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Speaker Bios

PLENARY SPEAKERS

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BONNIE BURKHARDT

Presentation Title: Criminal Violations of Fourth Amendment Rights during Investigations of Online Sex Crimes

Bonnie Burkhardt is a software engineer and President of her company, Blue Ridge Software Consulting. She has a security clearance and over 35 years of experience intercepting and analyzing signals for the Department of Defense. In addition to writing software, she has worked as a network protocol engineer, system administrator, and intelligence analyst. Because of her job duties, she has had over 100 classes on interception and privacy laws, taught by the DoD. Ms. Burkhardt used her knowledge of these laws to expand her business into providing expert witness support to attorneys. With two cases, she wrote *amicus* briefs as a *pro se* litigant and submitted the briefs to the Appellate Court of Virginia. These briefs formed the basis for her book, “Manufacturing Criminals – Fourth Amendment Decay in the Electronic Age.” Ms. Burkhardt was born and raised in North Dakota and drove her dad’s combine during harvest season. She has a BS in Applied Math and MS in Computer Science and Engineering. She and her husband, Walter, moved to Virginia in 1989. They have grown daughters who were born and raised in Virginia. After becoming an empty-nester, she became active in politics and advocating for Fourth Amendment rights.



DR. AVON HART-JOHNSON

Presentation Title: “Leave Me Alone!”—I’m Cocooning

Dr. Avon Hart-Johnson is a social science researcher, author, and social justice advocate. She has authored numerous self-help books and peer-reviewed journal articles. She has co-authored a series of children’s books on topics such as separation, loss, grief, and family member incarceration. Her latest publication “Children with Incarcerated Parents: Caregivers, Superheroes, and Silver linings” explores the family system impacted by incarceration and its potential impacts on child-development and ways to improve children’s long-term emotional well-being and overall health. This book will be released during the Fall of 2023. Dr. Hart-Johnson is a university educator, well-known keynote speaker, and social justice advocate. She chairs the Advocacy in Action Coalition, a national consortium of individuals and nonprofits focused on criminal justice reform. She is the vice president of the International Coalition for Children With Incarcerated Parents and serves as chief researcher for BiblioMethods (using literature and healing narratives to promote overall well-being). Dr. Hart-Johnson has a master’s in forensic psychology, a master’s in information systems management, and a PhD in human services counseling. She is a Certified Trauma Support Specialists (CTSS) and a Grief Recovery Specialist/Practitioner (GRS).



PROF. WAYNE A. LOGAN

Zoom Presentation Title: “SORN: Where It Has Been and (Perhaps), Where It is Headed.”

Steven M. Goldstein Professor of Law at Florida State University, teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, and sentencing. He is the author or coauthor of several books, including *The Ex Post Facto Clause: Its History and Role in a Punitive Society* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2022) and *Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Laws: An Empirical Evaluation* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2021) (paper edition, 2022) (Ed., with J.J. Prescott). Professor Logan is also the author of several dozen law review articles, with work appearing in such publications as the *Georgetown Law Journal*, the *Michigan Law Review*, the *Pennsylvania Law Review*, the *Texas Law Review*, and the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. His scholarship has been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court on two occasions and he is commonly quoted in national media outlets, including the *A.B.A. Journal*, the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. Professor Logan is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a past chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the Association of American Law Schools. He has taught for over two decades, the last fifteen years at FSU Law. At

FSU Law, he has served as associate dean for academic affairs (2008-2011) and was awarded a University Graduate Teaching Award (2015). Before entering academia, Professor Logan clerked for the North Carolina Supreme Court and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and practiced law in Raleigh, North Carolina.



GALEN BAUGHMAN

Presentation Title: Guerrilla Tactics for Underdog Activists: The Future of the Insurgency in the War on Sex

