

**42nd Roe v. Wade  
Anniversary Celebration &  
Texas Reproductive Rights Rally  
2015 Event Program**

**Saturday, 24 January 2015  
1:30-3:30PM  
Texas Capitol North Steps**



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# EVENT SCHEDULE



- 1:30pm Andrea Grimes: Opening**
- 1:35pm Lisa Pous**
- 1:40pm Melissa Young**
- 1:45pm Performance: Sunni Soper**
- 1:50pm Marsha Jones**
- 1:55pm Deborah Tucker**
- 2:00pm Stephanie Foster**
- 2:05pm Performance: Vagina Monologues**
- 2:10pm Kellee Coleman**
- 2:15pm Paula Ximena Rojas**
- 2:20pm Performance: Kiya Heartwood**
- 2:25pm Kathryn Griffin-Townsend**
- 2:30pm Dr. Karen Rayne**
- 2:35pm Susy Hemphill**
- 2:40pm Performance: Jess Klein**
- 2:45pm Andrea Grimes**
- 2:50pm TRRR Team Speak**
- 3:00pm Rally Participants: OPEN MIC!**
- 3:20pm Rep. Dawna Dukes & Rep. Jessica Farrar**
- 3:30pm Andrea Grimes**
- 3:35pm Solidarity Sing-Along in the Rotunda!**

# MEET OUR SPEAKERS & PERFORMERS



## EMCEE

**Andrea Grimes**

Writer for [RH Reality Check](#)

## SPEAKERS

**Teresa Salvidar**

Activist

**Nyssa M. Cruz**

Field Organizer, Political Consultant

**Kathryn Griffin-Townsend**

Founder of [We've Been There Done That](#) (Harris and Travis County)

Radio Host for "The Prison Show" on [KPFT Houston](#)

Sex Trafficking Expert and Motivational Speaker for Sex Workers

Director\Program Coordinator for [Our Roadway to Freedom](#) of the TX Department of Corrections

**Paula Ximena Rojas**

Midwife and Co-Founder of [Mama Sana](#)/Vibrant Woman

**Kellee Coleman**

Co-Founder of [Mamas of Color Rising](#)

**Melissa Young**

Precinct Chair of the [Harris County Democratic Party](#)

Women's Rights Activist

Founder of the [Woof Roof Project](#)

**Marsha Jones**

Executive Director/Co-Founder of [The Afiya Center](#)

**Deborah Tucker**

Ceo/Founder of the [National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence](#)

**Stephanie Foster**  
Advocate for the Incarcerated  
and Feminist Criminology Speaker

**Rep. Jessica Farrar**  
[Texas State Representative District 148](#) (N Central Houston)

**Rep. Dawnna Dukes**  
[Texas State Representative District 46](#) (NE Austin)

**Lisa Pous**  
Spokesperson from [Safe Place](#)  
Advocate for the Incarcerated  
and Organizer for [V-day](#)

**Dr. Karen Rayne**  
Sex Educator and Organizer for both  
the [National Sex Ed Conference](#) and [Unhushed](#)

**Susy Hemphill**  
President of the Board of Directors for [Lilith Fund](#)

## PERFORMING ARTISTS

**Sunni Soper**  
Slam Poet  
<http://www.sunnisoperpoetry.com/>

**Kiya Heartwood**  
Musician  
<http://www.kiyaheartwood.com/>

**Vagina Monologues**  
Performing "MY REVOLUTION BEGINS IN THE BODY"  
<http://vaginamonologues.co.uk/>

**Jess Klein**  
Singer/Songwriter  
<http://www.jessklein.com/>



# OPEN MIC GUIDELINES



1. Open Mic participants will line up to speak as the planned speakers and performers are wrapping up (organizers will announce.)
2. Be respectful of everyone around you, and everyone else in line.
3. Be respectful of each person on the mic.
4. Hand the mic to the next person in line when done.
5. Keep it short, 30 sec – 1 min MAX.
6. Speak *once* to give others a voice on the mic.



