

CONFERENCE SPEAKER TITLES AND BIOS

(Correct as of 9/13/16 @ 7pm)

THURSDAY

Rev. Al Miles

Title(s):

- Addressing Spiritual Abuse and Domestic Violence: The Vital Role of Men
- Responding to Teen Dating Violence: Guidelines for Parents and Spiritual Leaders

Bio: Rev. Al Miles was born and raised in Gary, Indiana. He received his undergraduate degree from Anderson University, and his Master of Divinity degree at the Anderson School of Theology. Both institutions are located in Anderson, Indiana. Since 1993, Miles has worked for Pacific Health Ministry at The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu. He is an ethics consultant and chair of the hospital's ethics committee, and serves as the Coordinator of the Hospital Ministry Department. He speaks frequently to nationwide audiences from a wide variety of fields on domestic and teen dating violence, and child abuse awareness, and on establishing and maintaining healthy boundaries in professional relationships. Miles is the author of *Domestic Violence: What Every Pastor Needs to Know*, 1st and 2nd editions (Fortress Press, 2000 and 2011), *Violence in Families: What Every Christian Needs to Know* (Augsburg Books, 2002), and *Ending Violence in Teen Dating Relationships: A Resource Guide for Parents and Pastors* (Augsburg Books, 2005). Rev. Miles has been an ordained minister in the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) since 1983.

Jenna Mountain, Kimberly Galindo, Josh Freeman

Title: Treating Trauma Outside of the Box

Bios:

Jenna Mountain, MA, LPC, CST has worked in agency, university, and private practice settings. She has provided counseling for survivors of trauma for over five years. She is a certified sex therapist, trained EMDR therapist, and has completed advanced training in trauma work with couples. She serves as an adjunct professor at Dallas Baptist University and is currently a PhD Candidate at Texas A&M University- Commerce.

Kimberly Galindo, MA, LPC has worked with survivors of trauma in multiple capacities including residential, nonresidential, and private practice settings. She has provided community-based trauma advocacy for 9 years and has provided counseling for survivors of trauma for six years. Kimberly is a trained EMDR therapist and trained in sex therapy. Additionally, she serves as adjunct professor at Dallas Baptist University.

Josh Freeman, MA, LPC has worked with trauma survivors for the past four years in both agency and private practice settings. The majority of his work as a mental health provider has focused on working with the homeless population and trauma recovery. He currently serves as the counseling director at Dallas LIFE homeless shelter, he is trained in sex therapy, and is currently a doctoral student at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Joshua Arduengo

Title: The Neurobiology of Trauma & Eye-Witness Testimony

Bio: Joshua Arduengo has a Ph.D. in Cognition and Neuroscience from UTD. He has done extensive work researching memory and how various events are received and processed in the brain including his dissertation which was primarily concerned with eyewitness memory and suspect identification accuracy. He is currently a crisis hotline advocate and law enforcement trainer with The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center as well as a Full time psychology professor at Collin College. He holds his masters and bachelor's degrees from Texas Tech University.

Marisa Miller & Bill Bernstein

Title: Hidden Crime, Silent Victims: Identifying, Working with, and Understanding Trafficking Victims

Bios:

Marisa Miller is the Human Trafficking Coordinator and the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator for the United States Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Texas. As an Assistant United States Attorney, Marisa investigates and prosecutes individuals who exploit vulnerable persons, in violation of federal law. Specifically, Marisa prosecutes individuals who traffic children in commercial sex, transport adults and children across state lines for purposes of commercial sex, engage in the trafficking of non-United States citizens, harbor aliens or engage in illegal employment practices of aliens, entice or coerce children to engage in sexually explicit conduct, and those who engage in the illegal production, transportation, receipt, distribution, and possession of child pornography. Marisa has spent more than 7 years prosecuting human trafficking and child exploitation cases in Texas and New York. Marisa graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a B.A. in Economics and obtained her juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School.

Bill Bernstein is Deputy Director of Mosaic Family Services, an agency serving those who have suffered human rights abuses such as human trafficking and domestic violence. He

founded the Multicultural Family Violence Intervention program at the agency in 1997 and the Services for Trafficked Persons program in 2001, and has served as Chair of the Metroplex Refugee Network and the North Texas Immigration Coalition.

Bill directs the program at Mosaic that has served survivors of human trafficking since 2001. Mosaic has worked with over 500 trafficked persons: male and female, labor and sex, adults and minors, foreign born and domestic. The agency provides case management, legal services, counseling and housing. Bill is a founding member of the North Texas Anti-Trafficking Team, consisting of federal and local law enforcement, prosecutors and social service providers. Bill served as co-chair of the Freedom Network USA for seven years.