Galen Baughman is a directly-impacted advocate based in Washington, D.C. dedicated to building a world where a person is not permanently defined by a crime of conviction. He was awarded an Open Society Foundation Soros Justice Fellowship in 2015 to build a movement to end the indefinite detention of youth in Virginia, which led to the first abolition bill introduced in the then-31-year history of pre-crime preventative detention laws in the U.S. Galen has spent 14 years of his life behind bars, including 6 years in solitary confinement, starting when he was just a teenager. Virginia has attempted to indefinitely detain Galen three separate times past his release date — failing each time. Today, he is a highly sought-after speaker and campaign strategist on sex-related offense policy and the human rights implications of policy approaches public safety. He has also trained advocates around the country to build inclusive movements against mass incarceration. While incarcerated, Galen founded Just Future Project from behind the walls to dismantle systems of preventative detention, abolish shadow prisons, and advocated for policies that support restoration and reintegration of persons who have been in conflict with the law. After first winning his release in 2012, Baughman spent two years as the Director of Communications at International CURE, a grassroots advocacy organization, where he focused on policy analysis, direct advocacy, messaging strategies, and grassroots organizing. He was a JustLeadershipUSA 2015 Leading with Conviction Fellow. His essays have been published by Playboy Magazine, the Cato Institute, and others. Galen is on Twitter @GalenBaughman



DAVID GARLOCK

Presentation Title: Unlikely Advocate

David L. Garlock is a successful returning citizen, reentry professional, and criminal justice reform advocate. David enjoys educating the next generation of criminal justice professionals on rehabilitation and advocating in various spheres for an effective and equitable justice system. He is a writer, author and poet who shares his story in many written forms. He is a frequent speaker at colleges and universities, criminal and social justice conferences, and community events.



STEVE GORDON

Presentation Title: 20 Years on the Registry: How to Succeed in Life While Facing Impossible Challenges

A native Texan, Steve Gordon has lived all over the United States, but settled in Fort Worth about six years ago. He and his wife Karen, a retired special education teacher, attend Capstone Church in Benbrook. He has worked in ministries large and small, corporate America, and eight different industries. The author of five books, Steve now serves as a consultant to Christian ministries. He specializes in strategic planning, board development, fundraising strategies, organizational development, and grant-writing. He founded and led an inner-city ministry to the homeless in Oklahoma City for five years and was the State Director for the Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Reentry from 2011-2012. He recently worked for a national ministry in a grassroots advocacy role, recruiting and mobilizing Christian believers to be active in prison reform. He also serves as Chairman of the Board for Center For Jail Transformation.

BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS

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BREAKOUT SESSION 1A



PAUL RIGNEY

Presentation Title: International Travel

Paul Rigney is executive director of registranttag.org, which is focused on registrants and their families' ability to travel internationally safely in a post International Megan's Law (IML) world. Currently, Paul is Program Director for Pecos Data Systems, LLC. He is a retired USAF Officer,, combat aviator and top gun graduate with 20 years in the USAF. Paul has 20 years experience as a certified program manager (PM) leading teams developing software for intelligence and DoD customers and cloud applications for commercial/B2B entities. In the USAF, he accumulated 2,000 flight hours in the F-111/F-4 fighter aircraft.

After retirement, Paul joined Raytheon Advanced Programs as a PM on advanced weapons development, UAS programs and command and control systems. In 2008, he accepted a 3 year Texas state charge for CP and enjoyed free room and board thanks to Texas DPS. Starting in 2011, he received an updated passport and has been dedicated to international travel. While he has been turned away from Panama, UK and Philippines, he has successfully traveled to Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Bahamas, Ireland and Guatemala. Since 2013, he has been an owner of several companies including CTO for Virtech Paralegal and Tavros Technology, Inc. He owns Libertad Consulting and MyHairTowel.com.

Paul has a BS from the USAF Academy and an MBA from New Mexico University. He is also retired combat aviator with 2000 hours and 350 combat hours fighters and is an F-111 Top Gun graduate.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1B



BRIAN KELMAR

Presentation Title: Developmental Disabilities/Autism in the criminal legal system

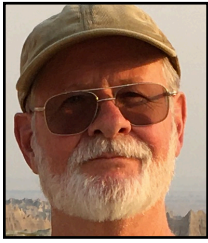
Brian Kelmar is the Executive Director and cofounder of the nonprofit Legal Reform for Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled (LRIDD). He is a proud father of an autistic son, and his two other sons. He has been a senior executive of large corporations as well as an entrepreneur. He is a retired Navy Commander and Naval aviator with over 500 carrier landings. As a Department of Defense Military Research Fellow, he coauthored a book, on "A Model for Leading Change". He was recognized for his advocacy work by the ARC Of

