

2009 U.S. Executions	
Texas	24
Alabama	6
Ohio	5
Georgia	3
Oklahoma	3
Virginia	3
Florida	2
South Carolina	2
Tennessee	2
Montana	1
Indiana	1
Total	52

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TCADP Annual Award Winners Announced

We are delighted to announce the recipients of TCADP's Annual Awards. The awards will be presented during the 2010 TCADP Annual Conference: *"Seizing the Momentum: Building Capacity, Community, and Coalition"* to be held at Highland Park United Methodist Church, Saturday, February 20, 2010, in Dallas, TX.

Look for more information about the conference on the color insert in this newsletter and on the TCADP website (www.tcadp.org) and join us in celebrating this year's winners:

Courage Award - Judge Charlie Baird

Judge Charlie Baird has demonstrated a constant and courageous opposition to the death penalty; he consistently worked for justice while serving on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (1990-1998).

Courage Award - Father Mark Miller and the TCADP Odessa Chapter

Father Mark Miller, Rev. Gene Collins, Rev. David Mossbarger, and Rev. Roy Gentry have demonstrated great courage in establishing a new TCADP chapter in Odessa.

Media Award - David Grann, Staff Writer, *The New Yorker*

David Grann's in-depth investigation of the Cameron Todd Willingham case and subsequent article - "Trial by Fire: Did Texas Execute an Innocent Man?" explored the case in its entirety and debunked all of the evidence used to convict/sentence Willingham to death.

Appreciation Award - Ron Carlson

Ron Carlson is being recognized for his work with TCADP during the 81st Legislative Session. His testimony from the perspective of a murder victims' family member was particularly compelling to legislators.

Appreciation Award - Academy of Oriental Medicine in Austin

For more than 10 years, the Academy of Oriental Medicine in Austin has demonstrated its unwavering support for TCADP by providing, without charge, facilities for the coalition to hold its quarterly board meetings, as well as many Austin Chapter meetings, and various other training sessions.

Make plans now to join us at the annual meeting in Dallas! Conference registration and hotel reservations are available online through the TCADP website! (Hotel savings end January 29, and the early conference registration deadline is February 1.)

Information on exhibiting at the conference and advertising in the conference program is also available through the TCADP office, info@tcadp.org, (512) 441-1808, or at www.tcadp.org under the "Conference" button.

Impending Executions

January

7 Kenneth Mosley

12 Gary Johnson

February

24 Hank Skinner

March

2 Michael Sigala

11 Joshua Maxwell

30 Franklin Alix

Execution Vigils:

<http://www.tcadp.org/index.php?page=vigils>



From the Executive Director

Dear TCADP Members and Supporters,

I hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season. We at TCADP are rejuvenated and ready to get to work!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the TCADP 2010 Annual Conference, which will take place February 20, 2010 in Dallas. This year's conference will feature a panel discussion, during which four Texans will share their unique experiences with the death penalty issue. In the afternoon, participants will choose from among an array of workshops aimed at providing the tools and skills necessary for advancing TCADP's strategic plan at the local level. See the insert for more details and register today! (A registration form can be found on the back page of the newsletter.)

In keeping with the theme of our conference – *Seizing the Momentum: Building Capacity, Community, and Coalition* – TCADP is developing several exciting new programs and initiatives, including five regional trainings aimed at cultivating local leaders and engaging members more closely in the organization's activities. We will announce the dates and locations of these trainings as details become available – check the website or call the office for updates!

We also will be continuing our important work of reaching out to key constituencies, including faith communities, law enforcement, and murder victim's family members. At the annual conference and during the regional trainings you'll have the opportunity to meet Alonzo Peterson, the new Texas/National Organizer for Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation. Welcome Alonzo! Read more about this savvy and experienced organizer on page 6.

