## Surviving the Law:

# Legal Advocacy for Survivors and Scholars

May 30th - 31st, 2025

#### Conference Schedule

Conference Advisory Board: Lucy Huh (Baylor University), Dr. Amanda Lucia (UCR), Terry McKiernan (BishopAccountability.org), hosted by the Religion & Sexual Abuse Project, and generously supported by the Henry Luce Foundation.

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### Friday, May 30th, 2025

10:30am - 11:00am - Conference location is open, participants pick up name badges

11:00am - 12:30pm - Keynote Lunch

Speaker: Suzanna Krivulskaya, California State University, San Marcos

12:30 – 12:45pm – break

12:45 - 2:15pm - Panel Session

- Survivor Experiences in Litigation: First-Person Accounts
  - > Katherine Archer, Co-Founder, Prosopon Healing
  - > David Pittman, Director, Together We Heal, Safeguarding Educator, Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment (GRACE)

> Dorothy Small, Advocate, Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP)

2:15 - 2:30pm - break

2:30 - 4pm - Panel Sessions

- ❖ Barriers to Justice: Agency, Education, Disability, Isolation, and Trauma
  - > Mary Byler, Founder, The Misfit Amish
  - > Lucy Huh, Baylor University
  - > Barbie Miller, Psychology Student, born Amish
  - > Sara Moslener, Central Michigan University
- \* How can Scholars do this Research?: Navigating IRB and Institutional Archives
  - > Jack Downey, University of Rochester
  - ➤ Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
  - > Marie Griffith, Washington University in St. Louis
  - > Amanda Lucia, University of California-Riverside

4 – 5pm – Reception & Resource Sharing (Tabling by Awake, Baylor University, BishopAccountability.org, Heartwood, Inform, IntoAccount, GRACE, Prosopon Healing, and more.)

5 - 7pm - Keynote Dinner

Speaker: Gustavo Arellano, *LA Times* 

### Saturday, May 31st, 2025

9:00 - 9:30am - light refreshments and coffee/tea

#### 9:30 - 11:00am - Panel Sessions

- Institutional Firewalls: Bankruptcy, Insurance, Legal Teams, Enablers, and NDAs
  - > Matthias Conaty, Deputy Attorney General, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
  - > Amos Guiora, University of Utah
  - > James Holman, Attorney, Duane Morris LLP (Retired)
  - > Stephanie Krehbiel, Into Account
  - > Terry McKiernan, BishopAccountability.org
- ❖ One Survivor/One Legal Advocate: A Conversation
  - > Carol Merchasin, Attorney
  - > Rachel Montgomery Ray, Co-founder, Heartwood Sangha Program

11:00 - 1:00 - Lunch

#### 1:00 - 2:30pm - Panel Sessions

- ❖ Post-Publishing Hazards for Scholars and Survivors: Libel, Subpoenas, Publishers' Liability, and Personal Risks in Writing about Abuse
  - > Philip Deslippe, University of California-Santa Barbara
  - > Sarah Harvey, Inform/King's College-London
  - > Suzanne Newcombe, Inform/King's College-London
  - > Stacie Stukin, Journalist

- ❖ One Survivor/One Scholar: A Conversation
  - > Brian Clites, Case Western Reserve University
  - > Trish Cahill, Writer, Speaker, Activist
- 2:30 3:00pm break
- 3:00 4:30pm Break-out Session
  - Coffee & Connection (with Tabling by Awake, Baylor University, BishopAccountability.org, Heartwood, Inform, IntoAccount, GRACE, Prosopon Healing, and more.)

#### **Coterminous Panel Sessions**

- ❖ Legislative Advocacy: Empowered Survivors Engaging in Systemic Legal Change
  - > Joelle Casteix, Advocate, Speaker, and Author
  - > Lucy Huh, Baylor University
  - > Patrick J. Wall, Avocate, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A.
- \* Reform v. Abolition: Confronting Mixed Feelings
  - > Nirinjan Kaur Khalsa-Baker, Loyola Marymount University
  - > Sara Larson, Executive Director, Awake
  - > Cait West, Writer, Creative, Survivor
- 4:30 5pm break/reception
- 5 7pm Keynote Dinner

Speaker: John Manly, Attorney

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