Virginia for Catalyst for Change award. He has an undergraduate degree from Penn State University, an MBA from Troy State University, doctoral studies at Nova Southeastern University, and an executive education from Harvard Business School. He is also an avid marathon and ultra-marathon runner in his spare time.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1C

STEVE GORDON (see Plenary Section for BIO) and **DEBRA GRUND** (see Breakout Session 3C for BIO)
Presentation Title: Streamlining the Registrant's Coming Home

BREAKOUT SESSION 2A



BRUCE HOSSFELD

Presentation Title: Session title: Domestic Travel Update

I grew up in suburban New Jersey. I hold bachelor and graduate degrees in government, and worked in local government service for over 35 years. Before I wrecked my life and ended up on Florida's registry I always intended to travel in my retirement. Now, after prison and probation, I am in fact retired, and "free," and have not given up my dream of seeing natural wonders and historic sites, visiting great cities, traveling to as many places as possible - as "Atwo Zee, Registered Traveler."

BREAKOUT SESSION 2B

CHRIS DESOTO and AMBER VLANGAS

Presentation Title: "Common Ground (Panel Questions)"

This workshop will develop the questions for the Discussion Panel on Monday Morning

BREAKOUT SESSION 2C



JIM PLAGER and VICKI HENRY (see Panel Discussion for BIO)

Presentation Title: Let's Move Toward Humanization and Person First

Jim Prager spent more than nine years in a Michigan Prison. After his release, Jim continued to live with the stigma of the registry. When he moved to Ohio in October 2003, he was assessed by the Sheriff's office as low risk; having to register once each year for ten years. In 2008 however, Ohio was one of the first states to become SORNA compliant. Suddenly, he was assessed as high risk with life-time registration and a requirement to register every three months, in person. In 2011, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the state could not change a registry status after it had been previously assigned. In short order, Jim was then removed from the Ohio Registry. Over the years, Jim has become an advocate for more humane prison conditions. In 2011, he earned his license as a social worker. He now works with incarcerated individuals to help them prepare for release. He also facilitates support groups for individuals and families. And as time permits, Jim volunteers at "Prison CONversation" a small organization that helps people facing sexual conviction.

BREAKOUT SESSION 3A



PASTOR JON KENDZIE

with Pastor Jeremy Pierce

Presentation Title: The Registry's Impact on Church Hurt

Operations Pastor, M.Div, MBA, CSC, Pastor Jon is our Operations Pastor, leading functions related to staffing, administration, technology and financial operations. Jon believes every Christian is called to be a Christian leader and can be equipped to do so: leaders of their families, workplaces and communities. Pastor Jon has served in ministry for 20 years, seven years as a Stephen Minister® and spiritual coach, ten years leading in a denominational church and now Overseeing Crossroads of Hope. He earned a Master of Divinity from SMU's Perkins Theological Seminary, an MBA in Global Business, and a Bachelor of Science in

Marketing from the American University, and is certified in spiritual counseling. He lives in the North Texas area with his wife of 30 years with whom he has raised two sons.

**PASTOR JEREMY PIERCE**

with Pastor Jon Kendzie

Presentation Title: The Registry's Impact on Church Hurt

Leaning on his own experiences on the registry and subsequent healing journey, Pastor Jeremy began answering the call to begin Crossroads of Hope Church in March 2022. God inspired the creation of this church to minister and serve registered citizens and their families. The message is that Christ died on the cross for all; His blood covers ALL sins, even when man may not want to agree with that idea. Pastor Jeremy is from Keithville, LA, where he is supported in his ministry by his wife, Jennifer, their 6 children, and 2 grandchildren. His family is heavily involved in ministry in their local area. Jeremy is a Navy veteran of 8 years and has completed 2 degrees: a Bachelors Degree in Technical Management from Devry University, and a Masters Degree in Educational Studies from the University of Phoenix.

BREAKOUT SESSION 3B**MARK LAZAR**

Presentation Title: Starting and Running a Business as a Registrant

Marc is the founder of Domaine Wine Storage, and its predecessor company which he started in 2003. Since that time he has grown the company from 1 location to 6 around the country and from zero to 63 employees. Along the way he has seen the thicket of regulations and prohibitions around registrants and helped to navigate the marketing, competition and PR challenges that come with a registrant owned business. When not working, Marc is a father of two great kids and looks for opportunities for advocacy work for registrants and the larger justice involved community.