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# FREESOURCE FAIR TABLING GUIDELINES

1. **Free For All – Free to Table, Free to Attend!**
2. **Tabling – Bring your table, tent, tabling supplies and people to run it. Ensure you bring supplies to weigh your table/tent/canopy/umbrella/etc down without stakes in the ground. Set up starts at 11:30A; please be set up before 1:00P.**
3. **Clean up – We will have volunteers to help with set up and tear down, though you will be responsible for ensuring your table and supplies get back where they need to go (off of Capitol Grounds) so it's cleaner than when we all arrived.**
4. **Volunteers – If you need tabling volunteers contact us with details (number, requirements, etc) and we will reach out to our network to get you some.**
5. **Open Mic – We encourage you to share info about your organization during the Open Mic session after the scheduled speakers and performers.**
6. **Heather Ross will be your on-site person to contact overseeing the FreeSource Fair. She will be wearing an identifiable nametag.**
7. **Contact: roevwaderally@gmail.com for questions or info.**
8. **Please use the hashtags *#roeVwade42* and *#roeVwadeTX* leading up to and during the FreeSource Fair at the Texas Reproductive Rights Rally to promote tabling at the event.**
9. **Website:**  
<http://texasreproductiverightsrally.weebly.com/>
10. **Event Link:**  
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/42nd-roe-v-wade-anniversary-celebration-texas-reproductive-rights-rally-tickets-15124712422>

# ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

## **SIGN-MAKING PARTY**

**Friday, January 23 from 4:00P to 8:00P**

Come make signs for the rally with us!

Please RSVP for Location:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1543806055877327/>

## **FAWN SILENT VIGEL**

**Saturday, January 24 from 7:00A to 8:30A**

Join Faith Action for Women in Need (FAWN) in a silent vigil supporting Planned Parenthood patients, doctors and staff while Catholic Anti-Choicers protest at the clinic.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1395074047461760/>

## **VOLUNTEER**

**Help Set up for the TRRR**

**Saturday, January 24 from 11:30A to 1:30P**

Please come lend a hand in making all this magic happen. Many hands make light work!

Any type of help is appreciated, but strong backs are especially needed!

At [the Texas State Capitol](#)

**Tear Down and Clean Up Help for the TRRR**

**Saturday, January 24 after the rally ends (appx. 3:30P)**

We are in need of help taking down tents, packing up tables, rolling up cables, loading cars, and generally just making sure we leave the area cleaner than we found it.

Strong backs are especially needed, but any and all help is always deeply appreciated!

To be held at [the Texas Capitol](#)

## **VOLUNTEER DEPUTY REGISTRAR TRAINING**

**Saturday, January 24 from 8:00A to 10:00A**

Come get your VDR training so that you can legally get out there and register people to vote!

Become an integral part of getting the Texas voter population active.

This event will be held at [the Scholz Garten](#).

Please RSVP due to limited space!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1532630316986992/>



## KIDS' ZONE

**Saturday, January 24 from 1:30P to 3:30P**

Fun art activities to entertain the kids!

*\*All children must be supervised by a parent or guardian.*

## TEXAS SOLIDARITY SING-A-LONG

**Saturday, January 24 after the rally ends (appx. 3:30P)**

Come help us fill the air of the capital once again with our voices.

To be held in the [Capital Rotunda](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/solidaritysingalongtx>

## POST-RALLY GATHERING AT SCHOLZ GARTEN

All are welcome to gather at [the Scholz Garten](#) unofficially after the rally to raise a drink, grab some delicious German food, make merry, catch up, re-connect, and celebrate reproductive freedom.

The Scholz Garten welcomes us, but bear in mind we do not have any specific reserved space for this.

If you drink, please do not forget to designate a driver and arrive alive.

Alternately [Austin Capital Metro](#) is efficient, safe, and cheap.

We look forward to seeing every single one of you next year!