Just days before the conference, on February 17, we will mark the anniversary of the 2004 execution of Cameron Todd Willingham. The Willingham case has raised serious questions about the reliability and fairness of our state's death penalty system – and about the forensic science that has been used to convict thousands of people in Texas.

As you know, the Texas Forensic Science Commission's inquiry into the Willingham case was significantly derailed this fall, when Governor Rick Perry abruptly replaced several commission members, including the chair, shortly before their scheduled meeting. On November 10, 2009, the new chair of the commission, Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley, testified before a special hearing of the Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee. He told state legislators that the commission must develop new rules before it can proceed with its work. Bradley reportedly plans to convene a meeting in January. He has declined to speculate on how long the rule-making process might take, however, and it remains unclear as to when the commission's investigation of the Willingham case will resume.

We cannot allow our concerns about the case of Willingham and so many others to be swept under the rug! TCADP encourages all Texans to take action on the anniversary of Willingham's execution. Please contact your state legislators that day to express your concerns about the flaws and failures of the death penalty – including its intolerable and irreversible risk of error. More ideas for action and talking points will be available later this month at www.tcadp.org.

2010 promises to be another significant year in the development of our organization and in the progress of our movement. We look forward to working with all of you as we continue to build on our accomplishments and seize the momentum for abolition!

In solidarity,

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www.tcadp.org

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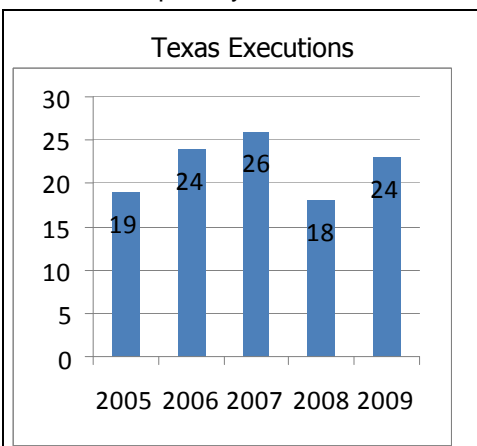
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On December 7, 2009 TCADP held a press conference at the State Capitol to release its annual report on death penalty developments in Texas. Published in conjunction with the anniversary of the resumption of executions in Texas in 1982, the report informs citizens and elected officials about events and issues related to capital punishment in the past year. It presents information on executions, stays, and new death sentences; exonerations; legislative developments; and other issues impacting the criminal justice system in the nation's most active death penalty state. This is the third such annual report published by TCADP.

2009 stands as a critical year in Texas's experience with the death penalty. Concerns about innocence, arbitrariness, cost, and fairness generated unprecedented scrutiny of the administration of justice in the nation's most active death penalty state.



Texas accounted for nearly half of all executions that took place in the United States in 2009. New death sentences reached a historic low

level, however, as prosecutors and juries increasingly accept the alternative punishment of life in prison without the possibility of parole (LWOP) as a reliable way to punish the guilty, protect society, and guard against convicting and executing innocent people. New death sentences have declined 60% in the past six years in Texas.

Unease surrounding the likely wrongful execution of Cameron Todd Willingham and other evidence of fatal mistakes has led to waning confidence in the reliability of the state's criminal justice system. Despite the shifting death penalty landscape in Texas, elected officials have not yet caught up with increasing public recognition of the flaws and failures of the capital punishment system. TCADP expects these issues to play a dominant role in Texans' ongoing dialogue about the utility and necessity of the death penalty.

Here are some highlights of Texas Death Penalty Developments in 2009: The Year in Review:

- In 2009, the State of Texas carried out **24** executions. Ten other states carried out executions in 2009.

Texas now has executed a total of **447** people since 1982, out of 1,188 executions nationwide since 1977.

- **208** executions have occurred during the administration of Texas Governor Rick Perry.

- Texas juries condemned **nine new individuals** to death in 2009. This represents the lowest number of new death sentences since the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Texas' revised death penalty statute in 1976.