BREAKOUT SESSION 3C**DEBRA GRUND**

Presentation Title: Stories of Life on the Registry

Debra is the Compliance Coordinator for Viewpoints, a new nonprofit organization in Missouri. Its mission focuses on the difficult transition from incarceration to "freedom" for those on the registry. Debra has been involved in this specific type of work for the last four years. Prior to 2019, Debra was a Director and Executive Director for Women Against Registry. Other accomplishments include earning a Business Degree and an NARR Supervisory Certificate; as well as the creation and operation of a successful catering and event company.

PANEL DISCUSSION**DR. FRAN BUNTMAN**

Moderator

Fran Buntman's primary teaching and research interests focus on prisons and other institutions of punishment and power, especially in the United States and South Africa. A faculty member at the Department of Sociology at George Washington University (GWU) since 2002, she studies resistance and law to understand and change inequities and injustice. These themes are core to her book, *Robben Island and Prisoner Resistance to Apartheid* (Cambridge, 2003) and her recent journal article "Prison and Law, Repression and Resistance: Colonialism and Beyond" (2019). She centers committed teaching and mentoring students along with a pedagogy that integrates theory and practice, including through public engagement and advancing student-led policy change. Dr. Buntman is an institutional leader; she serves as Sociology's Director of Graduate Studies and directs

the interdisciplinary Law and Society Minor which she was instrumental in creating. She has been recognized for her research, teaching, and advising work through multiple awards. Fran Buntman maintains an active research agenda, currently ranging from the manifestos of mass shooters to prisoner reentry. Born in South Africa where anti-apartheid politics and being Jewish shaped her life, she was educated at the University of the Witwatersrand, Brandeis University, and the University of Texas at Austin. She is now happily a 20-year resident of Washington, D.C., a proud mom of DC high school seniors, and grateful for a diaspora of family and friends.



VICKI HENRY

Panel Member

Vicki Henry is the President of Women Against Registry. From “day 1” in that position, she has been (and remains to this day) the voice of registrants and their families. There is no task too large for this tireless advocate. Over the years, she has pled her case to State and Federal Congressmen, spoken to large and small audiences, planned conferences, helped to find housing for those in need, conducted support groups, been interviewed by national media personnel and so much more. One of Vicki’s passions is to educate registrant family members and supporters. This task, while slow and frustrating for some, can become an empowering and transforming effort. When successful, this effort can be satisfying and rewarding for the teacher and the student. In fact, Vicki takes every opportunity to educate on this topic; from lawmakers to prosecutors, to prison administrators to strangers in an elevator. Vicki is a true advocate who considers this work to be her calling. When she is not attached to her laptop or otherwise knee-deep in her life’s work, she likes gardening, making fudge, searching Pinterest for ideas, and spending time with her family.



JANICE BELLUCCI

Panel Member

Janice Bellucci is a civil rights attorney whose legal practice is limited to registrants and their family members. She has filed more than 100 lawsuits challenging California’s registrant residency restrictions, proximity restrictions, school restrictions, Halloween requirements as well as a federal challenge to International Megan’s Law. Janice earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of San Diego and has been recognized twice, as California’s top 100 most influential attorneys. She is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and every state and federal court within California. Janice encourages everyone to Show Up, Stand Up and Speak Up!



PAUL SHANNON

Panel Member

Paul was born in Boston in 1947 and has lived all his life in the greater Boston area. For almost all of his adult life he has been an activist, writer, and speaker in various peace, union, prison reform, human rights, and social justice movements, particularly the United Farm Workers’ union drives, the Vietnam anti-war and solidarity movements, the movement to end apartheid in South Africa, the 1980’s Central American and Cambodian solidarity movements, the Haitian solidarity movement, the Afghanistan and Iraqi anti-war movements, and the effort to end the war in Yemen. He is now retired from the New England Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee where he worked for 40 years. Paul taught social science courses as an adjunct instructor at a number of colleges for 42 years. And he is now a volunteer board member at several peace organizations. In the late 90’s, Paul helped organize a broad coalition for all day hearings to oppose the original sex offender registry and lifetime civil commitment legislation in Massachusetts, and in 2007 he was a founder of the original Reform Sex Offender Laws (now NARSOL). He is on the board of directors of NARSOL and helps coordinate a loose network of advocates to oppose the sexual offense registry in Massachusetts.