

**Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
2014 Annual Conference**

Lighting the Way
Conference Program

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Fort Worth, Texas**

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Welcome from Kristin Houlé, Executive Director, TCADP

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the TCADP 2014 Annual Conference, *Lighting the Way*.

On many issues, *particularly the death penalty*, Texas is not known for lighting the way. Yet major shifts are occurring – some subtle, others dramatic – across our state’s criminal justice landscape.

During the 83rd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, lawmakers passed groundbreaking legislation aimed at improving the fairness and accuracy of the Texas criminal justice system. Also, for the first time in our experience at the legislature, a member of the House Criminal

Jurisprudence Committee publicly declared his support for ending the death penalty during a hearing on abolition. We are delighted to honor State Representative Terry Canales with our 2014 Courage Award in recognition of his unapologetic, pragmatic declaration that the death penalty simply doesn’t make sense and isn’t necessary for the State of Texas.

Texas is also lighting the way when it comes to reducing use of the death penalty through strategic collaboration. Our work involving engagement of community leaders, mobilization of grassroots advocates, and sophisticated use of traditional and social media now serves as a model for other active death penalty states.

Throughout the conference you will hear specific examples of how we are lighting the way and the role you can play in these efforts.

I am grateful to all of you for your steadfast commitment to ending the death penalty and support for TCADP. I am particularly indebted to the members of the 2014 Conference Committee for their work in putting together this special event and to our local planning committee members for their outreach efforts in Tarrant County and the Metroplex.

I hope this conference leaves you inspired by our extraordinary award winners, enlightened by our expert panelists and workshop presenters, and energized to work within your own communities to advance TCADP’s priority initiatives for 2014-2015. Let’s all use this day to share ideas and discover best practices for bringing more light to the state of Texas!



A handwritten signature of Kristin Houlé in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Welcome from Angelle Adams, President, TCADP Board of Directors

Welcome to the 2014 TCADP Annual Conference!

We are excited to have you join us as we Light the Way toward abolition of the death penalty in Texas.

Thank you to everyone here in the Ft. Worth area who volunteered their time and efforts to help organize this annual conference. Also, I would like to give a special thanks to University Christian Church for the use of their facilities.



The TCADP Annual Conference serves as our opportunity to unite and recognize the hard work of TCADP and its supporters over the past year. It also provides a forum to share and discuss our initiatives for 2014 as we continue to Light the Way toward abolition. Our theme this year is reflective of the courageous, dynamic, and productive work that TCADP does to help abolish the death penalty in Texas. We are pioneers on this path to ending the death penalty in our state, and your support, through volunteer work and donations, is a vital part of our success. We cannot win this battle without you.

Throughout this conference, you will hear about the many ways in which TCADP is lighting the way to repeal. From our Lobby Corps' work at the Capitol to conservative outreach, faith-based initiatives, and local organizing, TCADP continues to strengthen its supporter base, spread awareness, and move one step closer to achieving its singular mission.

We will end the death penalty in Texas. Let's continue to Light the Way!

Angelle M. Adams
TCADP Board President

Thank You!

TCADP expresses its sincere appreciation to everyone who helped ensure the success of this year's conference. We are particularly grateful to the Harold Simmons Foundation for supporting and underwriting this conference and to the Death Penalty Mobilization Fund of Tides Foundation for its generous and steadfast financial support of TCADP.

We also thank all of our volunteers, program advertisers, speakers, and exhibitors for their participation in this event. Finally, we express our gratitude for TCADP's Sustaining Members, who provide an annual, recurring donation, and to our Partners for Justice, whose monthly, quarterly, or annual recurring contributions to the organization, ensure consistent support for our work.

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TCADP Key Accomplishments in 2013

- Marked record-high attendance at 2013 Annual Conference, which took place at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas (February)
- Raised more than \$5,000 in 24 hours through Amplify Austin, an online giving festival; received a \$1,000 cash prize for securing the most donors in a one-hour time block (March)
- Participated in the activities of Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty, including its debut at the Conservative Political Action Conference and presence at Republican Liberty Conference in Texas (March, May)
- Testified in support of House Bill 1703, which calls for abolition of the death penalty in Texas, and House Bill 2458, a Racial Justice Act, in front of the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; maintained active presence throughout the 83rd Texas Legislature Regular Session (April)
- Ensured our messages about the death penalty were communicated clearly and effectively to state, national and international media throughout the uproar surrounding the 500th Texas execution since 1982 (June)
- Launched bi-monthly luncheons in Houston and Austin, established a new group in Collin County, and convened membership gatherings in San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Denton (in addition to regular chapter meetings in Dallas, Houston and El Paso) (Summer, Fall)
- Delivered countless presentations to faith communities, civic and political groups, and students (Year-Round)
- Surpassed 300 signatures on Interfaith Statement of Opposition to the Death Penalty (October)
- Trained second class of TCADP Lobby Corps members (November)
- Maintained grant funding from the Tides Death Penalty Mobilization Fund and secured new funding from the Harold Simmons Foundation (November)
- Increased number of Twitter followers by more than 150% and hosted first Tweet Chat, featuring Jordan Smith of the *Austin Chronicle* (December)
- Released seventh consecutive year-end report on Texas Death Penalty Developments (December)

Larissa Aharoni's Art Book on Public Executions, GO COWBOYS

Available for Purchase at Today's Conference.