<http://www.scholzgarten.net/directions.htm>



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# EVENT INFO

Facebook Event Page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1499139943708624/>

Eventbrite Invitation Page

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/42nd-roe-v-wade-anniversary-celebration-texas-reproductive-rights-rally-tickets-15124712422>

Rideshare and Accommodations Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/txlegerideshare/>

Volunteer Opportunities

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/txwomensrightsally/>

TX Project Counter Twitter

<https://twitter.com/TXProjCounter>

Twitter Hashtag

[#roeVwadeTX](https://twitter.com/hashtag/roeVwadeTX)

# ALLY LINKS

Lilith Fund

<http://www.lilithfund.org/>

Issues for your Tissues (Reproductive Justice Podcast)

<http://issuesforyourtissues.blogspot.com>

Beyond Words Live! Blogcast Archive

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/oralhistory>

Beyond Words Live! Stitcher Archive

<http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/beyond-words-live-3/beyond-words-live>

David Thomas Photography

<https://www.facebook.com/AustinDavePhotos>

# TEXAS SOLIDARITY SING-ALONG

## SONG LIST & LYRICS

### **We're Not Gonna Take It**

*By Dee Snider*

*Performed by Twisted Sister*

Oh We're Not Gonna Take It  
No, We Ain't Gonna Take It  
Oh We're Not Gonna Take It Anymore  
We've Got The Right To Choose And  
There Ain't No Way We'll Lose It  
This Is Our Life, This Is Our Song  
We'll Fight The Powers That Be Just  
Don't Pick Our Destiny 'cause  
You Don't Know Us, You Don't Belong  
Oh We're Not Gonna Take It  
No, We Ain't Gonna Take It  
Oh We're Not Gonna Take It Anymore  
Oh You're So Condescending  
Your Gall Is Never Ending  
We Don't Want Nothin', Not A Thing From You  
Your Power Is Trite And Jaded  
Boring And Confiscated  
If That's Your Best, Your Best Won't Do  
Oh We're Not Gonna Take It  
No, We Ain't Gonna Take It  
Oh We're Not Gonna Take It Anymore  
Oh We're Not Gonna Take It  
No, We Ain't Gonna Take It  
Oh We're Not Gonna Take It Anymore  
No way!

### **This Land Is Your Land**

*By Woody Guthrie, with Texas chorus*

CHORUS:

*This land is your land  
This land is my land  
From the North Red River  
To South Padre Island  
From the desert mountains  
To the pine wood forests*

*Texas was made for you and me  
As I was walking  
A ribbon of highway  
I saw above me an endless skyway  
I saw below me a golden valley  
This land was made for you and me*

[CHORUS]

The sun came shining  
As I was strolling  
The wheat fields waving  
And the dust clouds rolling  
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting  
This land was made for you and me

[CHORUS]

As I was walkin', I saw a sign there  
And on that sign it said  
"Private Property"  
But on the other side  
It didn't say nothin'  
That side was made for you and me!

[CHORUS]

In the squares of the city  
In the shadow of the steeple  
In the Capitol, I seen my people  
And some are grumblin'  
And some are wonderin'  
If this land's still made for you and me

[CHORUS]

FINAL VERSE (2x):  
This house is your house  
This house is my house!  
From the rotunda  
To the governor's office!  
Rick Perry...  
Will never push us out!  
This house was made for you and me!

## **We Shall Overcome**

*Adapted from gospel song by Charles Albert Tindley,  
1st published in 1947 in the People's Songs Bulletin  
Adapted lyrics 2011*

We shall overcome  
We shall overcome  
We shall overcome some day

CHORUS:

*Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
We shall overcome some day  
We'll walk hand in hand  
We'll walk hand in hand  
We'll walk hand in hand some day*

[CHORUS]

We are not afraid  
We are not afraid  
We are not afraid today

[CHORUS]

We shall live in peace  
We shall live in peace  
We shall live in peace some day

[CHORUS]

We're on to victory  
We're on to victory  
We're on to victory today

## **Bring Back My Texas to Me**

*Traditional Scottish folk song  
(Tune: "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean")*

