

## "The Kitty Genovese Memorial Conference: 50 years later"

March 8-9, 2014, Fordham University, 113 West 60 Street, NYC

This public forum remembers the tragedy in New York on March 13, 1964, when young Kitty was murdered near her home while many witnesses said they "just did not want to get involved." In this forum scholars, authors, activists, and others in the community will: review and celebrate the life of Ms. Genovese, try to better understand the oft-repeated "Kitty Genovese phenomenon," and review the many impacts of this 1964 tragedy on western society. Speakers include the authors of four new books and a film about Ms. Genovese. On Sunday, a mass will precede remembrances, and a meet-the-authors panel, where the authors and a film producer speak on why and how they did their work.

All who knew Catherine "Kitty" Genovese (1935-1964) are invited to share their remembrances: family, friends, classmates, neighbors, and others.



**SATURDAY, March 8,** Floor 12, Fordham University, 113 West 60 Street

**9-9:30: Welcome:** Reverend William Kalaidjian, Joseph DeMay, Harold Takooshian

**9:30-11:50: The tragedy: Accurate facts about what happened in 1964**

Jim Rasenberger-journalism	Kevin Cook-author
Peter Hellman-police investigation	Myrna Skoller-prosecution
Robert Sparrow-defense	Janine Abel-parole
Catherine Pelonero-author	William Genovese- Kitty's brother

**12 -12:30: Celebrating the life of Catherine Genovese**

Those who knew Kitty, including May Trezza Sisk, Peggy H. Wilburn

**12:30-1:30: Refreshments/ lunch** (1984 video with Surgeon General C. Everett Koop)

**1:30-4 pm: The aftermath: What we have learned since 1964**

Harold Takooshian-psychology	Andrew Karmen-sociology
Marcia M. Gallo-history	Curtis Sliwa & Keiji Oda-Guardian Angels
Carrie Rentschler-gender	LuLu LoLo-theatre
Philip Zimbardo & Zehra Imam-heroism	

**4-6 pm: Reception for speakers/participants**

**SUNDAY, March 9**

**10-11 am: Sunday mass,** at Cathedral of Saint Paul, 60 Street & Columbus Avenue

**11:30-noon: Personal remembrances of Kitty,** Fordham room 109, 155 West 60 Street

**noon-2 pm: Meet the authors panel/ luncheon**

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This public forum is free, and open to the community. All are welcome. Please note:

1. Several new books appear this year, and will be available for authors' signature on March 8-9.
2. **Please be aware that this event will be filmed by a third party filmmaker, and by attending this event you may incidentally appear in such filming.**
3. For the afternoon reception at 4 pm on March 8, advance RSVP is required by March 5, at:  
<https://takoo.wufoo.com/forms/rsvp-to-the-kitty-genovese-memorial-conference/>
4. Fordham is a faith-based institution, which promotes the concept of "Women and Men for Others."
5. This community forum is dedicated to the memory of Kitty Genovese. It is hosted by Fordham University, in cooperation with other organizations: FIRST, SPSSI-NY, HIP, Manhattan Psychological Association, Fordham Psychology Association, Fordham-Psi Chi. For any details, contact the conference Chairs: Professor Harold Takooshian, [takoosh@aol.com](mailto:takoosh@aol.com), and Attorney Joseph DeMay, [kgconf@gmail.com](mailto:kgconf@gmail.com).



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Note: In 2014, at least five new books and a film appear about Ms. Genovese, as noted below. \*



**Janine M. Abel**, serves in the Major Crimes Bureau of the Queens County Prosecutor's Office, focusing on parole and victim impact.