David Almager

Title: Effective Intervention for Batterers: BIPP vs Anger Management

Bio: David Almager is currently the Director of the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) at The Family Place in Dallas. He has worked with both incarcerated and court ordered offenders for over 16 years. David was instrumental in the development of the Dallas County Felony Domestic Violence Court (FDVC) Program and is a member of the Dallas DV High Risk Offender Team. David previously served as the director of family violence services in Amarillo, a mental health worker in a state correctional facility, and as a BIPP counselor in Plano. He has presented at state and local conferences in the area of battering intervention and prevention, High Risk Offender Treatment, group facilitation and cultural competency. He holds a Master of Science degree in counseling/ health from West Texas A&M University.

Diane Reeve

Titles: Standing Strong Survivor Story (Thursday)
Criminal Transmission of HIV: A Victim's Perspective (Friday)

Bio:

Divorced after 18 years of marriage, Diane Reeve thought she had finally found the last love of her life. The charming and handsome Frenchman she met almost was – but not in the way she expected. After dating 4 1/2 years with plans to move in together, Diane was devastated to learn that he had been cheating. Worse, she also found out that he had knowingly transmitted HIV to her.

Undaunted, she risked her life to find other survivors. There were more than 50! In a landmark court case, he was convicted and sentenced to 45 years in prison. Her story is one of hope, inspiration, courage and the power of women supporting women. Diane's

story was viewed by millions on 20/20 and Oprah and has been the subject of various magazine and newspaper articles worldwide. She received the Paul S. Chapman award from the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice for her significant contribution to justice in America. She will be featured this fall on Oprah's "Where Are They Now."

As a 7th^o black belt she embodies female empowerment and is a popular motivational speaker on overcoming obstacles. Her website, www.datestronger.com, is dedicated to empowering women to protect themselves physically, emotionally and sexually in the dating world. Her advocacy work emphasizes eliminating stigma and victim blaming

Wende Hilsenrod

Titles:

Ethics of Social Justice
Communicating and Collaborating Ethically

Bio: Wende Hilsenrod is the Training Director for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. She has spent the past 11 years developing and researching curriculum on sexual assault and human trafficking topics. Throughout her career, Wende has worked collaboratively with groups across Texas on training programs related to human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault.. Wende holds a Master of Science degree in human services/conflict management and counseling certifications from St. Edward's University, Austin.

Vanessa Vaughter

Title: In Their Shoes: Teens and Dating Violence

Bio: Vanessa Vaughter is the Senior Social Worker at the Baylor Family Medicine Clinic, Worth Street where she offers counseling to a wide variety of folks who are 200% below the poverty line. Formerly the Director of Education for Hope's Door, a non-profit helping families affected by domestic violence, her work focused on counseling and prevention of intimate partner violence in adults and teens. She has spoken to over 10,000 adults and teens about healthy relationships, preventing dating violence and how to respond to domestic violence. She continues to offer training to corporations, hospitals and churches to recognize and respond in helpful ways to situations of dating and domestic violence. Vanessa has appeared on radio, television and in print, spreading the message of hope that our women and men no longer need be bound by the chains of domestic violence. She received her B.A. from The University of Texas, Austin, a Masters in Divinity from Duke University in 1997 and a Masters in Social Work from The University of Texas, Arlington in 2010.

Vanessa is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, and the United Methodist Church. She and her husband, Rev. Woody Weilage, attend St. James CME Church and live in their dream home, a 1915 Arts and Crafts located just two blocks from Historic McKinney Square.

Crystal Garcia-Ward

Title: Working with Addicted Survivors

Bio: Crystal Garcia-Ward is the Director of Community Outreach and Engagement at the Concho Valley Rape Crisis Center in San Angelo, TX. She is positive, dedicated, and unwavering in her quest to create a more just world, free of sexual violence. Crystal, through a “yes, and...” mindset and approach, consistently finds creative and impactful ways to engage and inspire her community in prevention and social justice work to create an environment where sexual violence is less likely to occur. She is a staunch advocate for social justice and for the rights of survivors, giving herself tirelessly to the work. Her dedication is as contagious as her optimism. Crystal helps co-chair the Diversity Task Force for the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. She also serves on the steering committee for Concho Valley Cares Coalition and the Board of Directors for the Concho Valley Health and Social Resources Coalition, as well as being active in many groups in town. She is the immediate Past President of the Tom Green County Coalition Against Violence. She received a Bachelor of Science in Health from Texas Tech University.