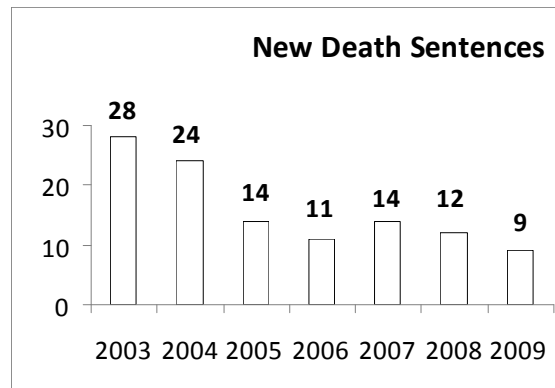
- For the second consecutive year, **Harris County did not condemn any new defendants to death** (juries did return two inmates to death row). While Harris County still accounts for a third of all Texas inmates awaiting execution (106 of 332), it has sentenced just seven new individuals to death in the last four years. In the 1990s, it often sent 15 people a year to death row.

- Currently there are **332** inmates on death row in Texas – 322 men and 10 women.

- **Five** inmates were resentenced to death in 2009.

- In four capital murder trials, **juries rejected the death penalty** and opted for a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Levi King was spared a sentence of death in Lubbock County by a single vote on October 8, 2009. His case, which had been moved from Gray County, cost nearly \$1 million. King was already serving two consecutive life sentences in Missouri.

- Since 1973, **139 people – including 11 Texans – have been exonerated** from death rows nationwide due to evidence of their wrongful conviction. Nine exonerations oc-



curred in 2009 and included two Texas cases: Michael Toney and Robert Springsteen.

- Seven inmates scheduled for execution in 2009 received **last-minute stays** due to mitigating factors, new forensic evidence relating to innocence, or the possibility of mental retardation or mental illness. A comparable number of stays have been granted in recent years (six in 2008 and seven in 2007).

- **Six inmates** were removed permanently from death row in 2009; their sentences were changed to life in prison.

- One inmate, **Robert Lee Thompson**, was executed despite a rare recommendation for clemency from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Texas Death Penalty Developments in 2009: The Year in Review is available online at <http://www.tcadp.org/uploads/documents/2009annualreport.pdf>. Contact Kristin Houle at khoule@tcadp.org to receive a copy by email or mail.

TCADP expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to State Representative Lon Burnam and Reverend Carroll Pickett for participating in the December 7 press conference.

To watch the video feed from that event, go to <http://www.house.state.tx.us/media/press.php>.

Death Row Survivor Reaches Out to Rio Grande Valley



From November 8-13, 2009, TCADP travelled throughout the Rio Grande Valley with "Witness to Injustice: A Speakers' Tour Featuring Death Row Survivor Juan Roberto Melendez-Colon." Juan Melendez spent 17 years, 8 months, and 1 day on Florida's death row for a crime he did not commit. He was exonerated and released from death row on January 3, 2002 after the discovery of a long-forgotten transcript of a taped confession by the real killer. At the time of Juan's release, the State of Florida sent him into the free world with a pair of pants, a shirt, and \$100.

Over the course of 5 days, Juan and TCADP Executive Director Kristin

for Reconciliation, and Judi Caruso, a criminal defense attorney and activist from New Mexico, joined them for part of the week, as well.

The tour stretched from Rio Grande City to Brownsville, visiting seven cities altogether. Among the 12 venues that hosted events were 5 churches, 4 college/university campuses, and 3 public high schools. The tour was sponsored by TCADP, the Diocese of Brownsville, Pax Christi Brownsville, Valley Civil Rights Team, Pax Christi Rio Grande Valley, the University of Texas-Pan American Criminal Justice Department, People for

The tour also strengthened

"I learned so many things I did not know. Very informative presentation that changed my views. I really hope we can do something to change the death penalty." (Pharr, TX)

TCADP's presence in this strategically-important region, where we must mobilize constituents to effect change at the state legislature.

