

John Burke

John Burke is an Assistant Attorney General in the Maine Attorney General's office's Healthcare Crimes Unit, prosecuting crimes and civil offenses related to fraud and patient abuse in the MaineCare system. He has practiced law for 25 years, the last 17 as a prosecutor.

David Burnes, PhD

Dr. Burnes is an Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Academic at the University of Toronto, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work. He holds a Canada Research Chair on preventing the mistreatment of older adults. Dr. Burnes completed a PhD at Columbia University School of Social Work in New York City, concentrating in gerontology and advanced practice. His program of research focuses on issues related to elder abuse and ageism, including the development of basic science and interventions to prevent the mistreatment of older adults. He has advised major international organizations on these topics, such as the World Health Organization and National Institutes of Health. He also advises different levels of government and non-profit organizations, such as state-level adult protective services programs, on the development and implementation of elder abuse support programs and prevention strategies. Dr. Burnes' interest in elder abuse stems from both family experience and clinical practice with older adults.

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Marie-Therese Connolly, JD

Marie-Therese Connolly is a writer, lawyer, researcher, policy advocate, MacArthur Foundation Fellow, adjunct professor at the USC Davis School of Gerontology, and founder of the Elder Justice Lab. Her work focuses on finding better ways to reduce harm and enhance wellbeing and meaning as we age. She's the author of an upcoming book of nonfiction that tells the story of elder justice, through the work of pioneers in the field.

MT is part of a team that created, launched and studies the RISE model, a new advocacy-based, harm reduction program used in Maine since 2019 in cases referred by APS. The RISE team is in the process of expanding RISE to serve as an alternative to prosecution and guardianship in appropriate cases, with the goal of diverting matters out of courts and taking more restorative, person-centered approaches in how we respond to elder abuse.

As the lead author of the Elder Justice Roadmap (identifying elder justice priorities in research, education, policy and practice nationwide), MT is thrilled that under the auspices of Governor Janet Mills, and with the hard work of leaders across the state, Maine released its own Elder Justice Roadmap in February 2022.

MT conceived of and was the original architect of the Elder Justice Act, the first comprehensive federal elder abuse law. As founder and first head of the Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative, she guided theory and strategy in federal cases against nursing home chains and other providers for fraud, abuse and neglect. She helped launch and fund the first elder abuse research program, still in existence at the National Institute of Justice; and is the author of many articles in academic and mainstream publications.

Her work has led to numerous innovations in the field. MT is a graduate of Stanford University and Northeastern University Law School. She lives in Washington, DC.

Jamie Demers

Jamie Demers (she/her) is the Outreach and Client Services Coordinator at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services which provides services to those in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties. She provides community based services and develops programs for older people that meet their needs. Jamie works to create accessible and equitable services for all survivors of sexual violence, which includes training volunteers and the community. For the past 21 years, she has worked in violence prevention and was drawn to this profession because of her desire to see change in how we respond to violence in our systems. She has presented her work to community partners as well as developed partnerships with many community agencies that work with older people.

Patricia Kimball, MS, MS

Patricia Kimball is the Executive Director of the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine, a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission is to design and implement interventions to serve those impacted by elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Patricia has been involved with the Institute since its founding in 2003, initially as a board member and eventually, its first Executive Director. She co-led the development of Martha's Cottage, Maine's first transitional housing for older victims of abuse; is a recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson research fellowship to study mandatory reporting of elder abuse; and helped pilot and expand the RISE Model, an innovative intervention for clients involved with Adult Protective Services. Prior to her directorship at EAIME, Patricia was the founding Director of the Restorative Justice Institute of Maine, whose mission is to foster restorative practices and philosophy across the state. Patricia has worked in the nonprofit sector since 1988 in both rural and urban settings with and on behalf of multiple constituency groups, from youth in treatment foster care in Ohio, to older residents of subsidized housing in Rhode Island, to women incarcerated in Maine. Her diverse roles have included direct service provider, community organizer, consultant and administrator. Patricia holds an undergraduate degree in English and graduate degrees in Human Services Administration and Community Economic Development.

