect us all to the Higher Power, to our deeper selves, to each other, and to creation. He is a participating artist in the "Arts in Healing" initiative through the Kentucky Center for the Arts. Gage plans collaboratively with teachers for arts education programs and curriculum design, conducts interactive workshops and motivational speeches, and is founder and host of the "Kentucky Homefront" radio show on Louisville's public radio station WFPK-FM.



SR. ALICE GERDEMAN is President of Ohioans To Stop Executions and coordinator of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center. Gerdeman is a long time educator and activist on a variety of peace and justice issues including the death penalty. She was a founder of Families

That Matter.



SARA HAINES graduated from Xavier University with a B.A. in Theology. She spent a year in Los Angeles serving as a Jesuit Volunteer and has worked at the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center as an anti-death penalty program staff, specifically coordinating Families That Matter.



REVEREND CATHERINE HARRINGTON is a resident of Michigan and a Unitarian Universalist Parish Minister in that state. Harrington's daughter was murdered in Napa, CA and she attended the trial of the killer and is committed to walking the path towards forgiveness. She is a follower of, and student of the principles of Restorative Justice. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation.



HEATHER HASS has worked with the Montana Abolition Coalition for a year and a half, working particularly with the Montana Association of Churches as well as law enforcement, evangelicals and conservatives. She received a Bachelor's in Political Science from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Previously, Hass worked for the Michigan Republican Senate Majority Leader, with the National Republican Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C., and served as the AmeriCorps Team Leader at Carroll College.



JANE HENDERSON is Executive Director of Maryland Citizens Against State Executions. Henderson has over 15 years' experience in national and state anti-death penalty advocacy and organizing. She is a former Co-director of the Maryland-based Quixote Center where she founded the Center's Equal Justice USA program. She was an architect of national strategy for a moratorium on executions, launching the Equal Justice USA's Moratorium Now! campaign in 1997. Henderson spearheaded the campaign that won Maryland's 2002 moratorium, and was honored by the NCADP as the Abolitionist of the Year.



CHRIS HILL is the state strategies coordinator with the ACLU Capital Punishment Project. Previously he worked as a supervising attorney for Legal Services of New Jersey. In addition to extensive litigation experience, Hill has spent a great deal of his legal career, including his time as a Equal Justice Fellow, conducting outreach to educate the community about legal issues. He received both his B.A., with honors, and his J.D. from Rutgers University, where he was awarded the Judge J. Skelly Wright Prize as the student who contributed the most to civil liberties, civil rights and human affairs during their three years of law school.



KRISTIN HOULÉ is the Executive Director of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, based in Austin. She was a Soros Justice Fellow, focusing on the intersection of the death penalty and severe mental illness in Texas. She also served as the Program Associate for Amnesty International USA's Program to Abolish the Death Penalty in Washington, DC. Houle's abolition roots are firmly planted in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. She became involved with the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (KCADP) in 1997 while attending the University of Kentucky. She served on the KCADP Board and as Amnesty International's State Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for Kentucky.



REDDITT HUDSON is a Program Associate at the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri. In 1999 he left a promising career with the St. Louis Police Department and focused on criminal justice reform and related issues such as police abuse of authority, the adverse impact of race on fairness throughout the criminal justice process, and improving police/community relations. Because of his significant work on issues critical to social justice in St. Louis, Hudson is frequently invited to speak on the subject in public forums locally and nationally. At the ACLU-EM, he continues to address a number of racial justice issues through its legal, legislative, and public education programs.



DAVID KACZYNSKI is executive director of New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and the brother of Theodore Kaczynski - the so-called Unabomber - who was arrested in 1996 after Kaczynski and his wife Linda approached the FBI with their suspicions that Theodore might be responsible for a series of bombings that caused three deaths and numerous injuries over 17 years. Prior to joining NYADP, Kaczynski was assistant director of the Equinox shelter for runaway and homeless youth in Albany, NY, where he counseled and advocated for troubled, neglected and abused youth. He is currently writing a book on violence and healing with Gary Wright, who was seriously injured by one of Theodore Kaczynski's bombs in 1987. Kaczynski's autobiographical essay, "Missing Parts," was recently published in the anthology *Brothers: 26 Stories of Love and Rivalry*.



