

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 6

- 8:15-9:00 **Breakfast**
(Eidman Jury Room, UT Law School)
- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome**
(Eidman Courtroom)
- 9:15-10:45 **Panel One:**
“Emerging Best Practices: How Mitigation Investigation and Presentation Have Changed over the Past Forty Years,”
moderated by Jim Marcus, *UT Capital Punishment Clinic*
- David Bruck, *Washington & Lee University School of Law*
Dick Burr, *Burr & Welch*
Sean O’Brien, *University of Missouri Kansas City, School of Law*
Danalynn Recer, *Gulf Region Advocacy Center*
- 10:45-12:15 **Panel Two:**
“Empirical Assessments of What ‘Works’ in Mitigation,”
moderated by Jordan Steiker, *UT Capital Punishment Center*
- Craig Haney, *University of California Santa Cruz*
Meredith Rountree, *Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law*
Mary Rose, *University of Texas Department of Sociology*
Liz Vartkessian, *Advancing Real Change (ARC), Inc.*
- 12:15-1:15 **Lunch**
- 1:15-2:45 **Panel Three:**
“Cultural Competence: Working with Clients from Diverse Backgrounds and Making a Mitigation Case Across Cultural Boundaries,” moderated by Thea Posel, *UT Capital Punishment Center*
- Sheri Lynn Johnson, *Cornell Law School*
Naomi Terr, *Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program*
Dr. George Woods, *University of California Berkeley, School of Law*
Randi Chavez, *Texas Defender Services*
- 3:00-4:30 **Panel Four:**
“Significance of Mitigation to American Death Penalty Practice,” moderated by Raoul Schonemann, *UT Capital Punishment Clinic*
- Rob Owen, *Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law*
Carol Steiker, *Harvard Law School*
Russell Stetler, *Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel*
- 6:30 **Dinner, TBD**

Saturday, April 7

8:15-9:00 **Breakfast**
(Eidman Jury Room)

9:00-10:30 **Panel Five:**
“Extending Mitigation Practices to Non-Capital Sphere,”
moderated by Thea Posel, *UT Capital Punishment Center*
(Eidman Courtroom)

Lisa Greenman, *Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel*
Mollie Spalding, *Federal Public Defenders for the Eastern District of Missouri*
Ariane Eigler, *Federal Public Defenders for the Western District of Texas*

10:30-12:00 **Panel Six:**
Group Discussion: Building Mitigation Training Program
(Eidman Jury Room)

Topics discussed will include:

- overview of existing programs and trainings
- identifying the gaps in education and training
- how to best utilize available resources
- potential sources of funding
- collaboration with existing groups and agencies
- training and development services
- academic development

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1:00-4:00 **Discussion:**
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Continuation of morning discussion, including:

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- how to best utilize available resources
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- modules and syllabus structure for cross-listed (social work and law) Social Work in Mitigation class, coming Fall 2018