"GO COWBOYS" starkly and simply presents 17 images of public execution from various places and time periods throughout visually recorded history -- including an image of a resistance fighter in Austria hung during the 2nd World War, and a picture of a young black male lynched in Texas at the beginning of the last century.

For every book sold, Larissa Aharoni will donate \$10 to TCADP and sign the book if desired - located with the Exhibitors.





Facts about the Death Penalty

(As of February 10, 2014)

THE BIG PICTURE

The State of Texas has executed **510 people** since 1982, out of more than 1,300 executions nationwide since 1977.

16 executions took place in Texas in 2013, out of 39 nationwide.

There currently are 274 people on death row in Texas, including 9 women; this is the lowest the death row population has been since at least 1989, according to research by TCADP.

Since 1973, 143 individuals – including 12 in Texas – have been released from death rows nationwide due to evidence of their wrongful conviction.

New death sentences in Texas have dropped more than 75% since 2002. In 2010, new death sentences fell to a historic low level, when eight people were sentenced to death statewide. In 2013, there were nine new death sentences, including three from Dallas County.

In Texas, the cost of an average death penalty case is nearly three times higher than imprisoning someone in maximum security for 40 years. (*Dallas Morning News*)

Six states – New York, New Jersey, New Mexico, Illinois, Connecticut, and, most recently, Maryland – have abandoned the death penalty in recent years. A total of 18 states and the District of Columbia do not allow the death penalty.

139 countries have abolished the death penalty in law or practice. In 2011, the top five executing countries were China, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the United States.

LOCALLY

Just 5 counties account for 53% of new death sentences in the last six years.

Texas' Highest Sentencing Counties 2008-2013								
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total 2008-2013	Total Since 1976
Dallas	3	1	2	0	2	3	11	106
Tarrant	2	1	0	1	2	0	6	72
Harris	0	0	2	3	0	1	6	290
Travis	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	19
Brazos	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	15
Total:	5	4	6	5	5	4	29	50
Total All Counties:	12	9	8	8	9	9	54	1,076

2014 Conference Schedule

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM** **Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Networking**, Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 - 10:15** **Welcome; TCADP General Membership Meeting**, Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 - 10:30** **Break**
- 10:30 - 12:00 PM** **Panel Discussion: "Lighting the Way: State by State, County by County, Case by Case,"**
Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 -1:45** **Lunch, Keynote Address, and Awards Ceremony**, Fellowship Hall
- 1:45 - 2:00** **Break**
- 2:00 - 3:15** **Workshop #1** (Choice of One)
- Workshop descriptions and bios
can be found on pages 11-14...*
- The American Bar Association Texas Capital Punishment Assessment: Room 207
Led by Paul Coggins and Sarah Turberville
- Supporting the Families of Death Row Inmates: Room 202
Led by Marilyn Shankle-Grant, Larry Brooks, and D'Lisa Harris-Abbott
- Habits of the Heart: Bridging the Divide and Building Common Ground (Track 1): Room 203
Led by Estrus Tucker
- 3:15 - 3:30** **Break**
- 3:30 - 4:45** **Workshop #2** (Choice of One)
- Advancing TCADP's Priority Initiatives on the Local Level: Room 202
Led by Pat Delgado, Vicki McCuiston, and Shannon Pivoney
- Beyond Contemplation: Faith-Based Direct Action Against the Death Penalty: Fellowship Hall
Led by Rev. Jeff Hood and Emily Jean Hood
- Friendly Persuasion: Political Involvement With a Soft Touch: Room 207
Led by Virginia Greenway, Pat Monks, and Bob Van Steenburg
- Habits of the Heart: Bridging the Divide and Building Common Ground (Track 2): Room 203
Led by Estrus Tucker
- 4:45 - 5:00** **Break, Return to Fellowship Hall**
- 5:00 - 5:30** **Closing Session, Raffle, and Adjournment**, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00** **Social Event at Fred's Texas Café** (3509 Bluebonnet Circle, Fort Worth)—All Welcome!
1.1 miles South on University Drive, enter the traffic circle and find on your right 3/4 around.

Thank you for joining us in Fort Worth. We look forward to seeing you at events in your area and at the TCADP 2015 Annual Conference in Austin - February 2015.

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Please turn in your evaluation form before leaving the conference.

