

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

John Conroy

John Conroy is Senior Investigator at the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern University, where he works on wrongful conviction and civil rights cases. He previously worked as Director of Investigations of the DePaul Legal Clinic and taught Fact Investigation at the DePaul University College of Law. In his previous career as an investigative reporter he won numerous awards and his work was published in the New York Times, the Washington Post, Mother Jones and Chicago Magazine. He is the author of two books: *Belfast Diary: War as a Way of Life* and *Unspeakable Acts, Ordinary People: The Dynamics of Torture*, and the play *My Kind of Town*, published in 2015, which premiered at Chicago's TimeLine Theater in May 2012. The play is set against the backdrop of the Chicago police torture scandal, which he was instrumental in exposing.

Rob Owen

Rob Owen is a Clinical Professor at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law, where he teaches courses on capital punishment law and supervises clinical students working on death penalty cases. Educated at the University of Georgia and Harvard Law School, Prof. Owen has defended clients facing the death at every level of the state and federal court system since 1989. His background includes six years at a non-profit law office representing Texas death row prisoners in post-conviction litigation, three years as an Assistant Federal Public Defender and more than a decade combining private criminal defense practice and clinical teaching.

Sean O'Brien

Sean O'Brien is a professor at UMKC Law School. He has represented people in capital trial, appeal and post-conviction cases across the country since 1983. His noteworthy cases include *Schlup v. Delo*, 513 U.S. 298 (1995) and *Stewart v. Martinez-Villareal*, 523 U.S. 637 (1998). He is widely published in the field of capital defense, and in 2009 he received the National Sentencing Project Award and the Daniel J. Brenner Legal Writing Award for his article, *When Life Depends on It: Supplementary Guidelines for the Mitigation Function of Defense Teams in Death Penalty Cases*, 36 Hofstra Law Review 693 (2008). In 2005, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Benedictine College for his work on behalf of indigent prisoners.

Art Cody

Captain Art Cody, USN (Retired) is Legal Director of the Veterans Defense Program of the New York State Defenders Association. Art first served as a U.S. Army

helicopter pilot, followed by similar service in the Navy Reserve. In total, his active and military career spans 30 years and he is a veteran of multiple combat zone deployments, most recently to Afghanistan (2011-2012). As a civilian lawyer, he has represented capital defendants for over 20 years and currently chairs the Capital Punishment Committee of the New York City Bar Association. He frequently presents on the defense of veterans on death row, including Airlie in 2015, provides counsel to lawyers for veterans in Capital Habeas proceedings, and recently served as lead counsel in a veteran clemency hearing.

Troy Schnack

Troy is the Computer System Administrator for the Federal Public Defender in the Western District of Missouri. Along with eDiscovery, networking, programming and other technological support, Troy is also a certified Digital Forensics Examiner. He has been performing digital forensic examinations since 2002, has testified many times as an expert in Federal Court and performed over 100 digital forensic examinations.

L. Song Richardson

L. Song Richardson is a Professor of Law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law with a joint appointment in Criminology, Law & Society. Currently, she is working on a book that examines the legal and moral implications of mind sciences research on policing and criminal procedure. Professor Richardson's scholarship has been published by law journals at Yale, Cornell, Northwestern, Southern California and Minnesota, among others. Richardson frequently presents her work at academic symposia, non-academic legal conferences, and conducts trainings for judges, prosecutors, public defenders and police officers on the science of implicit racial bias.

Thad Blank

Thad Blank is the research and writing attorney for the Federal Defender Services of Idaho. He is a former law clerk for the Honorable Stephen S. Trott of the Ninth Circuit. Before joining the FDSI, he worked at Stoel Rives, LLP and for the Boise City Attorney's Office. He is a graduate of the UC Berkeley School of Law.

Andrew McKenna

Raised in Schenectady, New York, Andrew's upbringing sounds familiar – Little League Baseball, scraps with boys from the neighborhood, parties, road trips. But below the surface, Andrew always felt different – detached, and constantly wondering how he fit in the bigger picture, always just steps ahead from the mire of existential crisis. Then, at the urging of one of his older brothers, he joins the military. Next is law school, followed by training with the Marines, and before he knows what hit him, this once

aimless boy from modest roots is rapidly rising through the ranks as an attorney for the U.S. Justice Department. But years of untreated emotional distress, combined with the physical toll of the military, eventually lead him down a dark path, one riddled with prescription medication, alcohol, divorce, the loss of contact with his sons, and ultimately, crime.

