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The Center for Death Penalty Studies
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Death Penalty as a Political Weapon

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Austin Sarat, Amherst College Law Professor and pioneer in the field of death penalty

Keynote Speaker:
Robert Dunham, Executive Director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington DC.

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Speakers

Professor Austin Sarat
Amherst College, Law Professor, and pioneer in the field of death penalty, Amherst, MA.

Robert Dunham
Executive Director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington DC.

Professor Franklin Zimring
Law Professor and pioneer in the field of death penalty, University of California at Berkeley Law School

Professor Amir Fakhravar
Former political prisoner, Constitutional Law Scholar, and the Senate Chairman of National Iranian Congress

Professor Mitch Roth
Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Professor Sanaz Alasti
Criminal Justice professor, and Director of Center for Death Penalty Studies at Lamar University
Professor Lynn Maurer

The Dean of Arts and Sciences College (COAS), Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and Chief Research Officer at Indiana State University, Chair of Political Science, and Associate Dean of the Graduate School of the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and Professor of Political Science. She earned the Ph.D. and M.A. in Comparative Politics of Europe at The Ohio State University, the B.A. in Spanish from Otterbein University in Spanish, and Certificate de Relations Internationals from l’Université de Dijon, Bourgogne.

Dr. Dann Brown

The Provost and vice president for academic affairs at Lamar University, Dean of University College and director of the Personalized Academic and Career Exploration Center at Texas State University (2011-2020), Dean of University College at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (2005-2011)

Professor Stuart A. Wright

Professor of Sociology and Chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminal Justice at Lamar University.

Professor Cheng-Hsien Lin

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Director of Criminal Justice Program at Lamar University.

Tessie Castillo

Author, journalist and editor of “Crimson Letters: Voices from Death Row”, an original anthology of writings about the death penalty that features entries by Castillo as well as several current residents of North Carolina’s Death Row.

Vadim Shulman

Former President of the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress, France
Professor Stefan Andrei
PhD from Hamburg University, Germany, in 2000, as a World Bank Scholarship Japan Graduate student. He was a recipient of a postdoctoral fellowship from Singapore-MIT Alliance between 2002 and 2005. Professor and former Chair of Department of Computer Science.

Professor Corina Schultze
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of South Alabama

Professor Talia Harmon
Criminal Justice Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Niagara University, NY

Professor Jeffery Ulmer
Professor of Sociology and Criminology, Director of Penn State Criminal Justice Research Center, University Park, PA

Sister Misty Garriga
Criminal Justice Director of Diocese of Beaumont and works with death row inmates at Livingston Polunsky unit

Professor Nick Bell
Lifespark Movement Against the Death Penalty in Switzerland
Michael Braxton  
Author, musician, and death row inmate in North Carolina

Professor George Kain  
Criminal Justice Professor, former Chair of Justice & Law Administration (JLA) Division, Western CT State University in Danbury, and Police Commissioner in Ridgefield, CT

Professor Katie Murphy  
Associate Professor, University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama

Abraham Bonowitz  
Executive Director of Death Penalty Action, Ghent, NY.

Kennedy Ratcliffe  
Ph.D. student, Criminal justice, Sam Houston State University, Texas

Dr. Joel Zivot  
Physician at Emory Clinic and expert on physician participation in lethal injection, Atlanta, GA
Chris Castillo
Board member, Murder Victim’s Families for Reconciliation and Journey of Hope: From Violence to Healing, Beaumont, TX

Sergey Dikman
Legal adviser/head of unit at the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

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