2014 Panel Discussion: “Lighting the Way: State by State, County by County, Case by Case”



Kathryn Kase is the Executive Director of the Texas Defender Service, a non-profit legal organization that aims to improve the quality of representation afforded to those facing a death sentence and to expose and eradicate the systemic flaws plaguing the Texas death penalty. Kathryn has represented capital clients at trial in the state courts of Texas and New York, and has served as learned counsel in federal court. Her capital defense work has addressed the complexities of intellectual disability, mental illness, and international law. She also consults with and assists trial-level defense teams. Kathryn received a law degree, cum laude, in 1990, from St. Mary's University School of Law, where she was an Articles Editor for the St. Mary's Law Journal. After a period in private practice in San Antonio and later in Albany, New York, she joined Texas Defender Service in 2002.



Shari Silberstein is the Executive Director of Equal Justice USA, a national organization working to build a criminal justice system that is fair, effective, and responsive to everyone impacted by crime. Shari is a recognized leader in the movement to end the death penalty, helping end the death penalty in six states in the last six years and developing strategies that have since become the norm across the movement. In 2008, she led a transition process to separate EJUSA from its former parent organization, the Quixote Center, and launch as an independent organization. Under her leadership, EJUSA has grown more than fivefold since 2004. Prior to joining the staff of Equal Justice USA, Shari worked as the Programs Director for the Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC), and has been leading campaigns for justice for nearly 15 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Film, Television, and Radio from New York University and a Master's Degree in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. She is also a former filmmaker, a swing dancer, and plays the electric bass.

Moderator

Dr. Mike Renquist is an author, keynoter and change agent, serving in the areas of training and human and organization development. Originally educated as a Presbyterian minister, he has a degree in Speech and Theatre from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and a Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. After serving numerous churches in Texas and Missouri, he successfully transitioned to business consulting and training, both as an internal and external consultant. His emphasis in leadership development with upper and middle management is on the “whole molecule of change,” a systemic approach supported by Emotional Intelligence that leads to greater accountability, innovation and sustainability. He is a certified practitioner in Neuro Linguistic Programming, and his specialty in training is presentation and communication skills, having brought new competencies to thousands in the last 25 years. Mike joined the TCADP Board of Directors in 2013.



Notes/Questions from the Discussion:

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2014 Keynote Speaker: Bob Ray Sanders



Bob Ray Sanders writes for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, where he currently is Vice President and Associate Editor. As a young journalist with the paper, he served as courthouse reporter and political writer before leaving to begin a distinguished career in broadcasting. Bob Ray worked for many years at the Dallas/Fort Worth PBS affiliate, where he served as reporter, producer, station manager and vice president. He has received some of journalism's most prestigious awards, among them: five awards from the Houston, New York and Chicago Film Festivals, five Dallas Press Club KATIE awards, three Corporation for Public Broadcasting awards, a regional Emmy Award, a National Association of Black Journalists award for Best TV Sports Feature, and a National Headliner Award for "Outstanding Investigative Reporting."

According to his *Star Telegram* bio: "Bob Ray Sanders is often criticized for writing about things he could not have experienced because, some readers say, 'he can't be that old.' The truth is Bob Ray has been a professional journalist for 40 years and in three media: newspaper, television and radio. A Fort Worth native who knows and cares about his community, and those with whom he shares this planet, this is a columnist who is not afraid to speak out on behalf of downtrodden people or the abused Earth."

Bob Ray is an inspiring opinion leader who writes often on the death penalty and criminal justice issues as part of his weekly columns for the *Star-Telegram*. He played a pivotal role in the Editorial Board's call for an end to the death penalty in Texas as part of an editorial about the 500th execution, "It's time to halt executions in Texas," (June 22, 2013). The editorial cited moral grounds as one reason Texas should abolish the death penalty, as well as the risk of wrongful conviction and the arbitrary and discriminatory way that this punishment is imposed.

The *Star-Telegram* became the fourth major newspaper in Texas to call for an end to the ultimate punishment, joining the *Houston Chronicle*, *Dallas Morning News*, and *Austin American-Statesman* in endorsing abolition of the death penalty.

TCADP presented Bob Ray with its 2009 Media Award in recognition of his conscientious articles on the death penalty in Texas and lifelong commitment to justice.

2014 TCADP Annual Award Recipients

Appreciation Award: Ariana A. Campos

Presented by Bob Van Steenburg, Past President, TCADP Board of Directors



Ariana Campos was raised in the Rio Grande Valley and has called Houston home since 2006. She has worked for State Representative Jessica Farrar since 2010. Originally serving as a Community Liaison attending civic meetings and handling constituent correspondence and casework, she has carried her love of the constituents of District 148 and all Texans to her work during legislative sessions. In the 82nd and 83rd Legislatures, she worked in Rep. Farrar's Capitol office, using this opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the legislative process. Ariana is currently managing Rep. Farrar's district office, bringing together her legislative and district experience to best serve the people of District 148.

In her various roles with Rep. Farrar, Ariana has provided immeasurable support for TCADP's activities in the State Capitol. Over the last four years, she has reserved rooms for TCADP's use, assisted in setting up meetings with members of Rep. Farrar's staff, and provided timely and important feedback regarding actions in the office. Dependable and efficient, Ariana is a vital point of contact for our legislative advocacy work. Her behind-the-scenes contributions have been of great value to TCADP.

