

2017 Elder Abuse Summit Speaker Biographies

David P.R. Burnes, BSc, MSW, PhD

Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work Affiliate Scientist, Baycrest Health Sciences, Rotman Research Institute

Dr. Burnes is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work and an Affiliate Scientist at Baycrest Health Sciences. He completed a PhD at Columbia University School of Social Work in New York City, concentrating in gerontology and advanced social work practice. His research focuses on understanding and preventing elder mistreatment in community and long-term care settings, including the development of basic science (prevalence, risk factors), problem conceptualization/theorization, developing/evaluating evidence-based interventions, and developing innovative outcome measures that address the heterogeneity of elder mistreatment phenomena. His interest in elder mistreatment stems from both family experiences in nursing home settings and his clinical practice experience with the older adult population. He is currently working with Maine Adult Protective Services to implement and evaluate a strategy called goal attainment scaling that measures client-centered outcomes of success in cases of elder mistreatment.

Marie-Therese (MT) Connolly

Global Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Ms. Connolly is a Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and a 2011 MacArthur Foundation fellow. In 2016, she was awarded a residency at Yaddo and a fellowship at the Carey Institute for Global Good to complete a book of nonfiction about elder abuse (to be published by W.W. Norton). She conceived of and was the original architect of the Elder Justice Act (EJA), the first comprehensive federal law to address elder abuse, enacted with the Affordable Care Act in 2010.

After founding the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Elder Justice Initiative, she worked with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to co-fund and launch DOJ's elder abuse research program. While at the DOJ, she helped guide theory and strategy in federal cases against nursing homes for abusing and neglecting residents. She has organized numerous interagency groups and events, including the first ever forum on the Medical Forensics of Elder Abuse and the federal Elder Justice Workgroup. She has also helped organize the Elder Justice Roadmap Project (EJRP) and co-authored the EJRP report.

Jenefer Duane

Senior Program Analyst, Office for Older Americans, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Jenefer Duane joined the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in December of 2011. She serves as the Senior Program Analyst in the Bureaus' Office of Financial Protection for Older Americans. Jenefer is the lead for the Community Network Program and Money Smart for Older Adults.

Prior to joining the CFPB, Ms. Duane was the Founder and CEO of the non-profit Elder Financial Protection Network (EFPN) in San Francisco. Under her leadership, EFPN developed education programs for older adults and family caregivers on preventing, identifying and responding to elder financial exploitation; and award-winning professional training for the financial services industry; law enforcement, social services and other professionals. In 2004, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer presented Ms. Duane with the AG's award for Outstanding Service in Elder Abuse Prevention. In 2009, she was presented with the FDIC

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Chairman's Award for Excellence and Innovation in Financial Education. In 2012, the Elder Financial Protection Network presented her with the Sentinel Award for her contributions to the field of Elder Justice.

Kelley Glidden

Director of Community Education, Safe Voices

Ms. Glidden is the Director of Community Education for Safe Voices, the domestic violence resource center serving Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. She has been with Safe Voices for ten years, and as educator has provided trainings, designed education materials and participated in various community efforts addressing domestic violence. She now oversees the community education program at Safe Voices, including community and school-based education and prevention, and the Batterer's Intervention Program. She has been the chair of the Androscoggin Elder Abuse Task Force for eight years. The Androscoggin Elder Abuse Task Force is a community partnership dedicated to ending elder abuse, generating resources, educating the community and advocating to meet the needs of elder abuse victims. She has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Maine and a J.D. from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law.

Ricker Hamilton

Deputy Commissioner of Programs, Maine Department of Health and Human Services

Mr. Hamilton is Deputy Commissioner of Programs for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. He manages and directs programs and services in the Office of Aging and Disability Services, Office of Child and Family Services, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, and Maine's two psychiatric hospitals. He has forty years of experience in social work specializing in services to older persons, persons with disabilities and protective services for adults.

Mr. Hamilton was founder of the Maine Elder Death Analysis Review Team. He has served on various Boards and Committees including the Maine Medical Center Clinical Ethics Committee, Elder Abuse Institute of Maine and the Maine Attorney General's Elder Fraud Task Force. He is an instructor at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He serves on the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging. He has been curriculum advisor and trainer for the FBI; Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women; National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life; National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse; and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. He received the 2016 Children's Advocate Award from the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Mr. Hamilton has a B.A. degree from St. Anselm College, M.S.W. degree from Boston College Graduate School of Social Work and received certification by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a Reserve Law Enforcement Officer.

Meg Hatch

CAC Network Coordinator, Maine Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Ms. Hatch is the Coordinator for the Maine Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, a program of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault. She has spent the last nine years working in the field of sexual assault victim advocacy and child sexual abuse intervention as a Sexual Assault Response Team Advocate, Children's Advocacy Center Manager and Child Forensic Interviewer. In her current role she supports existing and emerging Children's Advocacy Center programs and multidisciplinary team development in Maine.

Laura Mosqueda, M.D.

Professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California Professor of Gerontology, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology Director, National Center on Elder Abuse

Dr. Mosqueda is a Professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC and Professor of Gerontology at the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. She is the Director of the National Center on Elder Abuse which is housed at the University of Southern California. Most of her academic career has been devoted to studying and teaching about elder mistreatment from its basic to social aspects and she continues to see victims of abuse and neglect in the field. She has taught professionals in many fields including medicine, criminal justice, and social services. She has published extensively in scientific journals and text books. She likes cats.

Jill Randall, Esq.

Helpline & Medicare Advocacy Services Director, Legal Services for the Elderly

Ms. Randall is the Helpline and Medicare Advocacy Services Director at Legal Services for the Elderly in Augusta, Maine. Jill graduated from the University of Maine School of Law and joined LSE in 2009, first as a Helpline Attorney and then as a Staff Attorney. As a Staff Attorney she represented seniors who were victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation. She currently oversees LSE's Helpline legal services and Medicare services, including the Medicare Part D Unit that assists seniors who are having problems getting or affording their prescription medications.

Ms. Randall has been involved with multiple elder abuse task forces around the state, including assisting with newly forming groups. She is also co-chair of the Education and Awareness Committee of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention.

Andrew S. Robinson, Esq.

District Attorney, District III

Mr. Robinson has been a prosecutor for 18 years. He graduated from the University of Maine and the University of Maine School of Law. Andrew began as a domestic violence prosecutor in 1999. He then prosecuted all cases as an Assistant District Attorney until 2012 when he became the Deputy District Attorney for District 3. In 2014 he was elected District Attorney for District 3 which includes Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties. He was appointed to the Attorney General's financial abuse of the elderly task force and continues serve on the FAST team which resulted from the findings of the task force. He lives in Farmington with his wife of 25 years, his three children, and his blind diabetic dog.

Sherri Wakeling

Investigator, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services

Ms. Wakeling graduated from Albright College in Reading, PA with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia with a master's degree in Criminal Justice. She worked at the Maine Youth Center, a juvenile detention center, before being hired as a children's services caseworker at Department of Health and Human Services in 1999. She has been with DHHS, Adult Protective services as an investigator since 2002. She was recognized as the APS Program Manager's Great Performer in June of 2015. When not working, she is an avid runner and involved in the running community.