Texas whose meaning was, "Friendship"  
Was friendly as it could be  
But now its meaning is, "Dangerous"  
Oh, bring back my Texas to me

CHORUS:

*Bring back, bring back  
Oh, bring back my Texas to me, to me*



*Bring back, bring back  
Oh, bring back my Texas to me*

Though our state may be the "Lone Star"  
Stronger together are we  
In Texas you never are lonely  
Oh, bring back my Texas to me

[CHORUS]

They're trying to stifle our voices  
They're trying to keep us derailed  
They'll find it's not easy to do, though  
Dewhurst once tried and he failed!

[CHORUS]

Our Mother Texas is fragile  
It's fairly upsetting to see  
She wandered away with Rick Perry  
Oh, bring back my Texas to me

[CHORUS]

### **Which Side Are you On?**

*By Pete Seeger*

Come all of you good Texans  
Good news to you I'll tell  
Of how the power of the people  
Has come in here to dwell.

CHORUS:

*Which side are you on?  
Which side are you on?  
Which side are you on...?  
Which side are you on?*

Our mothers fought for their rights  
And now the fight goes on  
And I'll stick with Texas Women  
'Til every battle's won.

[CHORUS]

Will you fight for Women's Rights  
Which side are you on?  
Will you fight for Reproductive Rights?  
Which side are you on?

[CHORUS]

Oh Texans can you stand it?  
Oh tell me how you can.  
Will you stand there silently  
Or show them where you stand?

[CHORUS]

Don't excuse the politicians,  
Don't listen to their lies.  
Us poor folks haven't got a chance  
Unless we organize.

[CHORUS]

## **Singing For Our Lives**

*By Holly Near*

We are a gentle, angry people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a gentle, angry people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a justice seeking people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a justice seeking people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are young and old together  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are young and old together  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a land of many colors  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a land of many colors  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are gay and straight together  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are gay and straight together  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are all in this together  
And we are singing, singing for our lives

We are all in this together  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a gentle, loving people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a gentle, loving people  
And we are singing, singing for our lives

### **These Civil Rights of Mine**

*Based on the spiritual "This Little Light of Mine"*

*Adapted by Marty Macdougall*

These civil rights of mine / I'm going let them shine  
These civil rights of mine / I'm going let them shine  
These civil rights of mine / I'm going let them shine  
Let them shine/Let them shine/Let them shine  
My right to speak out / Right now is the time  
My right to speak out / Right now is the time  
My right to speak out / Right now is the time  
Now's the time/Now's the time/Now's the time  
A Women's right to choose / I'm going keep it mine  
A Women's right to choose / I'm going keep it mine  
A Women's right to choose / I'm going keep it mine  
Keep it mine/Keep it mine/Keep it mine  
Our right to protest / We're not going to pay your fi ne  
Our right to protest / We're not going to pay your fi ne  
Our right to protest / We're not going to pay your fi ne  
Pay your fi ne/ Pay your fi ne/ Pay your fi ne  
It's my right to the vote / Don't make me wait in line  
It's my right to the vote / Don't make me wait in line  
It's my right to the vote / Don't make me wait in line  
Wait in line/Wait in line/Wait in line  
Are we going give up our rights?  
Oh no! / We're going to let them shine  
Are we going give up our rights?  
Oh no! / We're going to let them shine  
Are we going give up our rights?  
Oh no! / We're going to let them shine  
Let them Shine/All the time/Let them shine/Oh yeah!  
Don't let Perry blow them out  
I'm going to let them shine  
Don't let Dewhurst blow them out  
I'm going to let them shine  
Don't let Laubenberg blow them out  
I'm going to let them shine  
Let them Shine/All the time/Let them shine/Oh yeah!

# ABORTION STORY PROJECT



**Legal decisions have human impacts.**

**Break the Silence.**

**Share your story and raise your voice.**

How has abortion access, or a lack of it, affected the course and quality of your life for better or worse? Let us and your incoming TX legislators know what impact abortion access has had on you, and why we need to ensure every Texan has control over their own bodies and their own lives.