DR. GEORGE KAIN is a police commissioner in the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut and a full-time faculty member in the Justice and Law Administration Division of Western Connecticut State University where his teaching is focused on institutional and community based corrections. He is a retired State of Connecticut Judicial Branch administrator, having served as both an adult probation officer and a special programs administrator. Kain is on the Board of Directors of the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut and the Connecticut Network to Abolish the Death Penalty.



AARTI KELAPURE joined California Crime Victims for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (CCV) as the Program Coordinator in 2008. She is interested in various criminal justice and social justice issues, namely the death penalty and wrongful convictions. Prior to joining CCV, Kelapure volunteered as a research assistant for a member of the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice on prosecutorial misconduct, studied international human rights law at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica, and volunteered at Death Penalty Focus, a children's homeless shelter and a shelter for battered women and their children. She earned her B.A. in Sociology from University of California, Berkeley.

Speaker Biographies



RAY KRONE is the Director of Communications and Training for Witness to Innocence. Before his exoneration in 2002, Krone spent more than 10 years in Arizona prisons, including nearly three years on death row, for a murder he did not commit. Since then he has spoken

throughout the United States and Europe, and has appeared before hundreds of groups, state legislatures and other governmental bodies. Krone has been featured in People and Parade magazines, USA Today, the Los Angeles Times and on "Good Morning America."



SCOTT LANGLEY is a free-lance photo-journalist and a human rights activist based in upstate New York. Since 2004, Langley has served as an Amnesty International USA State Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator for North Carolina, Massachusetts and now New York. For the

last ten years, he has also been working on a photo documentary about the death penalty, which has been exhibited in schools, libraries and churches across the United States and Europe. The photos have been used extensively to support the abolition movement, as he travels to give photo presentations to groups across the nation each year to educate people about the death penalty through his art.



PENNY MARSHALL is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and is currently in private practice, with a focus on technology and the law. She began the practice of law at the Washington, D.C. Public Defender Service, where she served as Deputy

Trial Chief. Marshall then moved to the federal level as an assistant federal defender in the District of Columbia. After relocating to the Delaware Federal Defender office, she became the Chief Defender for that office until 2005. She is a former president of the National Association of Federal Defenders. Most recently, she served as co-counsel in *State of Georgia v. Brian Nichols*.



ERIN MARTZ received a Bachelor of Science degree in Language Arts Education from Troy University, and both a Master of Liberal Arts degree in English and Sociology, and a Master of Education degree in Counseling Psychology from Auburn University. While at Auburn, she

provided mental health services in the university counseling center and worked for several community organizations to provide counseling in the areas of addiction, domestic violence and sexual abuse. Martz also worked as a mitigation counselor at The Alabama Prison Project in Montgomery, AL from 2003-2004 and was very active in community restoration justice programs.



BILL MEFFORD serves on the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church as the Director of Civil and Human Rights. He works primarily on the issues of immigration reform and criminal justice reform, which includes eliminating gun violence, abolishing the death

penalty and education reform.



JUAN ROBERTO MELENDEZ spent 17 years, 8 months and 1 day on Florida's death row for a crime he did not commit. Since his release from death row, he has traveled the United States, Canada and Europe, sharing his extraordinary story. While his story powerfully illustrates the

myriad of problems that plague the death penalty, it is also an inspirational story of survival, faith and hope that resonates with people all across the political spectrum. Melendez's story is depicted in the documentary "Juan Melendez 6446," and Execution's Doorstep: True Stories of the Innocent and Near Damned by Leslie Lytle. He has testified at numerous legislative hearings and frequently participates in media interviews (English and Spanish-language). He is a founding member of Juan Melendez Voices United for Justice and a board member of NCADP and Witness to Innocence.