Elizabeth Donegan

Title: Sexual Predators: What We Don't Know, We Really Don't Know

Bio: Sergeant Elizabeth Donegan is a 24 year veteran of the Austin Police Department. For over nine years she led the APD Sex Crimes Unit, recognized for its progressive approach toward changing the culture surrounding the investigation of non-stranger sexual assault. Sergeant Donegan currently leads the APD Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration (SOAR) unit. Earlier in her career, she played an integral part in forming the SOAR unit, which takes a proactive approach to monitoring sex offenders before they can offend again. Sgt. Donegan also speaks, trains and consults nationally with multidisciplinary audiences on investigating and prosecuting non-stranger sexual assault

Cory Kraft (with Cunningham and Cochran)

Title: Investigating Violent Offenders

Bio: Detective Cory Kraft has been in law enforcement for 9 years and the past two years assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) of the Frisco Police Department. Detective Kraft currently works in the Crimes Against Persons (CAPERS) section of CID and works solely domestic violence cases that rate high on the Lethality Assessment. Detective Kraft assists in training new recruits as well as veteran officers on proper ways to respond to and investigate domestic violence calls. Detective Kraft emphasizes the use of trauma informed interviewing as well as eliminating gender discrimination and victim blaming in officers response to domestic violence, treatment of victims and report writing. Detective Kraft holds a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from Arizona State University. He also holds Master Peace Officer license through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Detective Kraft is a member of the Frisco Hostage Negotiator team and completed the Sexual Assault and Family Investigator Course. Detective Kraft regularly speaks to the community about the criminal justice process for victims of domestic violence, advocates and mentors. Detective Kraft educates the community about what domestic violence is and signs or indicators of domestic violence

Linda Brandmiller

Title:

Immigration Hot Topics
Immigrant Victims: Finding Them and Helping Them

Bio: Linda Brandmiller, a Texas Licensed attorney with a quarter century of experience in service to the disenfranchised, is creating a non-profit, family based immigration services program in San Antonio. She has presented at local, statewide, national, and international conferences and has trained hundreds of advocates on serving the immigrant victim. Her passion for this topic has no limits and her enthusiasm to advocate for these often forgotten victims, has no bounds. In her spare time, Ms. Brandmiller teaches International Business Law and Health Law at the University of the Incarnate Word and coaches students for the Texas Bar exam

Amanda Ammons

Title: Paws for Hope: Promoting Resiliency and Healing with the Use of Facility Dogs

Bio:

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Lisa Thompson

Titles:

The Nexus Between Pornography and Sexual and Family Violence
The Truth About Sex Trafficking

Bio: Lisa L. Thompson: As Vice President & Director of Education and Outreach for the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Lisa oversees the organization's strategic planning and programs for increased public understanding of sexual exploitation. She conducts analysis, develops research initiatives, and liaises with public officials, non-profit organizations, as well as institutions of higher learning and academics, to generate collaborative action to combat the full spectrum of sexual exploitation—especially pornography, stripping, prostitution, sexual trafficking, and sexual assault. Lisa routinely speaks about sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, and facilitates anti-trafficking training events for a diverse range of audiences

Lori Leu (and Angela Thomas)

Titles:

Legal Ethics (Part 1 of 2)
Legal Ethics (Part 2 of 2)

Bios:

Lori A. Leu, CELA is a certified elder law attorney with more than 29 years of legal experience, the past 9 of which have been focused in the area of elder law. Lori provides legal advice and education to seniors and their families. Her practice areas include planning for long-term care, public benefits (Medicaid and VA benefits), guardianship, estate planning, and probate.

Angela Thomas, MSN, RN, CMC is President and founder of *Caring with Grace*, a care management company that has been serving the North Texas area for 10 years. She has been a nurse for over 40 years, practicing in various specialties, including hospice care. She is a Care Manager, Certified (CMC) and a certified trainer for the End of Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC). She is an Advanced Professional member of the Aging Life Care Association (formerly the National association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers), the Case Managers Society of America, the Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association and the Dallas Area Gerontological Society. She is passionate about quality senior care and helping seniors age well.

Madison Jackson

Title: Empowering Youth Through Sexual Violence Prevention

Bio: Madison Jackson is a Primary Prevention Coordinator for the Turning Point Rape Crisis Center where she develops curricula for prevention presentations and professional trainings. Madison is also an OAG Certified 5A Crisis Advocate and works with victims through the crisis hotline and through the SANE exam process. Madison earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the University of North Texas

Jose Juan Lara, Jr.

