### May 17

**2:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Registration**

### May 18

**7:30 - 8:30 am**

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**8:30 - 8:35 am**

**Video Welcome**  
Bea Hansen, Principal Deputy Director, United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

**8:35 - 8:45 am**

**Mary Byron Award Presentation**  
Judge Jerry J. Bowles, Mary Byron Project National Advisory Board and Board of Directors  
Kathy Paulin, Program Coordinator, Mary Byron Project, Inc.

**8:45 - 8:50 am**

**Conference Overview**  
Neil Websdale, Ph.D., Director, National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative

**8:50 - 9:25 am**

**Special Guest Presentation**  
Rachel Louise Snyder, Author

**9:25 - 10:00 am**

**Keynote**  
*Fatality Review: Communities and Social Change*  
Matthew Dale, Director, Montana DOJ Office of Consumer Protection & Victim Services

**10:00 - 10:15 am**

**Break**
Expanding the Forensic Narrative: Engaging Surviving Family Members in the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Process

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Expanding the Scope of Fatality Review Work: The Example of Near-Death Reviews

Presenters from the Denver Metro and Georgia initiatives will provide historical overviews of the work of their teams and discuss their experiences expanding the scope of their work to encompass near-death cases. Workshop foci include near-death case identification, working with survivors, ethical considerations, and methodological issues including trauma-informed interviewing techniques.

Presenters: Dora Lee Larson, Denver D.V. Coordinating Council, Executive Director
Jenn Doe, Violence Prevention Education Coordinator, The Phoenix Center at Auraria Colorado
Debbie Liam, Clinical Worker/Advocate
Taylor Tabb, Fatality Review Project Coordinator, Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Concurrent Breakout Sessions: Please select either a community panel OR mock review.

1:45 – 3:30 Community Panels

A Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol to Address the Needs of and Delivery of Services to Children Witnessing DV Parental Homicide

This workshop describes a collaborative process to develop and implement a protocol to address the needs of and the delivery of services to children witnessing domestic violence parental homicide. Presenters will explore case studies involving child witnesses of homicide before and after the implementation of the MOU and protocol. The workshop also examines plans for the further dissemination of the Baltimore protocol and examines potential strategies for evaluating it. Presenters will solicit feedback from the audience to expand and refine the MOU and protocol for different contexts and settings such as tribal lands, the military, immigrant populations, and for children of offenders released from jail.

**Facilitator/Presenter:** Dorothy Lennig, JD, House of Ruth Maryland and Chair, Baltimore City DV Fatality Review Committee
**Presenter:** Jacquelyn Campbell, Ph.D., RN, Baltimore County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

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1:45 - 5:00 Mock Review

The Gomez Case: Strangulation Homicide

This is a 3 hour in-depth review.
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**1:45 – 3:30 Community Panel**

\textbf{Re-Tooling Fatality Review Initiatives}

Fatality review teams occasionally re-tool, re-focus their energies, bring on new members, and engage the community in different ways. This workshop addresses various aspects of the re-tooling process. Representatives from Harris County (Texas) and Mecklenburg County (North Carolina) explore the reasons behind their decision to re-tool, the form that re-tooling took, membership changes, building community networks including building links with other review teams and the implications for implementing recommendations.

\textbf{Facilitator:} Melissa Knight, Programs Administrator, Pinal County Court Administration  
\textbf{Presenters:} Helen Lipman, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, Charlotte, North Carolina  
Amy Smith, Deputy Director, Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Co-Coordinator of HCDVCC Team  
Marie B. White, MSW, LCSW, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, Charlotte, North Carolina

**3:30 - 3:45**  
\textbf{Break}

**3:45 - 5:15 Community Panel**

\textbf{Fatality Review and Women's Use of Violence}

Commencing with a brief overview of the research into women's violence in intimate relationships, this panel will proceed to explore how and why women use lethal violence. Representatives from review initiatives in Georgia and Denver will address topics such as review methodologies, abuse histories, unmet mental health needs, substance abuse, women's self-defense, women's histories of perpetrating ongoing violence before committing homicide, and case outcomes including women's resort to suicide.

\textbf{Facilitator:} Kathleen Ferraro, Ph.D., Chair & Professor, Sociology & Social Work, Northern Arizona University  
\textbf{Presenters:} Jenny Aszman, LMSW, Fatality Review Project Coordinator, Georgia Commission on Family Violence  
Jenn Doe, Violence Prevention Education Coordinator, The Phoenix Center at Auraria Colorado  
DoraLee Larson, Denver D.V. Coordinating Council, Executive Director  
Jennifer Thomas, LMSW, Program Manager, Georgia Commission on Family Violence & Administrative Office of the Courts

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### Getting Started

The workshop will focus on the experiences of a newly formed statewide (New York) and a newly formed county-based (Yavapai, Arizona) review initiative as well as the state of Florida’s combination of a statewide team with local teams. Presenters will address the reasons behind the formation of the team, review methodologies, case selection processes, selection of cases, challenges experienced, and implementing change.