NATASHA MINSKER is the Death Penalty Policy Director of the ACLU of Northern California. Previously, Minsker spent five years at the Alameda County Public Defender's Office, the first year as a research attorney in the Capital Defense Unit and the remaining four years as a

Deputy Public Defender, handling all types of misdemeanor, felony and juvenile cases. Minsker also served as staff attorney to the Judicial Council of California's Task Force on Criminal Jury Instructions, helping the committee research and draft the CALCRIM instructions. She clerked for the Honorable Martha Vazquez, Chief Judge of the Federal District Court of New Mexico and is a graduate of Stanford Law School.



LAURA MOYE is the Director of Amnesty International USA's Death Penalty Abolition Campaign, based in Washington, DC. She has been an active voice against the death penalty since her days as a student activist. In 2009, Moye moved from AIUSA's Southern Regional

Office, where she had served for eleven years. In her work there, she supported state legislative and clemency campaigns, including the current campaign for Troy Davis. She was a founding member and board chair of Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.



NANCY OLIVEIRA served on the Board of Directors of the national non-profit organization Death Penalty Focus. She has had op-eds about the death penalty published in the San Francisco Chronicle and in several prominent Catholic newspapers in California. In addition, Oliveira has had

more than thirty letters to the editor published in newspapers from across the country, including the New York Times, Chicago Herald Tribune, Los Angeles Times, and the San Jose Mercury News. She is a graduate of UCLA.

LAURA PORTER is the Director of Organizing for Equal Justice USA. She is especially interested in helping states reach out to new constituencies to dialogue about the death penalty including conservatives, law enforcement and murder victim family members. Previously, Porter served as Deputy Director of New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. She and her team members ran a successful campaign in New York preventing reinstatement of the death penalty through extensive public education, media, lobbying and grassroots organizing. Porter is an attorney with twelve years' experience in criminal defense and she has extensive experience as a legal correspondent for the media.



PHYLLIS PRENTICE has been an activist and cultural worker since the 1970's. She met her husband, Shujaa Graham, a political prisoner, in 1979, when she worked as a jail nurse. Graham was exonerated by jury trial in 1981 and they have both continued their activism for

social justice and the abolition of the death penalty. In recent years, Prentice returned to singing, and has performed at programs and demonstrations - it is her belief that culture, in all its forms, art, music, poetry, theatre and dance, are essential elements in organizing and creating change in the world. She is a board member of Witness to Innocence.



DALE S. RECINELLA, author of The Biblical Truth about America's Death Penalty, Ending the Death Penalty: What One Catholic Supreme Court Justice Could Do, and Why American Catholics Must Say 'No' to the Death Penalty, has served for eighteen years as a spiritual

counselor and Catholic lay chaplain in Florida's prisons. He ministers cell-to-cell to the approximately 400 men on Florida's death row and the approximately 2,000 men in Florida's long-term solitary confinement. He and his wife, Susan, minister as a team during executions; he serving as spiritual advisor to the condemned and his wife serving as a lay minister to the condemned's family and loved ones. They also minister to the families and loved ones of murder victims. He appears frequently on worldwide Vatican Radio concerning the death penalty and prison reform and has extensively addressed audiences on the subjects nationally and in Europe.



H. ALEXANDER ROBINSON serves as the acting executive director of Reservoir Hill Improvement Council. He is the former Chief Executive Officer of the National Black Justice Coalition and president of NBJC Action Fund. Robinson began his career as CPA and corporate

executive, and has a long history as a public policy analyst and commentator. From 1990-1996, he was the senior Congressional lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union Gay and Lesbian Rights and AIDS Projects. Robinson served on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS during the Clinton administration and holds degrees in accounting and political science and an MBA.