Ariana is a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters, an active alumnae member of Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, and proud graduate of Texas A&M University - Kingsville.

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Appreciation Award: Maria Castillo

Presented by David Noblin, Co-Coordinator, TCADP Dallas Chapter



Maria Castillo is one of TCADP's stalwart volunteers in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, joining the organization in 2009. She became involved in the death penalty issue through the Diocese of Dallas Prison Ministry Program and in 2009 launched a Respect Life prayer ministry for Texas Death Row, which gathers every third Saturday of the month. Maria has been an active member of the Dallas Religious Outreach committee since its inception in 2011 and is always on the look out for tabling and outreach opportunities for TCADP. She is often the first person to volunteer to staff an information booth, whether at a religious event or community festival. She also has focused on reaching out to Spanish-speaking communities in the area. In addition, Maria has sought to move the Catholic Diocese of Dallas towards greater engagement in the death penalty issue, both through TCADP and her active involvement with the Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the

Use of the Death Penalty.

Appreciation Award: Paula Keeth

Presented by David Noblin, Co-Coordinator, TCADP Dallas Chapter



Paula Keeth is a long-time advocate for abolition who has inspired many others to become involved in the issue. A native Houstonian who has lived in Dallas in 1986, she works for the Dallas Public Library and has a passion for providing information and technology to the public. Paula is a member of the Dallas Friends Meeting (Quakers), which encourages and informs her interest in the death penalty. She first awoke to the issue when a family friend, Spencer Goodman, was executed in January 2000.

Paula is extremely devoted to the activities of the TCADP Dallas Chapter, volunteering for tabling events, participating in monthly meetings, and attending vigils and protests. She also has served on several statewide TCADP committees and in 2012 worked to organize "A Faithful Conversation on the Death Penalty" featuring Dallas-area clergy. Paula singlehandedly proposed that the Ellis County Democrats pass a resolution opposing the death penalty, which in turn contributed to the Texas Democratic Party endorsing abolition of the death penalty as part of its 2012 platform. She also visited and befriended former death row inmate Rodney Rachal and encouraged others to begin visiting prisoners on death row. In the words of the person who nominated her, "Paula is part of the heart and soul of our movement and concern for persons of worth."

Appreciation Award: Burnham Terrell

Presented by Nancy Bailey, Dave Atwood, and Jennifer Simmons, TCADP Houston Chapter



Burnham Terrell (posthumous) reached his 90th birthday on November 12 and passed away on the morning of November 13, 2013. Burnham was Professor Emeritus of the Philosophy Department and a founder and first director of the Honors Program at the University of Minnesota, where he enjoyed a 40-year career. Guided by the Quaker principles of nonviolence, Burnham participated in the 1963 March on Washington, followed Dr. Martin Luther King across the Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, and led peaceful protests in opposition to the Viet Nam War. For the last 15 years, he was an active member of the TCADP Houston Chapter and faithfully coordinated the Houston-area execution vigils. He also contributed to TCADP's efforts to move the Texas Democratic Party to endorse abolition of the death penalty in its 2012 platform. Burnham's wife of 21 years, Joan Terrell, will accept the

award on his behalf.

2014 TCADP Annual Award Recipients continued...

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Courage Award: State Representative Terry Canales

Presented by TCADP Board Secretary Les Breeding and TCADP Past President Bob Van Steenburg



Elected in 2012, **State Representative Terry Canales** represents District 40 in Hidalgo County and serves on the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. A native of South Texas, he received his law degree from St. Mary's University of Law. Rep. Canales is the sixth member of his extended family to serve in the Texas House of Representatives.

House Bill 1703, introduced by State Representative Jessica Farrar and co-authored by Rep. Alma Allen and Rep. Lon Burnam, called for abolition of the death penalty in Texas. Similar repeal bills by Rep. Farrar have been given a public hearing by the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee in the last three legislative sessions.

During the committee's hearing on House Bill 1703 on April 29, 2013, during the 83rd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, Rep. Canales unequivocally declared his opposition to the death penalty, calling it "unnecessary." This was the first time in

TCADP's experience with the Texas Legislature that a sitting member of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee has made a public statement in support of abolition during a hearing. With this award, we honor Rep. Canales' principled courage and hope it will inspire other elected officials to follow his lead.

David P. Atwood Founder's Award: State Representative Lon Burnam

Presented by TCADP Founder Dave Atwood



State Representative Lon Burnam has represented District 90 (Fort Worth) in the Texas House of Representatives since 1997. He currently serves on the House Criminal Jurisprudence and Energy Resources Committees. Rep. Burnam also is Vice Chair of the Legislative Study Group, Co-Chair of the House Democratic Campaign Committee, and an active member of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

Rep. Burnam has co-sponsored bills calling for abolition of the death penalty in every legislative session since 2009. In 2001, he sponsored legislation to end the death penalty for juvenile offenders (age 17), which passed the House of Representatives. (The U.S. Supreme Court banned the death penalty for juvenile

offenders in 2005.) As an inaugural member of the TCADP Advisory Board, Rep. Burnam has contributed to the growth of our organization in numerous ways, including recruiting new members of the TCADP Board of Directors, hosting a fundraising event, and, most recently, supporting a TCADP membership gathering in Tarrant County and the work of our local planning committee for the 2014 Annual Conference.

