

How Innocent People Get Convicted and What You Can Do About It.



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 8:00 pm when Marissa Boyers Bluestine of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project will speak to the congregation.

Marissa Boyers Bluestine is the Legal Director for the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. Ms. Bluestine has worked in both the private and public sectors—as a litigation associate at Duane Morris and as an Assistant Defender with the Defender Association of Philadelphia for over 10 years. At the Defender Association, Ms. Bluestine focused particularly on issues related to innocence reform and confrontational rights in the wake of Crawford. She also shepherded the Defender reaction to the NAS Report, *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward*. As the Legal Director of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, Ms. Bluestine oversees all legal work undertaken by the Project, which works to exonerate those who were wrongfully convicted of crimes they did not commit. In addition, Ms. Bluestine works to coordinate the policy initiatives of the Pennsylvania Innocence Project geared toward reforming the criminal justice system to prevent wrongful convictions from occurring at all. As an adjunct professor at Temple University Beasley School of Law, Ms. Bluestine teaches a seminar in trial advocacy as well as a clinical program with the Pennsylvania Innocence Project.