

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, IntoAccount**
- **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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