Title: Enhancing Access to Services for Survivors with Limited English Proficiency

Bio: Jose Juan Lara, Jr., MS, has been involved in the movement against gender violence since 1999 in Texas and has facilitated workshops at national, state, and local conferences on crisis intervention, systems advocacy for victims of family and sexual violence, and LGBTQ victims of interpersonal violence. Prior to coming to the National Latin@ Network, Jose Juan was the Senior Victim Services Program Specialist for Texas Advocacy Project in Austin; Legal Advocate Program Coordinator for Friendship of Women, Inc. in Brownsville; Case Manager Supervisor/Volunteer Coordinator for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Cameron and Willacy Counties; and Director of Legal Services for the Family Crisis Center, Inc. in Harlingen. Jose Juan serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Victim Services Association and allgo, a statewide queer people of color organization (originally, Austin Latina/o Lesbian and Gay Organization) and a consultant for Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center. Jose Juan holds MA in Sociology and an MS in Public Safety with specialization in Criminal Justice.

Roy Rios

Title: Creating Safe Spaces: Sheltering Male Survivors

Bio: Roy Rios is a family violence services coordinator at Texas Council on Family Violence. He works extensively with service providers on understanding best practices for victim's service providers and battering intervention professionals. Since 2002, he is working to bring awareness to domestic violence, sexual assault, and men's role in ending this violence. Roy was a leader at Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, managing the community education, development, and BIPP departments.

Amy Jones

Title: A True Trauma Informed Response: The Top 10 Tips for Everyone Working with Trauma Survivors

Bio: Amy Jones is licensed in the state of Texas as a Professional Counselor and Board Approved Counselor Supervisor. For over fifteen years, she has been an advocate for survivors of interpersonal violence. She began to explore the impact of sexual and domestic violence early in her career as an intern for an international mission agency working in Kiev, Ukraine. Upon her return to the states, she earned a master's degree in professional counseling and has since worked one on one with individuals who have experienced traumatic life circumstances such as homelessness, childhood abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and more. Throughout the years, her primary focus has been to support survivors and act as an advocate in the movement to *end violence* against women and children.

Currently she is the Senior Director of Programs and Client Services for Genesis Women's Shelter & Support. Genesis Women's Shelter & Support provides a continuum of care which includes expanded shelter services, transitional housing, day care, an on-site school, access to civil legal representation, jobs readiness programming, ESL education, advocacy, and counseling at their residential and nonresidential facilities. Genesis is unique as one of the few victim services programs in the country that accomplishes sustainability without government funding.

In her role at Genesis, Amy oversees and develops client programming. Additionally she presents and conducts trainings on issues related to interpersonal violence. Some examples are: creating awareness and prevention, clinical tools to address trauma, effective crisis response, and the impact of sexual assault and domestic violence on the survivor.

Prior to joining the team at Genesis, she served as Clinical Director and interim Executive Director for The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center of Collin County. Additionally, she managed the Domestic Violence Program for the Salvation Army's Carr. P. Collins Social Service Center. Amy is also a registered yoga instructor with Yoga Alliance, and incorporates this knowledge into her work with survivors of trauma.

Haleh Cochran & Tonia Cunningham

Title: Language Matters: From Report to Healing

Bios:

Haleh Cochran is a Victim Advocate at The Frisco Police Department. She has over 8 years of experience responding to survivors of sexual assault as well as, training and learning ways to create change within the victim rights movement. Haleh has presented at national and state conferences on improving services provided to sexual assault survivors, developing protocols, and providing victim-centered assistance. In addition to working with victims and providing training in the community, she also assists The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center, serves on the TAASA Board, and is a member of TAASA's Diversity Task Force. Haleh received her Bachelor's degree in psychology from The University of Texas at Dallas.

Tonia Cunningham joined the Frisco Police Department in 2000 as their full-time Victim Advocate. She was named Victim Assistance and Grants Administrator in 2011. Tonia dedicates her time to assisting victims of all forms of crimes, but focuses the majority of her outreach work on creating change for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Ms. Cunningham is a member of the Collin County Council on Family Violence, serving as the Chair of the Membership Committee and the Advisory Committee. She also serves on the Texas Health Presbyterian Community Health Council, and the Collin County Crime Victim Council. Mrs. Cunningham holds a Master of Arts in Sociology from Texas Woman's University.

Monica Urbaniak & Liz Amaro-Ruff

Title: Treat Yo'Self: Self-Care for Caregivers

Bios: