# Distinguished Speaker Series RACE, INNOCENCE, AND THE END OF THE DEATH PENALTY

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#### FEBRUARY

12 LaMonte Armstrong and Theresa Newman. Mr. Armstrong was exonerated in 2013 of a Greensboro, NC murder for which he was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to life in prison in 1995. Attorney Newman and others from the Duke Innocence project secured Mr. Armstrong's release.

19 Darryl and Nannie Howard. Mr. Howard walked free from a Durham courtroom in August 2016 after having been wrongly convicted in a 1991 doublehomicide. Ms. Howard stood by his side the entire time and help organized his defense.

#### 26 Penny Beerntsen and Katie

Monroe. Ms. Beerntsen is the survivor of a brutal attack whose legal case resulted in a wrongful conviction because of flawed police procedures. Ms. Monroe, who fought for eleven years to have her mother's murder conviction overturned, is now the Executive Director of Healing Justice, a Washington-based organization that promotes healing for those affected by wrongful convictions.

### MARCH

**5** Gary Griffin and Ken Rose. Mr. Griffin served five years on death row before his death sentence was overturned. He later worked an investigator working on post-conviction death penalty appeals in Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. Rose, has been a capital litigator for over 30 years, and was Mr. Griffin's appellate lawyer.

**19** Chris Turner. Mr. Turner was one of 17 young people in Washington DC to be charged in a brutal killing. The crime occurred in a busy area of the city in broad daylight and yet there were no witnesses. Eight were sent to prison; one died while in federal custody, and six remain incarcerated.

26 <u>Kimberly Davis.</u> Ms. Davis' brother Troy was executed by the State of Georgia amid a movement proclaiming his innocence. Ms. Davis has spoken publicly about his case since 1989. Mondays, 5:30 to 7:00 PM Stone Center Auditorium, UNC - Chapel Hill Campus Free Parking after 5PM in the Bell Tower Parking Deck

## APRIL

2 Jerome Morgan. Mr. Morgan was sentenced, at age 17, to Life in Prison without Parole for a murder at a New Orleans sweet sixteen party. After 20 years in the plantation-like Louisiana State Prison at Angola, Mr. Morgan's release was secured by the Innocence Project - New Orleans. He later co-founded the Free Dem Foundations, working with young men in the Crescent City.

**9** Marty Tankleff, introduced by Marc Howard. Mr. Tankleff was arrested at age 17 for the murder of his parents, and served over 17 years before being exonerated; he is now an attorney. Mr. Howard, a childhood friend now professor of political science at Georgetown University, supported Mr. Tankleff's quest for freedom.

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