SUSAN ROBINSON is a social worker with over 30 years of experience in a variety of mental health settings. She currently is in private practice in Jeffersonville, IN. Robinson has extensive clinical work with adolescent boys in residential settings. She is a

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DIANN RUST-TIERNEY became the Executive Director of NCADP in 2004. She manages and directs the program for the organization and its 100 Affiliates seeking to change public policy on the death penalty. She serves as the national

spokesperson for the organization and the movement to eliminate capital punishment. Previously, Rust-Tierney served as the Director of the American Civil Liberties Union Capital Punishment Project and as its Chief Legislative Counsel and Associate Director of its Washington, D.C. office. She began her career as a staff attorney for the National Women's Law Center.

Speaker Biographies



CHRIS RUTLEDGE is NCADP's Director of Development and leads all aspects of fundraising. He has worked in development for several non-profit institutions, most recently with the Center for Policy Alternatives, where for seven years he assisted state leaders from across the nation in promoting fair, just and progressive policy solutions on a variety of issues. Rutledge previously worked with New York University, Columbia University, Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington and the U.S. Catholic Conference's Office of Migration and Refugee Services. He is a 1989 graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He received an MA in literature from the City College of New York in 1998.



DENVER SCHIMMING is an Organizer with Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP). Schimming's responsibilities with TADP are to identify and reach out to law enforcement members in Tennessee and work with and promote TADP's Sharing Our Stories (S.O.S.) Murder Victims' Family Members Speak program. Prior to joining TADP, he was a businessman in Nashville and prison reform advocate.



ASHLEE SHELTON has served as the director for Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty since 2007. Her background has been working with marginalized populations as an advocate for the homeless in Albuquerque, New Mexico and as a direct-service provider for persons with mental illness in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Shelton is an experienced activist in the peace and justice movement with organizations such as ACORN and Food Not Bombs. She has a fascination with art; specifically art that challenges the status quo, ignites social change, and empowers peoples' movements for justice. Shelton is a candidate for a Master of Arts degree in Community Psychology and Social Change at Penn State University.



VICKI SCHIEBER is the board chair of the Murder Victims' Families For Human Rights. After their daughter's death the Schiebers fought the district attorney and the prosecutors to keep the death penalty from being applied to their daughter's killer. The Schiebers testified in support of a Maryland bill that would extend that state's moratorium on executions and create a commission to study the way the death penalty is imposed. She has taught many high school and university classes on abolition, run workshops at state conferences, and published op-ed pieces in newspapers including the Philadelphia Inquirer and Washington Post. She also has met with and testified before state legislators in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.



REGINALD T. SHUFORD is senior staff counsel in the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation's Racial Justice Program. An attorney with the ACLU, he helped pioneer legal challenges to racial profiling practices nationwide and is the ACLU's chief litigator in challenges to racial profiling, leading national litigation efforts and consulting with ACLU state affiliates and others in cases of "driving while black or brown," airport profiling, and profiling related to the war on terror. His docket also has included cases involving educational adequacy and equity, the school to prison pipeline, and the right to counsel for indigents. Shuford also has been involved in advocacy against racism in the use of the federal death penalty and in favor of affirmative action. In addition to his litigation responsibilities, Shuford

is the ACLU's Recruitment and Retention Officer for attorneys of color on the national legal staff. He is a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow at Harvard Law School and the recent recipient of the University of North Carolina School of Law's Distinguished Alumnus Award.



ROBERT SMITH is a Staff Attorney at the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice. He is also affiliated with the Capital Appeals Project in New Orleans, Louisiana. Smith provides direct and amicus representation to clients in criminal matters in state and federal court. He researches and writes in the areas of criminal procedure and criminal justice, and is particularly interested in the influence of race on the administration of justice. Smith is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the Harvard Law School.