Katie Kondrat

Katie Kondrat (she/her) is Equity and Access Coordinator at the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault where she works with culturally and community-specific providers and sexual assault support centers to create accessible and equitable services for all survivors. Katie has worked in the anti-violence movement in Maine approaching two decades and specializes in training and program development.

Heath Langevin

Heath Langevin is a Detective in the Maine Attorney General's Office, and is assigned to the Healthcare Crimes Unit, which focuses on combating fraud, waste, and abuse within the MaineCare system. Heath has been a police officer for 19 years, with the last five years in the Healthcare Crimes Unit.

Stuart Lewis, MD FACP

Dr. Lewis is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and the Medical Director of Lebanon Center, a skilled nursing and long-term care facility. He is a member of New Hampshire's Incapacitated and Vulnerable

Adult Fatality Review Committee and a medical advisor to the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services. His commitment to promoting evidence-based public policy is the result of decades of work as a general practitioner, caring for people who, at times, find themselves at the mercy of policies that while good intentioned cause unintended harms. This has led to diverse collaborations--from establishing and implementing an evidence-based framework for formulary decision making for several large pharmaceutical benefit management companies to working with the law enforcement to help create culture supporting evidence-based practices. His primary research focus is on how to prevent the mistreatment or abuse of older adults for which he has received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Fellowship, the Administration for Community Living and private foundations.

Dr. Lewis received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Columbia University and trained in internal medicine at Bellevue/ NYU. His writings on medicine have appeared in literary journals, The Guardian, The New York Review of Books, Vice Magazine and others, and he has made numerous appearances on both local and national news programs discussing health and well-being.

Michelle Markie

Michelle Markie is a 1989 graduate from Husson College in Bangor, Maine and has been a State of Maine Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner since 2005. Michelle is credentialed to care for adults, adolescents and pediatric patients. Michelle works as a forensic nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor. She is working in a comprehensive program that provides medical care for all victims of interpersonal violence. She also works part time at CourageLIVES sponsored by St. Andres Home. CourageLIVES is a treatment program for women over the age of 18 who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. This program provides a safe place to heal, receive treatment and rebuild their lives. Michelle is a member of the local Sex and Labor Trafficking Action Response Team, the Penquis Child Advocacy Center and the Sexual Assault Response Team. She does local outreach with many local agencies, including but not limited to: Main Street Shelter, Rape Response Services, Partners for Peace, Penobscot County Jail, The Shaw House, The Hope House, University of Maine.

When not working Michelle loves spending time with family. Walking with Elsa and weekend sleepovers with "Scoob" are the best! They like to cook together, build Lego towns and do art projects.

Geoff Rogers, BA

Geoff Rogers has a BA in European history and English from Colby College, and has more than three decades of professional change management experience. His commitment to racial and social justice is the foundation of his transformative leadership in guiding organizations and its staff as they learn to manage and navigate change and new opportunities.

He brings to his work an array of multifaceted experiences including working in advertising, publishing, and marketing, as well as time working in New York City Adult Protective Services serving in multiple roles such as the Director of Special Projects, Director of Training, and the Director of Operations. Geoff's diverse background, from public administration to management consulting, informs his work as he leads the development of expansive and inclusive learning opportunities that engage a diverse array of human services professionals as the Director of the Learning and Development Projects at the Silberman School for Social Work at Hunter College.

Erin Salvo, JD

Erin Salvo is the Associate Director of Adult Protective Services in the Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS) within the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Erin joined OADS in 2016, as in-house counsel, responsible for contract drafting, rulemaking, and coordinating the legislative process for the office, and she started in her current role in 2017. As the APS Associate Director, Erin oversees the statewide program responsible for receiving reports, conducting investigations, and intervening in cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of incapacitated and dependent adults and administers the public guardianship/conservatorship program. Prior to joining the Department, Erin worked as a civil trial attorney in Massachusetts and as a law clerk to the Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Erin graduated from Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business with a bachelor's degree. She graduated magna cum laude from New England Law – Boston.

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