\* **Kevin Cook**, has written for *The New York Times*, *Daily News*, *GQ*. His 7 books include *Kitty Genovese: The Murder, the bystanders, the crime that changed America* (2014). <http://books.wwnorton.com/books/Kitty-Genovese/>



**Joseph F. DeMay, Jr.**, Attorney and historian, Kew Gardens Civic Association. [www.kewgardenshistory.com/](http://www.kewgardenshistory.com/)

\* **Marcia M. Gallo**, Asst. Professor of History, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and author, *Different daughters* (Seal, 2007), and *No one helped: Kitty Genovese, the 38 witnesses, and the myth of urban apathy* (2014).



**William Genovese**, Amateur ethologist, and Kitty Genovese's brother, was the COO of mental health not-for-profits prior to his retirement.

\* **Peter Hellman**, Journalist and co-author, *Chief!* (1974), and a new e-book, "*Fifty Years After Kitty Genovese, Inside the Case That Rocked Our Faith in Each Other*" (2014) <http://peterhellman.com/>



**Zehra Imam**, Teacher at Monroe High School in Bronx NY, directs the new Illuminated Cities Project, to promote heroism among urban youth. [www.facebook.com/illuminatedcitiesproject](http://www.facebook.com/illuminatedcitiesproject)

**Rev. William G. Kalaidjian**, Chaplain, New York City Police Department (1957-1998), now Executive Director of the New York State Shields.



**Andrew Karmen**, Professor of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and author of *New York Murder Mystery* (2006) and *Crime victims: Introduction to victimology* (8 ed., 2013). [www.crimevictimsupdates.com/](http://www.crimevictimsupdates.com/)

**LuLu LoLo**, Playwright/actor, performance artist. Her 7 off-Broadway plays include "38 Witnessed Her Death, I Witnessed Her Love: The Lonely Secret of Mary Ann Zielonko (Kitty Genovese Story)." [www.lululolo.com](http://www.lululolo.com)



**Keiji Oda**, Businessman, teacher, and International Director of the Alliance of Guardian Angels. <http://www.guardianangels.org/>

\* **Catherine Pelonero**, Author, *Kitty Genovese: A True Account of a Public Murder and its Private Consequences* (2014), devoted 6 years to research the crime, the life of Kitty Genovese and others. [www.kittygenovesebook.com](http://www.kittygenovesebook.com)



**Jim Rasenberger**, Author of books on U.S. history, and a journalist who has written for *Vanity Fair*, *American Heritage*, and "Kitty Genovese 40 years later" (*New York Times*, 8 Feb 2004) [www.jimrasenberger.com](http://www.jimrasenberger.com)

\* **Carrie A. Rentschler**, Director, Institute for Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies, McGill University, and author, *A nation of bystanders: The 1964 Kitty Genovese murder* (forthcoming) <http://carrierentschler.org/>



\* **Myrna J. Skoller**, Businesswoman, author, and the wife of the late prosecutor **Charles E. Skoller**, author of *Twisted Confessions* (2008/ 2013) <http://twistedconfessionsbook.com/>

**Curtis Sliwa**, WABC-Radio host, activist, and founder of the International Alliance of Guardian Angels in 1979 [www.guardianangels.org/](http://www.guardianangels.org/)



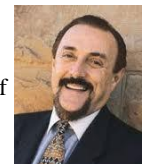
\* **James Solomon**, Director/Producer of *The Witness*, the forthcoming documentary about Bill Genovese's journey to unravel the *truth* about the mythic death and little-known life of his sister Kitty [www.thewitness-film.com](http://www.thewitness-film.com)

**Robert E. Sparrow**, Attorney, past-President of the Queens Criminal Courts Bar association, and son of the late defense attorney **Sidney G. Sparrow**



**Harold Takooshian**, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Fordham Institute, researches urban problems and bystander inaction during crises. <http://takooshian.socialpsychology.org>

**Philip G. Zimbardo**, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Stanford University, author, editor, and founder of [www.heroicimagination.org](http://www.heroicimagination.org) (by video)



Classmates and friends of Kitty, including **May Trezza Sisk**, Kitty's friend, **Peggy Hallinan Wilburn**, classmate, "the girls of June '53"