This tour could not have happened without the assistance and hard work of Sylvia Garza, Sister Nancy Boushey, Becky Gonzales, Joe Krause, Mark and Michelle Peña, Nick Braune,



Victor Gomez, Ruben Saenz, Dr. Rosie Resendiz, Mr. R. Borrego, and all of the co-sponsoring organizations. We are particularly grateful to Juan Melendez and Judi Caruso for spending the week with us in Texas!

More pictures are available at <http://tcadp.org/index.php?page=rio-grande-valley>.

"Before this presentation I supported the death penalty because of a violent and deadly crime committed against my aunt. I supported the death penalty against him, but now I see that it is not human." (Mission, TX)

Peace and Justice in the Rio Grande Valley, and Witness to Innocence.

A native of Puerto Rico, Juan Melendez has

Houlé covered nearly 500 miles, participated in 13 events, met with 2 state legislators, and addressed 1,500 community members and students throughout the Valley. Alonzo Peterson, with Murder Victims' Families

shared his extraordinary story about the injustices of the death penalty with tens of thousands of people throughout the world. His powerful message of hope, courage, and survival changed hearts and minds in the Valley and helped build support for abolition.

"As the Rio Grande Valley Chapter leader of TCADP, I am very grateful to have had Mr. Juan Melendez speak to the people in my community. I was having a really hard time getting people to listen to me as to why the death penalty is wrong. Juan's presentation has opened many doors for me. I am very excited, because I have been asked to speak at other churches and schools. I would like to thank TCADP and Mr. Melendez for making this event possible."

- Sylvia Garza (Pharr, TX)



At the Finish Line of the Race to Heal

TCADP would like to thank the following members who raised money for the organization through the Race to Heal, an online fundraising effort that took place from October 7

to December 7: Angelle Adams; Sherry and Jim Coombes; Athena Griffith; Kristin Houlé, Vicki McCuiston; Bob Van Steenburg; and Rich Woodward.

As the result of their efforts (and due to the generosity of their friends and family members), TCADP raised \$5,580 through this initiative, exceeding our goal of \$5,000!

While this year's Race to Heal "officially" closed on December 7, we will of course continue to accept donations! We encourage all TCADP members to consider creating fundraising pages in the future – it's a fast, easy, and successful way to raise funds for one of your favorite causes!

Just go to <http://www.firstgiving.com/racetoheal22> to get started or contact TCADP Program Coordinator Vicki McCuiston at info@tcadp.org for assistance.



Pictured (top and bottom): Juan Melendez addressing two venues. Photos courtesy of Sylvia Garza.



On December 3, 2009, people gathered in many places around Texas to protest the execution of Bobby Wayne Woods, who was scheduled to die by lethal injection that evening. Woods' execution was the 447th in Texas since the death penalty was resumed by the state on December 7, 1982. It was the 24th and last execution in the state for 2009.

I am concerned about the victims of crime as much as anyone else - they have suffered beyond anyone's imagination. However, I believe that the death penalty is a false solution to crime that perpetuates violence in our state because it is a violent act itself. Executions haven't driven down violent crime, nor have they brought healing to the families of victims. Furthermore, there is clear and compelling evidence that the death penalty is an error-prone punishment that is unnecessary for societal protection. The cases of Carlos DeLuna, Ruben Cantu and Cameron Todd Willingham represent fatal errors in the system.

I don't believe that the citizens of Texas are strongly for the death penalty anymore, particularly when "life without parole" is offered as an optional punishment. The drop in the number of death sentences indicates that citizens are increasingly skeptical of the death penalty and concerned about its high cost (see 2009 Annual Report by the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty at www.tcadp.org).

However, certain politicians in the state continue to show strong support for the death penalty. Recent actions by Governor Rick Perry in the cases of Cameron Todd Willingham and Robert Thompson show how politics drives the death penalty in this state.

I wish that Bobby Wayne Woods' execution was the last one ever carried out by Texas, rather than the last one of 2009. However, this will not be the case. Texas has over 300 people on death row and already has six executions scheduled for early 2010. The relentless execution machinery of the state rolls on, surpassing every other state in the nation by a wide margin. The closest a state came to Texas in 2009 was Alabama, which had six executions.

Texas closes down its execution machinery as we get close to Christmas. Is this done out of deference to the Prince of Peace who taught us to forgive and show mercy? If there is anything that is antithetical to the message of Christ, it is the state-sponsored killing of another human being.



Vigil at the last Texas execution of 2009 - Bobby Wayne Woods - December 3, 2009 - Walls Unit in Huntsville, Texas.

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January

- 3 Odessa Chapter Meeting, Church of Christ, 1705 Highland, 4:00pm
- 7 Scheduled Execution—Kenneth Mosley
- 12 Scheduled Execution—Gary Johnson
- 13 West Houston Democrat Meeting, David Atwood on the death penalty. Roly Poly Restaurant 6:30pm.
- 14-17 NCADP Annual Conference, Louisville, Kentucky
- 18 Martin Luther King Day Festival, Austin, TCADP Table
- 19 El Paso Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm, 1101 Birsh St.
- 20 Austin Chapter Meeting, Dallas Chapter Meeting
- 27 Central Presbyterian Church Wednesday Night Speaker's Series with Rev. Carroll Pickett, Austin, TX
- 29-31 National Latino Congreso, El Paso, TX—Look for a TCADP table!
- 30 Central Texas TCADP Membership Regional Training, Wimberley United Methodist Church, Wimberley, TX

February

- 7 Odessa Chapter Meeting, 1705 Highland, Odessa, TX 4:00pm
- 16 Houston Chapter Meeting, Havens Center, 1827 W. Alabama, Houston, TX, 7:00pm. Guest speaker Richard Vogel.
- 17 Austin Chapter Meeting, Dallas Chapter Meeting
- 20 TCADP Annual Conference, Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX **Register Now!**
- 21 TCADP Board Meeting, Dallas, TX
- 24 Scheduled Execution—Hank Skinner
- 26-27 *Dead Man Walking* Theatre Performance, UT Arlington 8:00pm

March

- 1 International Death Penalty Abolition Day
- 2 Scheduled Execution—Michael Sigala
- 3 University of Houston - Downtown, Sister Helen Prejean
- 4-7 *Dead Man Walking* Theatre Performance, UT Arlington
- 7 Odessa Chapter Meeting, 1705 Highland, Odessa, TX 4:00pm
- 11 Scheduled Execution—Joshua Maxwell
- 17 Austin Chapter Meeting, Dallas Chapter Meeting
- 30 Scheduled Execution—Franklin Alix

MVFR Hires Texas Organizer!



Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation and the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty are pleased to announce the hiring of Alonzo Peterson. He will be working as an organizer both in Texas and nationally.

Alonzo is originally from Santa Barbara, California, but now lives in Denton, Texas. Before coming to MVFR, Alonzo was the Community Affairs Director for Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance. He has

also served as an Executive Director with Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Alonzo has a Master's degree in Public Affairs from University of North Texas and is completing his PhD in Public Policy and Administration. **Look for Alonzo at the TCADP Conference in February, where he will be leading one of the workshops!**

Vigil Locations <http://tcadp.org/index.php?page=vigils>

Huntsville (Location of Executions) Corner of 12th and Ave. I (in front of Walls Unit) at 5:15 p.m.

Austin (Site 1) - On Congress at 11 St., 5:30 - 6:30 pm, **(Site 2)** - Prayer vigil at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church on Oltorf and Congress at 6:00pm (approx 20 minutes)

Beaumont Diocese of Beaumont, Diocesan Pastoral Office, 703 Archie St. @ 4:00 p.m. on the day of an execution.

