

# 2013 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCE

## The Death Penalty Versus Life Without Parole: Comparing the Healing Impact on Victims' Families and the Community

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**8:00 a.m. • Coffee and registration**

**8:30 a.m. • Welcome**

**Janine P. Geske**

Former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, distinguished professor of law, and director, Restorative Justice Initiative, Marquette Law School

**8:50 a.m.**

**Panel 1. Death-Penalty Survivor Families**

- Paula Kurland, survivor from Texas
- Aji Varghese, survivor from Texas
- Kent Whitaker, survivor from Texas

**9:50 a.m. • Break**

**10:10 a.m.**

**Panel 2. Life-Without-the-Possibility-of-Parole and Life-With-Parole Survivor Families**

- Suzie Carlson, survivor from Minnesota
- Patti Drew, survivor from Minnesota

**11:10 a.m.**

**Contextualizing the Stories of Survivor Families**

Marilyn Armour will summarize and connect her research findings to the experiences of the survivor panelists. The focus of her remarks will be on state differences, survivor well-being, and the reestablishment of control.

**11:40 a.m. • Lunch**

**Complimentary box lunch will be provided.**

**12:30 p.m.,**

**Panel 3. Prosecutors, Defense Lawyers, Advocates:**

**Personal and Professional Impact**

- Eduardo M. Borda, Milwaukee Criminal Defense Lawyer, Magner, Hueneke, Smith, & Borda, LLP
- Paul K. Charlton, former United States Attorney and currently a partner at the Phoenix, Arizona law firm Gallagher & Kennedy
- Bonnie Hannan, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Washington, D.C.
- Kathryn Kase, Executive Director of Texas Defender Service
- Susannah Sheffer, author of *Fighting for Their Lives: Inside the Experience of Capital Defense Attorneys*

**1:30 p.m.**

**Panel 4. Judge and Warden: Personal and Professional Impact**

- Honorable Maxine Aldridge White, Milwaukee County Circuit Court
- Jeanne Woodford, former warden at San Quentin State Prison, current executive director at Death Penalty Focus, and official proponent of the SAFE California Campaign

**2:10 p.m.,**

**Panel 5. Victim Support and Clergy: Personal and Professional Impact**

- Reverend Jerry Hancock, J.D., MDiv, ordained minister, United Church of Christ
- Lydia Newlin, Victim Assistance & Restorative Justice Program Director, Minnesota Department of Corrections
- Mark Odom, Deputy Director of Victim Services, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

**3:00 p.m.**

**Honoring the Voice of Family Survivors of Homicide: Implications for the Global Restorative Justice Movement**

- Ivo Aertsen, Professor at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- Mark Umbreit, Professor, School of Social Work and Director, Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking, University of Minnesota—Twin Cities

Professors Aertsen and Umbreit will speak to the importance of honoring and respecting the diverse needs of family survivors of homicide, moving beyond current assumptions that routinely reflect little understanding and recognition of the voice of those who have suffered the most from the trauma of murder. Implications for the practice of restorative justice in the international community will also be addressed.

**3:40 p.m.,**

**Closing by Janine P. Geske**

**Morning Conference Moderator**

Mike Gousha, distinguished fellow in law and public policy, Marquette Law School

**Afternoon Conference Moderator**

Janine P. Geske, distinguished professor of law, and director, Restorative Justice Initiative, Marquette Law School