

Race and the Death Penalty

Friday & Saturday, May 5 & 6, 2006

Harvard Law School

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Friday, May 5

- 3:00 P.M. REGISTRATION BEGINS
- 5:00 P.M. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY CHARLES J. OGLETREE, JR.
- 5:20 P.M. KEYNOTE ADDRESS—“RACISM, WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS, AND THE DEATH PENALTY” BY HUGO A. BEDAU
- 5:45 P.M. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF MAJOR THEMES AND IDEAS PRESENTED IN *FROM LYNCH MOBS TO THE KILLING STATE*
Panelists: Timothy Kaufman-Osborn, David Oshinsky, Stephen Bright, Michael Radelet, Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, Austin Sarat, Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. (*moderator*)
- 7:00 P.M. OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday, May 6

- 8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:30–9:00 A.M. WELCOME AND FILM SCREENING
RACE TO EXECUTE PRODUCED BY RACHEL LYON AND JIM LOPES
- 9:00–10:30 A.M. RACIAL BIAS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY
- PANEL ONE**
Why Racial Bias Continues to Influence the Capital Process
Panelists: Stephen Bright, Judge Stephen Fortunato, Adam Thurschwell, Ron Tabak (*moderator*)
- PANEL TWO**
Efforts to Lessen the Impact of Bias
Panelists: George Kendall, Jotaka Eaddy, Thomas Mesereau, Jr., Diann Rust-Tierney, Ron Tabak (*moderator*)
- 10:45–11:10 A.M. KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY BARRY SCHECK AND PETER NEUFELD

11:15 A.M.–12:45 P.M.

**WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS: STATE OF THE FIELD:
NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Panelists: Andrea Lyon, Rachel Lyon, Jim Lopes, Stephen Hrones, Alan Dershowitz, Barry Scheck, Peter Neufeld, Jennifer Chunias (*moderator*)

1:00–2:00 P.M.

LUNCH

Song: American Fruit with African Roots by Larry Watson

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY RUBIN “HURRICANE” CARTER

2:10–3:50 P.M.

**FACILITATING STRONGER LINKS BETWEEN PRACTITIONERS,
ADVOCATES AND RESEARCHERS** (*three concurrent sessions*)

SESSION ONE

Examining Race in the Culture, History and Politics of the Death Penalty, and Implications for Death Penalty Advocacy

Panelists: Daniel Carter, George Wright, David Oshinsky, Timothy Kaufman-Osborn, Stephen Bright (*panelist and moderator*)

SESSION TWO

Integrating Cutting-edge Thinking and Research about Defender and Capital Work into Public Interest and Clinical Practice

Panelists: Henderson Hill, Christina Swarns, Mona Lynch, Thomas Mesereau, Jr., Randy Hertz (*panelist and moderator*)

SESSION THREE

Integrating New Death Penalty Research into Wrongful Conviction and Capital Defense Strategies

Panelists: Michael Radelet, Glenn Pierce, Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, William J. Bowers, David Baldus Catherine Grosso, Austin Sarat, Jody Madeira (*moderator*)

4:00–4:45 P.M.

SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. and Austin Sarat (*moderators*)

Brief presentations of highlights of each concurrent session

Where are the key research gaps? What new research would be most helpful to practitioners/advocates? Where and how to most productively move forward and to more effectively link research to larger movement.