Brownsville 802 and Paredes Lane from 4:30 -5:30PM

College Station 5:30 to 6 PM, east of Texas A&M campus at the corner of Walton and Texas Ave. across the street from the main entrance.

Corpus Christi Sisters Of Incarnate Word Convent, 2930 Alameda, 6:00 pm

Cuero At Gazebo on Main Street , next to Library, 5:45 PM. Public Invited. For information call 361-676-2921

Dallas SMU Catholic Center at the corner of University Blvd. and Airline Rd., starting at 6 p.m.

El Paso 6:00pm Saint Patrick Cathedral, 1118 N Mesa St

Ganado At Assumption Catholic Church Pro-Life Monument, 5:45 PM. Public invited. For information call 361-771-3325.

Houston Rotating Locations...January –March, execution vigils will be held (5:30 to 6:20 PM) at the St. Anne Catholic Community at the corner of Shepherd and Westheimer.

Lubbock St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University Ave., 5:30 to 6:30PM

McAllen In front of The Monitor, corner of Nolana and Jackson at 5:30PM

McKinney St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Community located at 110 St. Gabriel Way, the last Sunday of the month, following the 11:00 mass to remember those scheduled for execution in the following month, as well as the victims of their crimes and family members on both sides.

Odessa Public vigil takes place from 5:00 to 5:30 PM in front of St. Joseph Catholic Parish, 907 S. Dixie, Odessa 79761. Prayer takes place inside the church from 5:30 to 6:00 PM. All are welcome. The church phone number is 432-337-2213.

San Antonio (Site 1) - Archdiocese of San Antonio, in the St. Joseph Chapel at the Chancery, 2718 W. Woodlawn Ave. (1 mile east of Bandera Rd.) at 11:30 a.m. on the day of execution. Broadcast on Catholic Television of San Antonio (Time-Warner cable channel 15) at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the day of execution. **(Site 2)** - Main Plaza across from Bexar County Courthouse and San Fernando Cathedral - Noon Spring - Prayer Vigil at 6 PM on evenings of executions at St Edward Catholic Community, 2601 Spring Stuebner Rd, Spring, TX 77389 for the murder victim, for family and friends of the murder victim, the prison guards and correctional officers, for the family of the condemned man/woman, for the man/woman to be executed and to an end to the death penalty. **(Site 3)** - Join the Sisters of Divine Providence and friends in vigil and prayer from 6:00 - 6:30 pm on Texas execution days in front of Our Lady of the Lake Convent by the large crucifix. 515 S.W. 24th Street.

Spring Prayer Vigil at 6 PM on evenings of executions at St Edward Catholic Community, 2601 Spring Stuebner Rd, Spring, TX 77389 for the murder victim, for family and friends of the murder victim, the prison guards and correctional officers, for the family of the condemned man/woman, for the man/woman to be executed and to an end to the death penalty.

Victoria At Incarnate Word Convent, 5:45 PM. Public Invited. For information call 361-575-7111.

Thank You for Your Generous Support

TCADP thanks the following individuals & organizations for their generous contributions in the past quarter (September 18, 2009 – December 17, 2009). Your financial assistance is critical to our outreach, education, and advocacy efforts! Please let us know if we have inadvertently left you (or your spouse) off of this list. We apologize in advance if we have missed anyone. (*signifies Race to Heal donors)

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**TCADP Annual Conference - Dallas, TX
February 20, 2010 9:00 AM to 5:15 PM
Highland Park United Methodist Church**

I want to "Seize the Momentum" with my fellow death penalty abolitionists in Texas so we can effectively end the death penalty together!