**Presenters:**
- Sandy Bromley, JD, Fairfax County-Wide Domestic Violence Coordinator, Fairfax, VA
- Michelle Medina, Assistant to the Chief of Police, Prescott Police Department, Arizona
- Cynthia Rubenstein, MS, LMHC, Fatality Review Team Coordinator, Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- James Tobin, Detective, Prescott Valley Police Department, Arizona
- Mary Walsh, New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Coordinator, New York State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

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### Diverse Communities and Fatality Review

Fatality review occurs within a broad range of communities and settings, addressing deaths involving diverse groups of people and circumstances. In this workshop, presenters from teams in Virginia and Florida discuss their experiences reviewing cases involving immigrants, older adults, children, and Latino, African-American, Asian, and LGBTQ communities. Representatives also explore the increasingly important role of virtual communities and social media in the review process.

**Presenters:**
- Beth Bonniwell, MSW, Senior Management Specialist, Henrico County Police Division, Henrico County Family Violence Fatality Review Team
- Emma Duer, Domestic Violence Fatality Review Coordinator, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Richmond, Virginia
- Lauren Villalba, MPA, Data Analyst of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and the Child Abuse Death Review Team in Miami-Dade County

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### 5:30 - 7:30 Catered Knowledge Exchange

Please join us on the Mezzanine Terrace.

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10:00 - 12:00 Community Panel

**Ethical Conundrums in Fatality Review**

The multidisciplinary, inter-professional practice of fatality review is quickly becoming more methodologically sophisticated. However, the discussion of ethical issues related to fatality review has been limited to the topics of confidentiality and the ethical guidelines of participant professions. This workshop will broaden the conversation to include additional potential ethical conundrums faced by domestic violence fatality review teams and discuss suggestions for ensuring that the teams have the necessary tools for ethical practice.

**Presenters:** Danielle Albright, M.A., Program Manager, Center for Injury Prevention Research and Education, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of New Mexico
Cameron Crandall, MD, Professor and the Vice Chair of Research, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of New Mexico

10:00 - 12:00 Mock Review

**The Riley Case:**
Female-Perpetrated Homicide
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### Native American Fatality Review – More Than a Vision

Undertaking domestic violence fatality review in Indian Country, where each federally recognized tribe is a sovereign nation, is complex. Many of the protocols fatality review teams have developed in the areas of membership, record retrieval, report writing and inclusion of local members, for instance, are different in tribal and federal environments. Additional concerns include the need for heightened cultural sensitivity and political finesse. Presenters from the first Indian Country fatality review initiative based in the state of Montana discuss the development of the team, lessons learned and processes adopted, and the global implications of such a team.

**Facilitator:** Joan Eliel, Investigator/Program Specialist, Montana Department of Justice  
**Presenters:** Ada Pecos Melton, American Indian Development Associates, LLC  
Leslie A. Hagen, National Indian Country Training Coordinator, U.S. Department of Justice  
Georgette Hogan Boggio, Elk River Law Firm, Montana Attorney General’s Native American Fatality Review Team

### The Elliot Case: Near Death

**10:00 - 12:00 Mock Review**

**12:00 - 1:30 Lunch on your own**

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### Fatality Review and Social Change

Representatives from two statewide teams (Maine, Oklahoma) and one county-based team (Pinellas County, Florida) discuss the relationship between fatality review and social change. Panelists will consider what constitutes effective homicide review, what makes for beneficial outcomes of case reviews, how teams implement recommendations, and ways of knowing what changes might be attributed to fatality review. Representatives will also explore the linkages between fatality review and other social change initiatives such as coordinated community responses.

**Moderator:** Jane Monckton-Smith, Ph.D., University of Gloucestershire, UK  
**Presenters:** Julia Colpitts, LCSW, Executive Director, Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, Maine Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel  
Jacqueline Steyn, Program Manager, Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board  
Frieda Widera, Domestic Violence Intervention Specialist, Largo Police Department, Chairperson, Pinellas County, Florida Fatality Review Team  
Brandi Woods-Littlejohn, Administrative Program Manager, Violence Prevention Programs, Injury Prevention Service Division, Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH)

### The Mortimer Case: Dual Homicide

**1:30 - 4:45 Mock Review**

This is a 3 hour in-depth review.
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1:30 - 3:15 Community Panel

**Selecting, Gathering, and Using Fatality Review Data**

Representatives from two Florida teams (Miami-Dade, Pinellas Counties) and representatives from Virginia’s fatality review efforts will discuss issues related to selecting, gathering, and using death review data. These include a presentation of the Virginia statewide data platform, a discussion about matters such as finding capacity for data collection, capturing complex information, and navigating the transition from multiple team-specific data collection practices to a single statewide system. The Miami presentation includes discussion of the combining of child and adult review data collection and the use of social media data. The Pinellas team will address data collection, the identification of trends, and the presentation of information to the community and state.

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