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SYMPOSIUM A: 1:30PM – 3:00PM

“Survivors’ Perspectives” moderated by Dr. Elisa Robyn

Elisa Robyn, Ph.D. (Moderator)

Dr. Elisa Robyn is the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Regis University in Denver, Colorado. Prior to joining Regis she was the Dean of Arts and Sciences at the Community College of Denver. She has also served as the Academic Vice President at Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design in Denver Colorado. She holds a PhD in Educational Psychology, and two Masters Degrees, one in Geology and one in Jewish Studies.

Dr. Robyn has over 20 years of experience in higher education, which includes leadership positions, online and ground based instruction, and curriculum and program design. Her research focus is innovation in higher education and leadership. She has published one leadership book, “Pirate Wisdom” and one novel, “The way of the Well.”

Grace Dominguez

As a survivor of the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas, Grace Dominguez uses her experience with the Branch Davidians as a platform to educate others on how cults recruit and manipulate their followers. Her presentation includes the 8 Criteria for Thought Reform (Robert Jay Lifton), and how those 8 Criteria influenced her journey in and out of the Branch Davidians. Her story was featured in a 1999 documentary in a show in New Zealand called *Extreme Close-Up* where she describes her life as a Branch Davidian, how she left the cult, and her painful journey through recovery.

On April 19, 2013 Grace returned to Waco to film another New Zealand documentary called, “Survivors Guide to Hell.” She has given presentations at various venues in the US and New Zealand. She is a frequent guest speaker at Regis University, and has also presented at the Annual Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) Conference. She is a member of the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) www.icsahome.com, and co-facilitates a support group called Becoming Free that provides support and assistance to family and friends of current and ex-cult members.

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As an advocate for recovery and support Grace has counseled with ex-cult members and their family and friends to help with the recovery process. She was born in Western Samoa, raised in New Zealand, and currently lives in Colorado.

Jenn Doe

Jenn Doe is a survivor of relationship violence and lost her best friend, Pamela, in 2006 when her estranged husband attacked both women, severely injuring Jenn and fatally wounding Pam.

After her victimization, Jenn finished her degree in graphic design, and in her final year, created a series of booklets and posters that used storytelling to depict the effects of relationship violence from multiple perspectives. She did extensive research and became more and more aware of the patterns and red flags that she and those around her had missed. She began to see that no one had ever told her about these dynamics, which has led her to share her story.

Jenn is now two classes away from a Masters in Public Administration, with a concentration in Domestic Violence, and she works in Violence Prevention Education on her college campus. She hopes to find a way to fuse her creative skills with her administrative skills in the field of violence prevention.

Kathy Kinnard

More information on this speaker will be available soon.

Kirsten Anderson

Kirsten Anderson received her B.A. in Psychology from Dartmouth College and her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Denver. Kirsten began her career as a Psychologist at Aurora Mental Health Center's (AuMHC) Child and Family North Team before adding the roles of Director of Quality Improvement in 2010 and Disaster Coordinator in 2012.

Kirsten was responsible for coordinating Aurora Mental Health Center's behavioral health response to the Aurora Theater shooting which included a 24/7 phone bank and walk in clinic, a school-based response, and deploying

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AuMHC's disaster team. AuMHC's response continues to this day and Kirsten continues to work on the recovery by managing staff at the newly opened Aurora Strong Resilience Center and is the Project Director for the SERG (SAMHSA Emergency Response Grant) that is beginning in the Fall of 2013. In addition to her Disaster Coordinator role, Kirsten was recently named Program Manager of AuMHC's Child and Family South Team.

SYMPOSIUM B: 1:30PM – 3:00PM

“Healing of Public Safety and Emergency Medical Personnel”

moderated by Dr. Tom Bowie

Evan Axelrod, Psy.D.

Dr. Evan Axelrod received his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, with an emphasis in Behavioral Forensics, from the University of Denver. He has been a staff member of Nicoletti-Flater Associates since June 2000 and is a Board Certified Specialist in Police and Public Safety Psychology and a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress. Dr. Axelrod has worked in areas of emergency response and crime prevention and is an experienced provider of therapeutic services to children, adolescents, couples, families, and individual adults.

In addition to providing general counseling services, in both inpatient and outpatient settings, Dr. Axelrod specializes in pre-employment screening, fitness-for-duty evaluation, and direct and indirect threat/risk assessments. Dr. Axelrod also provides training, therapeutic services, and consultation in the areas of crisis and trauma intervention, anger management, stress management, high-risk relationships, conflict resolution, peak performance, verbal communication, managing special populations, parenting, suicide/suicide-by-cop, peer support, and workplace and school violence.

