

**HEARTLAND ALLIANCE MARJORIE KOVLER CENTER
TORTURE TREATMENT SYMPOSIUM:
THE IMPACT OF TORTURE IN OUR WORLD**

Thursday, October 18, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
The Newberry Library
60 W. Walton St. Chicago IL, 60610

AGENDA

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. **Registration and networking breakfast**
- 9:00-9:15 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**
Evelyn Diaz, President, Heartland Alliance
Mario Gonzalez, Acting Senior Director, Kovler Center
Surita Sandosham, Executive Director, Heartland Alliance International
- 9:15-9:45 a.m. **Defining and Identifying Torture**
Susan Gzesh, Executive Director, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights at the University of Chicago
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. **Why is Torture Still Happening Today?**
Bernardine Dohrn, Former Director, Children and Family Justice Center; Former Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Northwestern University
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30-11:45 a.m. **Kovler Center and its Treatment Model: Past, Present and Future**
Dr. Antonio Martinez, Former Senior Director, Kovler Center
Dr. Mary Fabri, Former Senior Director, Kovler Center
Mary Lynn Everson, Former Senior Director, Kovler Center
Moderated by Rev. Craig Mousin, University Ombudsperson, DePaul University; Founder and former Director, National Immigrant Justice Center
- 11:45-12:15 p.m. **Healing Through Stories: Survivor Voices**
Introduced by Audrey Petty, Writer; Educator, Illinois Humanities' Odyssey Project; Prison and Neighborhood Arts Project
Mario Venegas, survivor of politically-sanctioned torture
- 12:15-1:00 p.m. **Networking lunch**

- 1:00-1:30 p.m. **The Effects of US Involvement in Torture**
Aislinn Pulley, Director of Programming, Chicago Torture Justice Center;
Founder, Black Lives Matter, Chicago Chapter
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. **Torture Justice in Chicago**
Nate Gilham, Chicago Torture Justice Center
Rodney Walker, Chicago Torture Justice Center
Gregory Banks, survivor of Chicago Police torture
La Tanya Jenifor-Sublett, survivor of Chicago Police torture
Moderated by Aislinn Pulley, Director of Programming, Chicago Torture Justice Center; Founder, Black Lives Matter, Chicago Chapter
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. **What You Can Do to Help: Engagement and Advocacy**
Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director, National Immigrant Justice Center
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. **Transition to break out groups**
- 3:15-3:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**
Impact of Torture on Child Mental Health
Facilitated by Nicole St Jean, Licensed Clinical Psychologist; Program Director, Kovler Center and IFACES Trauma Treatment Partnership, Kovler Center
- Immigration Law**
Facilitated by Uzoamaka (Uzo) Emeka Nzelibe, Clinical Associate Professor of Law and Staff Attorney, Children and Family Justice Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
- Medical Advocacy and Developing Partners**
Facilitated by Minal Giri, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Melrose Park Pediatrics
- Torture Treatment Rehabilitation Practices**
Facilitated by Marianne Joyce, Manager of Social Services, Kovler Center
- 3:45-4:00 p.m. **Transition back to main room**
- 4:00-4:15 p.m. **Discussion and Q&A**
- 4:15-4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Mario Gonzalez, Acting Senior Director, Kovler Center
Surita Sandosham, Executive Director, Heartland Alliance International
- 4:30 p.m. **Adjournment**
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. **Networking reception with cash bar at Tavern on Rush**
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