## **To Join the Abortion Story Project:**

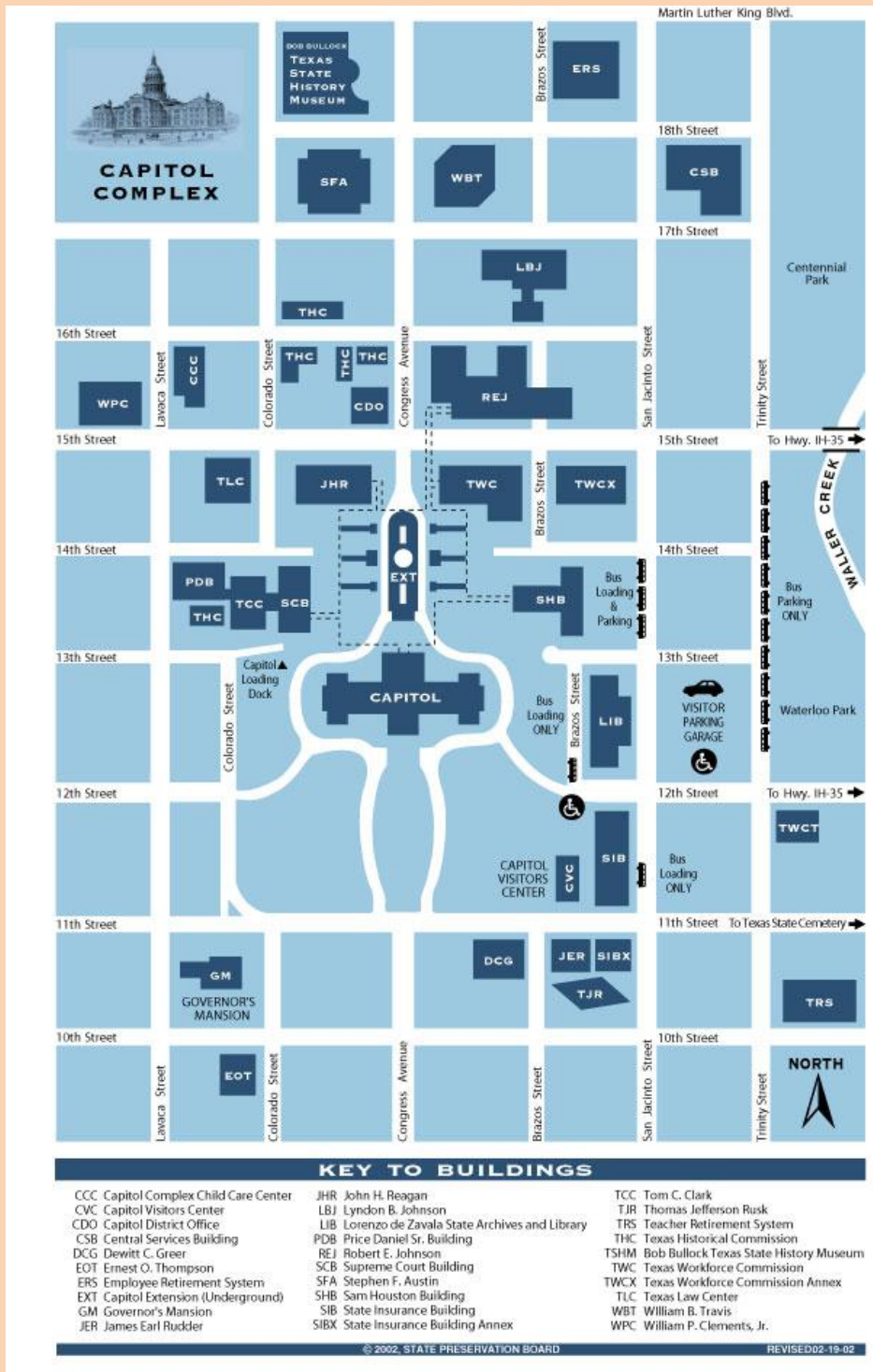
- Write your story, handwritten is best.
- Bring it to the rally at the TX State Capitol to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 24th at 1:30pm
- If you can't make it in person, send it to:

