

## **Race, Innocence and the End of the Death Penalty**

### **Fall 2014 Distinguished Speakers Series**

The UNC Department of Political Science is pleased to host the distinguished speakers series listed below. These events are available at no charge to the public and are made available through the Richard J. Richardson Distinguished Professorship. The speakers come in conjunction with POLI 203, Race, Innocence, and the End of the Death Penalty. They will address one of the most important public policy puzzles our state and nation currently face: Why is the death penalty fading away, and should it be abolished? Many of the speakers have personal experience with the capital punishment system, having been sentenced to death for a crime they did not commit. All events are on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in Hamilton Hall, room 100.

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| Sep 24 | <b>Jen Marlow and Kim Davis</b><br>Jen is co-author of <i>I Am Troy Davis</i> , and Kim is Troy's younger sister. Troy Davis was executed by the State of Georgia on September 21, 2011.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Oct 1  | <b>Ballard Everett</b><br>Ballard is NC coordinator for Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty and a consultant in Raleigh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Oct 8  | <b>Greg Taylor and Chris Mumma</b><br>Greg was exonerated in 2010 after 17 years of a life sentence for murder; Chris, of the NC Center on Actual Innocence, was his attorney.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Oct 22 | <b>LaMonte Armstrong and Theresa Newman</b><br>LaMonte was exonerated in 2013 after serving 18 years of a life sentence for a Greensboro murder and Theresa, from Duke Law School, was his attorney.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Oct 29 | <b>Ken Rose</b><br>Ken is an attorney for the CDPL in Durham. He has represented capital defendants in Georgia, Mississippi, and in North Carolina since 1981.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nov 5  | <b>Darryl Hunt</b><br>Darryl was exonerated in 2004 after more than 19 years in prison for murder; he escaped the death penalty by one vote. He now directs a nonprofit agency designed to reform the criminal justice system and help former inmates adjust to society.                                                                                                                |
| Nov 12 | <b>Ron McAndrew</b><br>Ron took a position as a prison guard in Florida after relocating there following a divorce. Several years later he was warden of central prison, where he oversaw a number of electrocutions, including that of Jesse Tafero, whose head caught fire. Ron is now an advocate of abolition of the death penalty and speaks nationally to audiences of all types. |
| Nov 19 | <b>Beverly and Katie Monroe</b><br>Beverly was sentenced to 22 years in prison for a 1992 murder; Katie, her daughter, went to law school and learned to become a defense attorney, and got her mother released on the grounds of innocence in 2003. Katie now works for the Innocence Project.                                                                                         |

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