RANDY STEIDL became the 18th Illinois Death Row Survivor on May 28, 2004, after 12 years on death row and a total of 17 years, three months and three weeks of wrongful imprisonment. When questioned about the 1986 murders of newlyweds Dyke and Karen Rhoads he dismissed it as an attempt by police to question a number of people in the area. Steidl cooperated fully, and despite a corroborated alibi, he was later arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to death within 90 days. The Center for Wrongful Convictions in Chicago won a new sentencing hearing in 1999, resulting in a sentence of life without parole, and continued the fight for his freedom for almost five more years. In 2000, an Illinois State Police investigation proved that local police and prosecutors had framed Steidl and co-defendant Herbert Whitlock, resulting in their wrongful convictions. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Witness to Innocence.



RUSSELL STETLER is the mitigation coordinator for the federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel and Habeas Assistance and Training Counsel projects. Previously, he was the Director of Investigation and Mitigation at the New York Capital Defender Office. He has investigated all aspects of capital cases, both trial and post-conviction, and served as chief investigator at the California Appellate Project. Stetler's publications on capital cases include articles on investigating wrongful convictions, mitigation evidence, mental health issues and working with victims' survivors. He is co-author of chapters on psychiatric issues in death penalty cases in two books on forensic mental health and the coauthor of A Practitioner's Guide to Defending Capital Clients Who Have Mental Disorders and Impairments.



MARGARET SUMMERS, NCADP Director of Communications, was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Print Journalism at Ohio State University and her Masters Degree in Broadcast Journalism at Boston University. Summers' work experience includes print and radio news reporting, radio news anchoring and radio documentary production. She has conducted news media outreach work for a Congressman (Major Owens, D-NY of the Congressional Black Caucus), the District of Columbia Courts and for other nonprofits, including the League of Women Voters national office, and the National Immigration Forum. She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the Public Relations Society of America.



JOHN TERZANO is President and co-founder of The Justice Project. He has been involved in social justice advocacy for more than twenty-five years. Terzano led a five-year campaign to pass the Innocence Protection Act (IPA), the first piece of federal death penalty reform legislation to pass Congress and be signed into law. The IPA allows for DNA testing of individuals who may have been wrongfully convicted. It also authorizes funding to states to clear their DNA backlogs, to improve forensic laboratory capacity and standards, and to help states improve the quality of legal representation for indigent defendants in capital cases, among other reforms. As president of The Justice Project, Terzano is instrumental in working to reform the criminal justice system through public education, litigation support, and legislative reform efforts.

MARIE VERZULLI is the sister of Catherine Marsh, one of eight women murdered by Kendall Francois. Francois' murder spree shocked the Hudson Valley town of Poughkeepsie, New York. Both Verzulli and her mother made victim impact statements at Francois' sentencing. He was sentenced to life without parole. She works with New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty to strengthen, support and empower family members of murder victims by sharing her personal story to illustrate that family members of murder victims do not all support the death penalty and that the long legal process surrounding the death penalty can be damaging.



ROSE VINES is a writer, editor and geek. Her day job involves being the technology dogsbody for the Death Penalty Discourse Network, a New Orleans-based outfit encompassing the work of Sister Helen Prejean, the Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project and the Moratorium Campaign. On the side, Vines freelances for computer magazines in the US and her native Australia.



EMMA WEISFELD-ADAMS is the Organizing and Communications Coordinator for Equal Justice USA. Previously, she worked with The Hunger Project, an international organization that supports people in the developing world to end hunger and poverty in their communities; and worked for a variety of not-for-profit organizations in a fundraising capacity, including working as a grant writer, a prospect researcher, and a campaign canvassing leader. Weisfeld-Adams has a Master's Degree in International Development Studies from The University of Glasgow in Scotland and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Anthropology from Florida International University in Miami.



JOHN WENZ is the Special Projects Assistant at the Death Penalty Information Center, where he works on building and maintaining web resources, doing outreach to web-based media, coordinating social networking and producing multimedia. A graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, his experience includes a wide range of work in media and journalism, with a focus on new media. His background also includes work on the issues of media reform and community radio, working with under-represented communities on issues of social and economic justice as they relate to the media.