Women's Community Center of Center of Central TX:  
1704 San Antonio St.  
Austin, TX 78701

- If you like, upload to social media and use #roeVwadeTX

**Your Story** will be on a wire hanger at the rally along with hundreds of stories shared from across the state to help break the silence. It will then be documented and given to the incoming TX legislators as a reminder of the impacts of their political decisions.

# MAPS & PARKING



**\*\*Please see the Texas Capitol and Visitors Center Parking Webpage for more information on parking downtown: <http://www.tspb.state.tx.us/SPB/Plan/Parking.htm>**



# TRAVEL INFORMATION



Austin is lucky enough to have a good public transportation system, which we highly recommend using to get in and out of the event areas due to limited parking.

Please check out Capital Metro's website for their trip planner tool and links to their apps. Also take a look at the Park and Ride system, where you can park for free and have easy access to bus routes.

Capital Metro:

<https://www.capmetro.org/>

We have also established a group on Facebook where you can network with other people planning to attend to see if you can catch a ride or find crash space. Join the group to learn more.

TX Lege Ride Share:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/txlegerideshare/>

For inter-city bus travel, you may wish to consider Megabus since they offer discounted fares during non-peak hours. They have minimal id requirements and free wifi on the busses. However, they do not go South of San Antonio.

Megabus:

<https://www.megabus.com/>

For areas South of San Antonio, and any other areas not served by Megabus, there's always good old Greyhound.

Greyhound:

<https://www.greyhound.com/>

# TxPC 2016 LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

We need YOU to design our 2016 TX Project Counter Coalition logo! Please follow the guidelines below to create and submit your own reflection of pro-choice advocacy and reproductive justice:

1. Create an inclusive (diversity, disability, LGBTQIA) iconic representational identifiable logo for reproductive rights.
2. Don't use words.
3. Key color: ORANGE
4. It's important the logo is communicable and identifiable beyond language barriers.
5. Formats to submit: JPEG, PNG, TPG
6. Have Fun!
7. Submit completed logos to [roevwaderally@gmail.com](mailto:roevwaderally@gmail.com) (before July 24th, 2015)



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# THANK YOU



**Thank you to all the organizers, speakers, performers, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and supporters for the countless hours, donated funds and overwhelming support given to make this event happen.**

Rally Sound Sponsor



Texas Solidarity Sing-Along



# ABOUT US



In January 2014, Austin-based reproductive rights group TX Project Counter hosted a pro-choice rally and march at the Texas State Capitol, celebrating the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and highlighting Texans' commitment to reproductive rights and pro-choice legislation in Texas. As a counter-protest to the annual Anti-Choice march, the event was a huge success, drawing hundreds of supporters to Austin from across the state, with many more viewing the event online. This year, we're proactively reclaiming our space and reframing the debate as Texans with legal rights to health services, preventive care, and reproductive choice. We believe our efforts to educate and empower residents on these topics may help reduce unplanned pregnancies and abortions through the promotion of reproductive justice.

In reaction to the 2013 legislative session, the court cases deciding the fate of women's health clinics, and a recent statewide election that almost ensures further restrictions on Texans' reproductive healthcare choices, we seek to peacefully unite everyone affected by, and who are passionate about, reproductive justice, and to provide a forum for them to be heard. Instead of scare tactics and vitriol, we choose to celebrate our strengths, renew our bonds, and share our ideas. Our intent is to raise awareness, in hopes that positive change can be achieved by getting Texans educated, energized, and mobilized!

## LEAD ORGANIZERS

**Stacy Guidry**  
**Andrea Hughes**  
**Kathryn Elizabeth Krastin**  
**Trisha Lynch**  
**Katherine E. Rompel**  
**Heather Ross**

## ORGANIZERS

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