Prior to being chosen by the voters of District 90, Rep. Burnam worked as a city planner helping community organizations and local residents in efforts to revitalize neighborhoods and create new economic opportunities. In the mid-1980's, he served as a Special Assistant to the Regional Administrator of the Texas Department of Human Services. He has served on numerous community boards and agencies.

TCADP presents this award to Rep. Burnam in recognition of his lifelong commitment to justice and his contributions to abolition and to TCADP, both within and outside of the Texas Legislature.

The David P. Atwood Founder's Award, established in 2010 by the TCADP Board of Directors, serves to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the cause of ending the death penalty.

TCADP 2014 Workshop Descriptions

(All workshops will take place on the second floor, unless otherwise noted.)

Workshop Session #1: 2:00 to 3:15 PM

The American Bar Association Texas Capital Punishment Assessment: Room 207

Led by Paul Coggins and Sarah Turberville

Released on September 18, 2013, the American Bar Association Texas Capital Punishment Assessment was the culmination of a two-year study of the fairness and accuracy of the Texas capital punishment system. The assessment team consisted of former prosecutors, former judges, a former governor, legal scholars, and practitioners who examined the death penalty process from top to bottom. Their report identifies numerous ways in which Texas is out of step with other death penalty states and provides recommendations for systemic improvements. In this workshop, Assessment team members and staff will shed light on how the study was conducted, key recommendations, and the prospects for reform in Texas.

Supporting the Families of Death Row Inmates: Room 202

Led by Marilyn Shankle-Grant, Larry Brooks, and D'Lisa Harris-Abbott

In this workshop, we will hear from individuals who have been directly impacted by the Texas death penalty. They will provide attendees with ideas on how they can support families with a loved one on death row, particularly in the months and weeks leading up to a scheduled execution.

Habits of the Heart: Bridging the Divide and Building Common Ground (2 Tracks): Room 203

Led by Estrus Tucker

"The Five Habits of the Heart" are deeply ingrained ways of seeing, being and responding to life that involve our minds, our emotions, our self-images, our concepts of meaning and purpose in life. Together we will explore in large and small group dialogue how these habits equip us to honestly and respectfully engage others with differing viewpoints in service of advancing the well being of our human community. These workshops will build on the writings and work of Parker J. Palmer, Healing the Heart of Democracy and the Center for Courage and Renewal's Circle of Trust Approach. Estrus Tucker is a Senior National Facilitator and Vice President of the CCR National Board of Directors.

Habits of the Heart Track #1 will explore practices and tools to engage the "others" in your inner circle. The "others" are people you value, care about and frequent with, but whose opinions about issues i.e. Capital Punishment you don't share. The goal is mutual learning and hopeful change in the form of new advocates, resulting from conversations that matter. *You can participate in Track 1 or 2 or in both tracks.*

Workshop Session #2: 3:30 to 4:45 PM

Advancing TCADP's Priority Initiatives on the Local Level: Room 202

Led by Pat Delgado, Vicki McCuiston, and Shannon Pivoney

This workshop is geared particularly towards TCADP's local leaders and active volunteers, as well as those who are interested in becoming more involved in local activities. Participants will learn more about TCADP's five priority initiatives for 2014, with a special focus on reaching out to faith leaders regarding the Interfaith Statement of Opposition to the Death Penalty and Faith Leader Advocacy Day and ideas for membership growth and diversity. Participants will have an opportunity to share with each other the successes and challenges they have encountered in local organizing on the death penalty.

Beyond Contemplation: Faith-Based Direct Action Against the Death Penalty: Main Ballroom

Led by Rev. Jeff Hood and Emily Jean Hood

Have you ever contemplated how evil the death penalty is and wished that you could do something more about it? Jeff and Emily Hood did for a long time and then decided to act. This space is a time for sharing how the Hoods' faith has motivated them to action. Jeff and Emily intend to share the paths that they have traveled to oppose the death penalty and dream with you about paths that we all might be able to travel together. Of particular emphasis will be the spiritual relationship that Jeff has with death row inmate Will Speer and discussion of how you can develop such relationships. Other topics of conversation include organizing local prayer vigils, Emily's use of and suggestions for art as a non-confrontational means of engagement and other previous, forthcoming and possible public demonstrations of faith-based opposition to the death penalty. Throughout our time together, Emily will be painting live to give illustration to our discussion.