Robert Smith

Rob Smith is a Senior Research Fellow at the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard Law School, where he directs the Fair Punishment Project. He also serves as the Litigation Director for the 8th Amendment Project. Before joining the CJI, Smith was an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Smith's scholarship has appeared in the New York University Law Review, Cornell Law Review and Cardozo Law Review, among other journals. His co-edited book, *Implicit Bias Across the Law*, was published in 2012 by Cambridge University Press.

John Wesley Hall

John Wesley Hall is a criminal defense lawyer and NACDL's 50th President. A student of the Fourth Amendment (www.FourthAmendment.com) and law of legal ethics in criminal defense practice and prosecutorial misconduct for over 43 years, he has argued twice in the U.S. Supreme Court, authored numerous amicus briefs in the Supreme Court for NACDL and has been consulted by at least 900 criminal lawyers seeking confidential counsel on ethics issues in the U.S., Military Courts, Canada and international tribunals. His practice includes trials, appeals, and some post-conviction litigation concentrating in the areas of drugs, sex and violence. Mr. Hall is fluent in irony and sarcasm and in complete denial about the possibility of lawyer burnout.

Michael Barnes

Dr. Michael Barnes is the Clinical Manager of Residential Services at The Center for Dependency, Addition and Rehabilitation (CeDAR) at the University of Colorado Hospital. He has over 30 years of experience as a clinician, program administrator, clinical supervisor and addiction counselor educator. He brings significant expertise in the areas of addiction treatment, trauma therapy, and marriage and family therapy, with specific interests in the development of trauma-integrated addiction treatment and treatment of the Secondary Trauma of Families. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Master Addiction Counselor and approved clinical supervisor for individuals seeking licensure as professional counselors and marriage and family therapists in Colorado.

Joshua Karton

Joshua Karton, president of Communication Arts, specializes in applying communication techniques of theater/film/television to the art of trial advocacy. The recipient of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Stetson Center for Excellence in Advocacy, his thirty years of work in this field culminated in his preparation of the winning oral argument to the United States Supreme Court in *Hamdan v Rumsfeld*. He serves on the faculties and develops curriculum for NACDL, National Criminal Defense College, AAJ's Ultimate Course, the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyer's College, NITA, the JAG Corps, ABA, Loyola and California Western Schools of Law, numerous criminal defense associations and state trial lawyer associations, as well as maintaining a professional practice of individual case consultation and witness preparation

THURSDAY, Sept. 15, 2016

- 8:00-8:30 Registration
- 8:30-8:45 Opening Remarks
- 8:45-9:45 Robert Smith: Eighth Amendment Project
- 9:45-10:00 Break
- 10:00-11:00 Rob Owen: Supreme Court Practice
- 11:00-12:00 Sean O'Brien: Cross-Examination of State Experts
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30-2:30 Art Cody: Trauma and Military Service
- 2:30-3:30 Dr. Michael Barnes: Trauma & Interviewing
- 3:30-3:45 Break
- 3:45-4:45 John Conroy: Analyzing Police Documents

FRIDAY, Sept. 16, 2016

- 7:45-8:00 Registration
- 8:00-8:15 Opening Remarks - Dick Rubin: This Can't Be Funnier Than This Election Cycle
- 8:15-10:15 Joshua Karton: All the World Is A Stage
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 L. Song Richardson: Ignorance Looms in the Unconscious Mind
- 11:30-1:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00-2:00 Troy Schnack: Any Fool Can Use a Computer and Many Do
- 2:00-3:00 Andrew McKenna: I Am the Crime Scene
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-4:15 John Wesley Hall: The Ten (or Less) Deadliest Sins
- 4:15-5:00 9th Circuit Update: Confessions of the Supreme Court's Red-Headed Stepchild
- 5:30-7:30 Cocktail Party – Basque Market (Sponsored by IACDL)

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