Dr. Axelrod is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Denver, Graduate School of Professional Psychology. He has contributed to several articles and books in the area of Violence and Police Psychology, and is the author of the books "Violence Goes to the Internet: Avoiding the Snare of the Net" and

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"Emptying the Bucket: Understanding & Managing Change, Stress, & Trauma."

Richard Cimms

Richard (Dick) Cimms is currently a Commander with the Aurora Police Department. He has over nineteen years command-level experience having been a Commander of Operations in one of three police districts, Captain of Major and Special Investigations Bureau, Captain of Patrol Operations, and Lieutenant of Narcotics Bureau. He also has over 15 years of combined field operations experience in Patrol, Traffic Investigations, Vice-Narcotics-Intelligence Covert Investigations, and Training Officer.

Commander Cimms was a graduate from the FBI National Academy Session #219, University of Virginia and of Northwestern Command College, Northwestern University, Illinois. He received a bachelor's degree in Criminology from Metropolitan State College and a Masters of Business Administration, with an emphasis in Homeland Security from Northcentral University. He began his doctorate in Homeland Security: Policy and Leadership in 2011 at Northcentral University and is currently on sabbatical.

Commander Cimms is certified in all levels of National Incident Management System, Incident Command Systems. He assisted in the planning and operations of the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado. He was elected as board president and has served on the board of directors Aurora Police New Hire Pension \$220 million defined contribution trust fund. He created and wrote the policy for the Chaplains program for the police department. Commander Cimms also teaches at both private and public universities as an undergraduate and graduate adjunct professor.

Stephen V. Cantrill, M.D., FACEP

Dr. Steve Cantrill is an emergency physician from Denver, Colorado who recently retired as the Associate Director of Emergency Medicine at Denver Health Medical Center. He has had extensive experience in the development of clinical practice guidelines in emergency medicine, having been on the American College of Emergency Physician's Clinical Policies Committee for

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12 years, serving as Chair for 6. Dr. Cantrill was the Director of the Colorado BNICE WMD Training Program at the Denver Health for more than 5 years.

Dr. Cantrill has lectured nationally and internationally on many topics including clinical practice guidelines, computers in medicine, weapons of mass destruction, disasters and disaster management and has been involved in disaster management education for more than two decades. He served as the regional medical coordinator for Denver's participation in Operation TopOff 2000. He has also been involved in weapons of mass destruction training for Colorado and has participated in the planning for multiple mass gathering events, including the Denver Papal visit and the Denver Summit of Eight world economic conference. He has testified at U.S. Senate Committee hearings on bioterrorism preparedness. He has recently served as the principal investigator on an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality regional surge capacity grant and the AHRQ HAvBED national bed availability project. He also served as principal investigator on the AHRQ disaster alternate care facility task order and served on the Institute of Medicine Committee on Guidance for Establishing Standards of Care for Use in Disaster Situations.

Dr. Cantrill has served on multiple national committees including the ACEP Quality and Performance Committee. He has also worked in the area of medical informatics for more than 40 years. He served on the HHS National Biodefense Science Board from 2007 to 2012 and is a member of the Colorado Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee.

Dr. Cantrill has more than 90 publications and has been the recipient of multiple teaching and clinical excellence awards. He is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Colorado.

Thomas G. Bowie, Jr., Ph.D. (*Moderator*)

Dr. Tom Bowie holds an undergraduate degree from the United States Air Force Academy, a master's from Denver University, and a Ph.D. in English Literature from Brown University. In 2004, he retired as a colonel after serving over 28 years with the US Air Force, including three assignments to the Department of English and Fine Arts at the Air Force Academy, where he served for four years as department chair.

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An authority on the literature of war, he has also taught courses in composition and speech, as well as British, American, and contemporary literature. His research and publications focus on the human dimension of conflict, on personal narratives that bear witness to modern war, and on the journey toward reconciliation that inevitably follows such conflicts.

For over a decade, he served as an associate editor, then as the managing editor, of *War, Literature, & the Arts*, an international journal of the humanities. His research interests also include twentieth century Catholic literature and his most recent publications feature several essays on the literary non-fiction of Andre Dubus. He has also presented at several national conferences (such as AAC&U) on interdisciplinary education, particularly as such integrative efforts intersect with our evolving understanding of what best constitutes a core or general education in the twenty-first century.

Dr. Bowie began directing the honors program at Regis University during the fall of 2004. Featuring just over 140 students, the honors program challenges students in the top 10% of each entering class by providing a team-taught curriculum that stresses interdisciplinary study, small group interaction, and individual student initiative.