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Friendly Persuasion: Political Involvement With a Soft Touch: Room 207

Led by Virginia Greenway, Pat Monks, and Bob Van Steenburg

This workshop will provide participants with practical, non-partisan ideas for developing relationships with elected officials and engaging in the political process during the 2014 election cycle. Attendees also will hear from founding members of the TCADP Lobby Corps about our legislative goals and plans for the next regular session of the Texas Legislature, which will convene in January 2015.

Habits of the Heart: Bridging the Divide and Building Common Ground (2 Tracks): Room 203

Led by Estrus Tucker

Habits of the Heart Track #2 will explore practices and tools to develop and utilize "your story" as an advocate for change in the Texas death penalty abolition movement. "Your story" emerges from your core values, feelings and thoughts and not necessarily from a personal encounter with capital punishment. We will utilize Prof. Marshall Ganz's Story of Self, Us & Now.

Speakers and Workshop Presenters

Angelle Adams is a practicing civil litigator in Houston. She received her B.A. in Communications from the University of Texas at Austin and her Masters in Education from the University of Houston. She received her J.D. from St. Mary's University in 2006. Angelle joined the TCADP Board in 2010, served as Secretary from 2011-2012, and was elected President in 2013. She has served on the board of the African-American Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Lawyers Association. Angelle is also a member of Amnesty International and participates in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

Larry Brooks was born on March 12, 1989 to Marilyn Shankle and Larry Brooks Senior at Hugely Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated Eastern Hills High School in May of 2007. A year later, he enlisted in The United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman, where he served with tours in the Pacific with The United States Marine Corps. Mr. Brooks ended his Naval career honorably in February 2014 after 6 years of service. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps achievement medal along with several other commendations. He is currently attending college in pursuit of his Bachelor's degree in English, with the end goal of a teacher certification.

Paul Coggins is a partner at Locke Lord LLP, where he heads the firm's national White Collar Criminal Defense and Internal Investigations practice. Paul served as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas from 1993 to 2001. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Yale University and both a B.A. and a Diploma in Law from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar before graduating from Harvard Law School. Paul is a former radio host, a published author, a frequent speaker, and is involved in numerous public service organizations. He served as a member of the American Bar Association Texas Capital Punishment Assessment Team.

Pat Delgado is co-coordinator of El Pasoans Against the Death Penalty, a chapter of TCADP. She served in the Peace Corps and then volunteered for three years with Cesar Chavez and the United Farmworkers Union back in the '70's. Since then, she has lived in El Paso, Texas, where she raised her five children, and has recently retired from teaching in the public school system. Pat became involved with the death penalty as an outreach of Pax Christi El Paso and has focused on film showings at schools and parish prison ministries, supporting parish prayer vigils on the evenings of executions, and outreach to faith leaders about increasing awareness of the death penalty issue.

Virginia Greenway earned her B.A. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1996 and her law degree from the University of Virginia in 1999. She has maintained her own criminal defense practice for ten years in Austin. During that time she has served as the Presiding Director of the Austin Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (ACDLA) and head of the Criminal Law Section of the Austin Bar Association. Virginia joined the TCADP Lobby Corps in the fall of 2012.

A theologian, historian, & bioethicist by academic training, **Rev. Jeff Hood** is a graduate of Auburn University, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Emory University's Candler School of Theology, the University of Alabama, and Creighton University & is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Ministry in Practical Theology at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. His ordination rests within the Southern Baptist Convention. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Jeff lives in Denton, Texas, where he serves as the pastor of a space called Prism Denton.

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As a spiritual activist & organizer, Jeff serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, as the North Texas area director for Pastors for Texas Children, on the Board of Directors for Hope for Peace and Justice & as the editor & field organizer for the North Texas Fellowship of Reconciliation & on the National Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. In 2013, his work as a spiritual organizer and activist was recognized by PFLAG Fort Worth's Equality Award. Jeff is the author of two books & the compiler of one. He is married to Emily & is the father of three young sons, twin toddlers, Jeff & Phillip, & newborn, Quinley Mandela. Jeff also maintains a close friendship to Texas Death Row prisoner Will Speer. In all of these things, Jeff prides himself on being "a committed activist theologian, visionary writer & radical prophetic voice to a closed society." He writes regularly at <http://revjeffhood.com/>.

D'Lisa Harris Abbott was born in Fort Worth, Texas and lives in the house that she grew up in or as the song says, "The House That Built Me." The youngest of four children, she is married to a musician, Mark, who has played with Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Ray Price, and is currently working with the Sons of the Pioneers and Marty Haggard (Merle's son). D'Lisa been employed with Fort Worth Community Credit Union for 13 years as a Head Teller. In 2002, her nephew's Army recruiter, Cleve "Sarge" Foster, was tried and convicted (under the law of parties) of capital murder and given the death penalty. His scheduled execution in 2011 was D'Lisa's first real exposure to the Texas capital punishment system and the start of her journey.