_____ **\$45 TCADP Member**
(After February 1, \$50)

_____ **\$55 Non-Member**
(After February 1, \$60)

_____ **\$25 Student**

Circle Your Lunch Choice:
Chicken
Vegetarian
Vegan

_____ **Enclosed is an additional contribution to support TCADP.**

Please make checks payable to TCADP. Mail payment and registration form to: TCADP; 2709 S. Lamar; Austin, TX 78704. Secure online registration and contributions can be made at <http://www.tcadp.org> under the "Conference" button.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Exp Date: _____

Number: _____

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Seizing the Momentum: Building Capacity • Community • Coalition



2010 TCADP Annual Conference Saturday, February 20, 2010

Highland Park United Methodist Church,
3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, 9:00am - 5:15pm

- Annual Courage, Media, & Appreciation Awards
 - General Membership Meeting
 - Workshops
- Networking with TCADP Members and Allies
 - Exhibitors and Door Prizes
 - Panel Discussion

Confirmed Panelists Include:

Michael Landauer, *Dallas Morning News* Editor (Moderator)

Prof. Mark Osler, Author of *Jesus on Death Row* and Baylor University Professor

Richard Dieter, Executive Director of the Death Penalty Information Center

Linda White, Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation

SAVE THE DATE!

Register online at www.tcadp.org

or contact
the TCADP office at 512 441-1808
for assistance.

Conference Registration

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Be sure to check www.tcadp.org
under the "Conference" button for regular updates to the program.

Conference Hotel: Radisson Hotel Central Dallas

\$89 nightly, February 19 and 20, 2010.

Deadline for booking: January 29.



Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
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Saturday, February 20, 2010
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Conference Program

- 8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 General Membership Meeting
- 10:30 Panel Discussion
 "Building Capacity, Community and Coalition:
 Reaching out to Key Constituencies"
- 11:45 Lunch and Award Presentations
- 2:00 Workshops
 (Choice of one)
- Reaching Out to Diverse Faith Communities
 - Reaching Out to Murder Victim Family Members
 - Using the Media to Advance Abolition
 - Death Penalty 101
- 3:30 Workshops
 (Choice of one)
- Reaching Out to Diverse Faith Communities
 - Reaching Out to Murder Victim Family Members
 - Using the Media to Advance Abolition
 - Getting Involved at the Precinct Level
- 4:50 Closing Session/ Wrap-up
- 5:15 Adjourn and begin Seizing the Momentum!
- 5:45 No Host Cocktail Party -
 Radisson Central Dallas, All Welcome!

Congratulations TCADP Annual Award Winners:

- Courage Award - Judge Charlie Baird
- Courage Award - Father Mark Miller and the TCADP Odessa Chapter
- Media Award - David Grann, Staff Writer, *The New Yorker*
- Appreciation Award - Ron Carlson
- Appreciation Award - Academy of Oriental Medicine, Austin

Conference Cost

Advance registration by February 1, 2010 (payable by cash, credit card, check, or money order):

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Non-Member—	\$55
Student / Youth —	\$25

**Registration fee includes
 breakfast and luncheon.**

Registration after February 1, 2010

TCADP Member—	\$50
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Student/Youth—	\$25

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On the TCADP Website: Under the "Conference" button you can find:

- the conference flyer for download and distribution,
- online/mail registration,
- a link to the hotel registration,
- the schedule as it becomes updated,
- information on program advertising (for example, your congratulations to the annual award winners),
- and information on exhibiting at the conference.

www.tcadp.org

Accommodations

Radisson Hotel Central Dallas, \$89 nightly - February 19 and 20, 2010
 Book online at <http://www.radisson.com/texascoalition>

Or call (800) 333-3333 and ask for the Radisson Hotel Central Dallas. It will be necessary for each individual to identify themselves as being part of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty for the appropriate date(s), to obtain the special rate. Reservations must be made by **January 29, 2010**. Reservations cancelled within 24 hours of arrival are non-refundable. A shuttle is available to provide transportation to and from the conference site for \$1 each way. The hotel is conveniently located on Central Expressway at Mockingbird Lane, very close to the conference location.