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CLAUDIA WHITMAN is executive director of the National Death Row Assistance Network of CURE; coordinator of the GrassRoots Investigation Project of The Quixote Center; and an investigator on capital cases. Whitman developed the Capital Defense Handbook for Defendants

and their Families and an accompanying workshop to empower family members and educate them on how they can understand the system and be proactive in their loved one's case in conjunction with the legal team. She is a member of the NCADP board of directors.



BETH WOOD, Interim Executive Director of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, has been working on the issue of the death penalty for more than 10 years in both volunteer and staff capacities. She was initially drawn to the work through the teachings of her Catholic faith and its calls to act

prayerfully and compassionately in opposition to executions taking place in Ohio, where she lived at the time. Wood served as a consultant with New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and since that state abolished the death penalty in 2007, she has served as a consultant in training and membership management roles with Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation and Equal Justice USA.



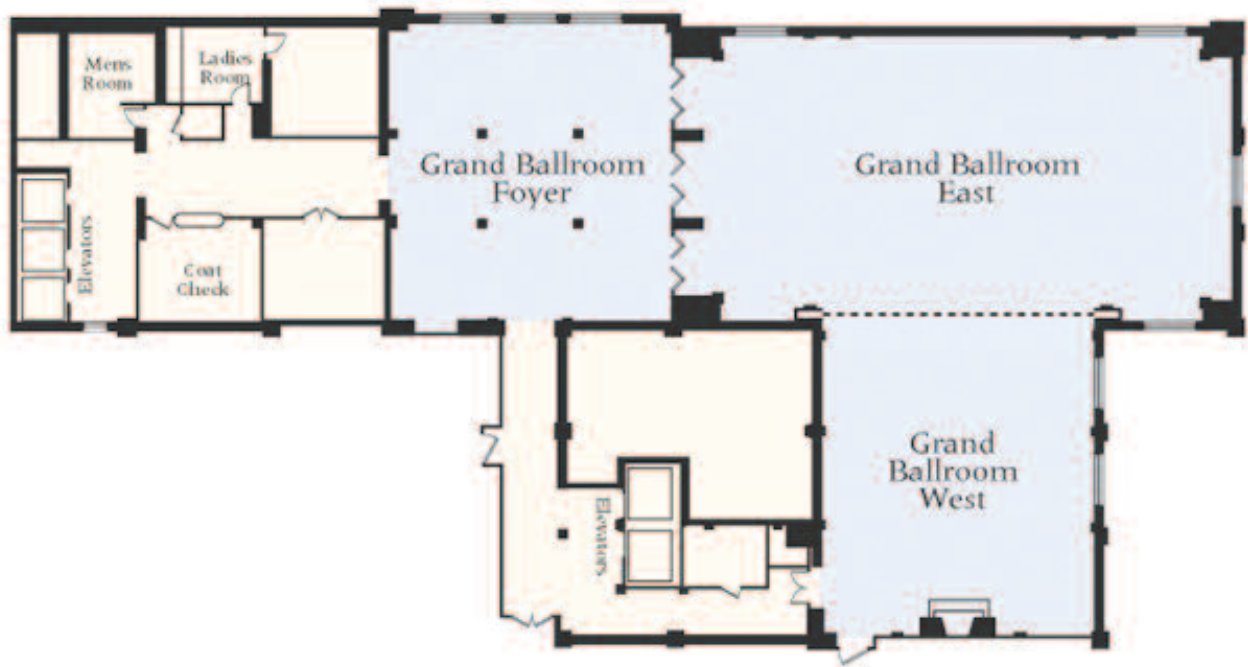
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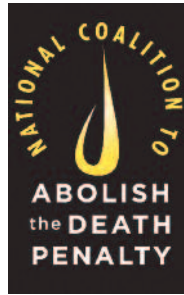
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