Emily Hood was born & raised in the mountains of New Mexico. She vividly remembers, at a very young age, creating abstract colored chalk designs on a child-sized chalkboard & wiping away the organic design as soon as it was finished, only to begin again immediately. Much later, while working as a junior high school art instructor for three years in Richardson, Texas, Emily grew in her passion for social justice & began to incorporate such passion into her art. She believes that art is about restoring the world to love & justice. Emily is married to Jeff Hood & they reside in Denton, Texas with their twin infant sons, Jeff & Phillip, & their newborn son, Quinley Mandela. A graduate of Lubbock Christian University & the University of North Texas, Emily currently teaches a survey of world art practices called "Global Aesthetics" & is pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy in art education at the University of North Texas. Her art can be found at <http://www.emilyjeanhood.com>.

Kristin Houle has served as the TCADP Executive Director since December 2008. As a Soros Justice Fellow from 2007-2008, she conducted research and public education around the intersection of the death penalty and severe mental illness in Texas. Kristin served for five years as the Program Associate for Amnesty International USA's Program to Abolish the Death Penalty in Washington, DC. She has been involved with the human rights and anti-death penalty movements since 1995 and held several volunteer leadership roles with Amnesty International USA. She also worked as a volunteer with state anti-death penalty coalitions in Kentucky and Illinois. Kristin is an alumna of the 2012 Rockwood Fellowship for Death Penalty Abolition Leaders. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, she is an avid Wildcat Basketball fan.

Vicki McCuiston has been the Program Coordinator for TCADP since 2005. She is also the Executive Director for the Barnabas Connection, an organization connecting people in need with resources to help them in Hays County. Vicki serves on the Board of Directors for the Common Good Community Development, a project of the Austin District of the United Methodist Church. She is a past Program Assistant and Field Manager for Texas Citizen Action. Vicki graduated from Southwestern University and resides in Driftwood, Texas.

Pat Monks, a native Houstonian, has practiced law as a criminal defense attorney for 30 years in Houston and Dallas, Texas. He has argued five cases before the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and is the founding member of the Municipal Justice Bar Association of Texas. He also is a board member of the American Prepaid Legal Services Institute, which is a branch of the American Bar Association. Pat is a life-long member of the Republican Party and has been the chair of Precinct 718 of Harris County for the past eight years. He has attended nearly every precinct, senatorial, and State Republican Convention for the last 20 years and currently serves on the Judicial Candidate Selection Committee of Harris County. Pat has served on the TCADP Board since 2010. He is also an active member of Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty.

Originally from Central Illinois, **Shannon Pivoney** moved to North Texas in April 2011 and quickly became involved in the anti-death penalty movement. She is a member of the TCADP Lobby Corps and provides leadership for TCADP in Collin County. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Springfield with a degree in biology, she is most interested in social media and educating the general public on a subject many choose to ignore. Shannon is the hospital administrator of a small animal veterinary hospital in McKinney, Texas, and lives in Frisco with her husband, 4 cats and dog.

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A native Texan born in Galveston, **Marilyn L. Shankle-Grant** has been a resident of Fort Worth for over 45 years. She is a graduate of Dunbar Senior High School. Marilyn also attended Tarrant County Jr. College and the University of Texas at Arlington. For the past thirty years, she has been employed in the hospitality industry. Marilyn is the mother of two sons, Paul David Storey and Larry Brooks. Larry is a Corpsman in the United States Navy. Paul currently resides on the infamous unjust system of Texas death row. Marilyn has spent the past five years fighting for the release of her son and the abolition of the death penalty in the United States.

Estrus Tucker is an international Consultant, Speaker, Storyteller, Poet and Master Facilitator designing and leading conversations and retreats across the country in support of personal, professional and community renewal, transformational leadership and non-violent reconciliation. He is a seasoned practitioner of the Circles of Trust, Habits of the Heart and other models of civic engagement, leadership and organizational development. Estrus is a Vietnam-era Veteran, an ordained minister, and the 2012 recipient of the International Association of Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) Individual Achievement Award for his work and leadership in support of creative civic engagement and transformational leadership in Mississippi; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Cape Town, South Africa; and Texas.

Estrus' current Board service includes the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP), the Tarrant County Workforce Development Board, International Association of Human Rights Agencies Board, the National Center for Courage & Renewal Board, Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at University of Mississippi, and the Brite Divinity School Board of Visitors. Estrus lives in Fort Worth, Texas, and joined the TCADP Board in 2012. He has served as Vice President of the TCADP Board since 2013.

Sarah E. Turberville is Senior Counsel of the Criminal Justice Program at The Constitution Project in Washington, D.C. In this position, Sarah coordinates the organization's public education and advocacy efforts with respect to a variety of matters relating to the criminal justice system – such as indigent defense, the death penalty, habeas corpus in state criminal cases, wrongful convictions, and sentencing. Previously, Sarah worked for over five years as the Director of the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Due Process Review Project and has also served as adjunct faculty at the University of Maryland, teaching a course on the death penalty. She previously worked as an assistant public defender for the State of Maryland, representing indigent defendants at trial and on special dockets for clients raising issues of competency to stand trial and lack of criminal responsibility. Sarah represented individuals wrongfully incarcerated during and after Hurricane Katrina and she also served as a law clerk to the defense bar in The Hague, assisting in the representation of members of the Kosova Liberation Army before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Sarah is a graduate of Tulane Law School and is a member of the Maryland Bar.

