ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The first-ever Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center (Kovler Center) Torture Treatment Symposium will use a human rights framework to examine the topic of torture on global and domestic levels. By bringing together community members and professionals from across different disciplines and backgrounds, the audience will have the opportunity to better understand the current state of torture and its impact upon the individual and the communities in which we all live. By unbundling this complicated topic, which will include education about refugee and immigrant experiences, the distinction of torture, and the impact torture has not only on its victims but on us all — the audience will acquire the tools with which to begin to dismantle and address some of the myths and polemics of this human rights violation.

The Symposium will highlight the history and development of the Kovler Center over the years. Speakers will also shed light on the history of torture in Chicago law enforcement and the city's movement to establish reparations, which includes creation of the first treatment center addressing police brutality. By the end of the day, audience members will have increased awareness of torture and its impact and will be called upon to take action to address the impact of this human rights violation in their own work and lives.

ABOUT THE HOST

Kovler Center, a program for the treatment of survivors of politically-sanctioned torture, was founded in 1987, when a group of concerned physicians, psychologists, lawyers, torture survivors, and a philanthropist established services for survivors in Chicago. Kovler Center was one of the first torture treatment centers in the United States, providing comprehensive medical, mental health, and social services to survivors and their families. Kovler Center also trains and educates service providers locally and globally and advocates for the end of torture worldwide. Each year Kovler Center promotes healing for 350 torture survivors and their families from 60 countries of origin.

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MARJORIE KOVLER CENTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Newberry Library
60 W Walton Street
Chicago IL 60610

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SUSAN GZESH

Susan Gzesh is the Executive Director of the Pozen Family Center for Human Rights at the University of Chicago and a Senior Lecturer in the College. Prior to assuming her current position in 2001, she practiced law for two decades and promoted cross-border connections among human rights advocates in North America and Central America. She is currently of counsel with the Chicago firm Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym. Susan is an expert on human rights and migration issues. She teaches courses on topics including human rights in Mexico, the use of international human rights norms in the United States, and human rights of migrants and asylum seekers.
WHAT TO EXPECT

The day will be a combination of speakers from legal, medical, and other educational backgrounds; panels comprised of professionals engaged in torture treatment rehabilitation work; and community engagement and advocacy. Topics covered will be beneficial for people from all professional and educational backgrounds. Students, concerned citizens, activists, lawyers, educators, torture experts, and those who know little to nothing about torture are all sure to learn something and take home useful information.

PRICE TO ATTEND

General Admission: $25 (includes lunch)

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Included in the ticket price are beverages, light refreshments, and lunch for attendees.

WHAT IS TORTURE

Torture is the deliberate infliction of severe physical or psychological pain carried out by anyone acting in an official capacity. Torture exerts control over people and communities to create a cycle of fear, intimidation, and alienation. Torture is a crime under U.S. and international law, but there are more than 1.3 million torture survivors currently living in our nation1. Survivors of torture often suffer from a complex post-traumatic stress disorder, which is manifested by anxiety, distrust, depression, flashbacks, memory problems, and often a range of medical issues.

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— Medical Service Provider, Iraq

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| 9:00-9:15 a.m. | Welcome Remarks
  Evelyn Diaz, President, Heartland Alliance
  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. | Ethics of Torture
  Bernadine Dohrn, 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
  Antonio Martinez, Former Senior Director, Kovler Center
  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, Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center; Leadership Council, Kovler 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 |
| 12:15-1:00 p.m. | Networking lunch                                                      |
1:00-1:30 p.m.  The Effects of US Involvement in Torture  
Joey L. Mogul, Partner, People’s Law Office

1:30-2:30 p.m.  Torture Justice in Chicago  
Nate Gilham, Chicago Torture Justice Center  
Rodney Walker, Chicago Torture Justice Center  
*Moderated by Joey L. Mogul, Partner, People’s Law Office*

2:30-3:00 p.m.  What You Can Do to Help: Engagement and Advocacy  
Mary Meg McCarthy, Executive Director, Heartland Alliance National Immigrant Justice Center

3:00-3:15 p.m.  Transition to break out groups

3:15-3:45 p.m.  Breakout Sessions  
**Mental Health**  
*Facilitated by Nicole St Jean, Licensed Clinical Psychologist; Manager of Clinical Protocol and International Training, Marjorie Kovler Center*

**Immigration Law**  
*Facilitated by TBD*

**Community Engagement**  
*Facilitated by Minal Giri, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Melrose Park Pediatrics*

**Policy and Advocacy**  
*Facilitated by Amy Rynell, Senior Director, Heartland Alliance Research and Policy*

3:45-4:00 p.m.  Transition back to main room

4:00-4:15 p.m.  Breakout Session De-Brief

4:15-4:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks

4:30-5:00 p.m.  Adjournment and Networking Reception