Bob Van Steenburg is a retired U.S. Army Colonel with more than 27 years of service. He commanded soldiers from the platoon to brigade levels. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and a Master's degree from the University of Akron. Bob has been active in social justice issues since 1970 and has been involved with efforts to end the death penalty since 1998. He has been involved with TCADP since 2003 and was a member of the board from 2005-2013, serving as Board President from 2009-2013. Bob is a founding member of the TCADP Lobby Corps and serves on the TCADP Advisory Board.

Rich Woodward, Ph.D., is a professor at Texas A&M University in the Department of Agricultural Economics. His research is in the general area of environmental and resource economics. Rich received a B.A. in Economics from Middlebury College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A founding member of the Brazos Valley Chapter of TCADP, Rich has been working to end the death penalty since 1999. He has served on the TCADP Board since 2009 and as Treasurer since 2011.

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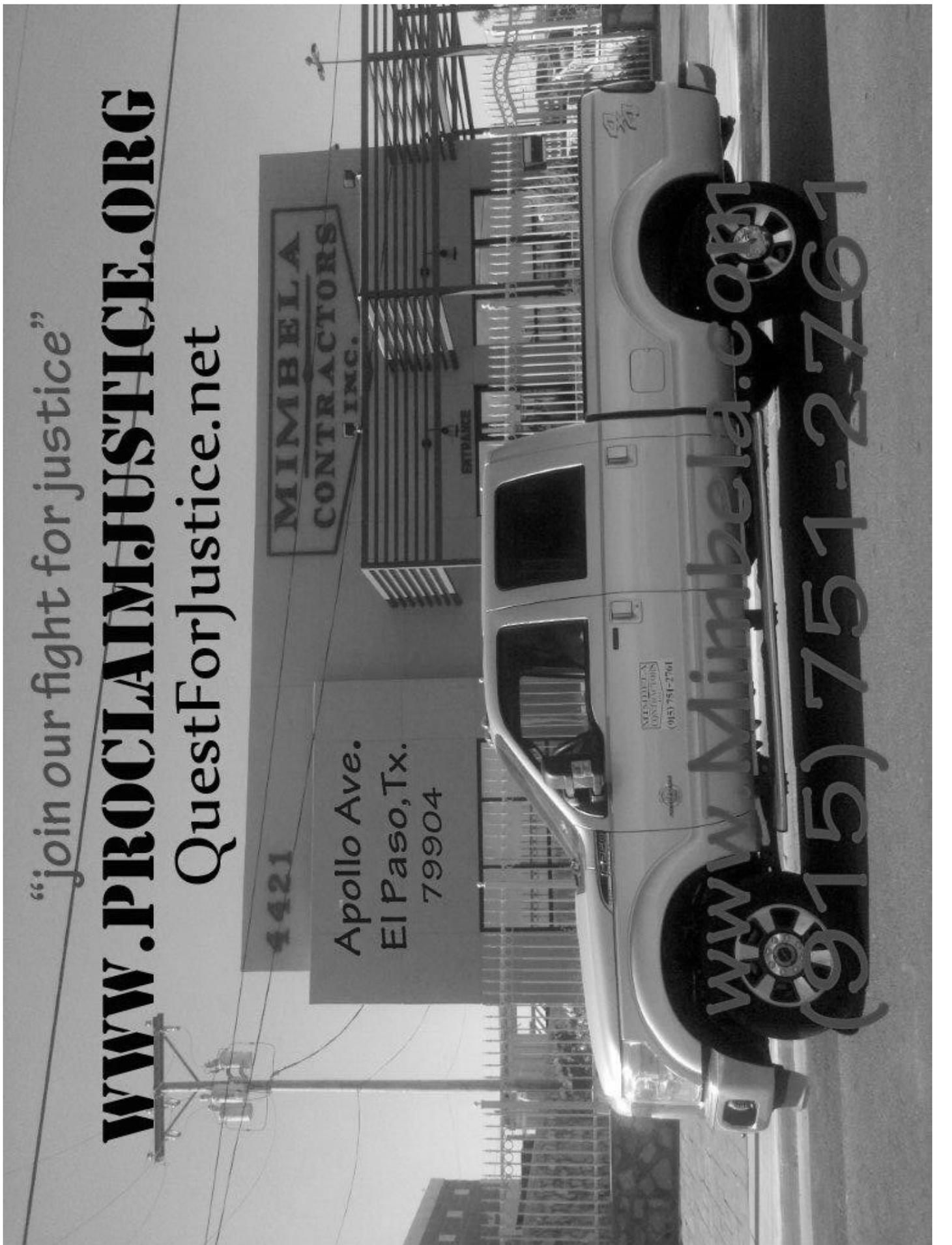
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