Remembering Catherine "Kitty" Genovese
50 years later **

A public forum

March 8-9, 2014, Fordham University, New York City

Saturday, 9 am-4 pm, 113 West 60 Street, floor 12
Sunday, 11:30-2 pm, 155 West 60 Street, room 109
"The Kitty Genovese Memorial Conference: 50 years later"
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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 an upcoming 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
Peter Hellman -police investigation
Robert E. Sparrow -defense
Catherine Pelonero -author
Kevin Cook -author
Myrna J. Skoller -prosecution
Janine M. Abel -parole
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
Bibb Latane -psychology
Andrew Karmen -sociology
Marcia M. Gallo -history
LuLu LoLo -theatre
Harold Takooshian -behavioral science
Curtis Sliwa & Keiji Oda -Guardian Angels
Carrie A. Rentschler -gender
Philip G. Zimbardo, Zehra Imam, Scott Plous -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

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, limit is 60, with 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, NYSPA Forensic Division. For any details, contact the conference Chairs: Professor Harold Takooshian, takoosh@aol.com, and Attorney Joseph DeMay, 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.


Joseph F. DeMay, Jr., Attorney and historian, Kew Gardens Civic Association. 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.


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

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


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

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


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


Curtis Sliwa, WABC-Radio host, activist, and founder of the International Alliance of Guardian Angels in 1979 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

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

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

Philip G. Zimbardo, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Stanford University, author, editor, and founder of 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”
Queens Woman Is Stabbed To Death in Front of Home

A 28-year-old Queens woman was stabbed to death early yesterday morning outside her apartment house in Kew Gardens.

Neighbors who were awakened by her screams found the woman, Miss Catherine Genovese of 82-70 Austin Street, shortly after 3 A.M. in front of a building three doors from her home.

The police said that Miss Genovese had been attacked in front of her building and had run to where she fell. She had parked her car in a nearby lot, the police said, after having driven it from the Hollis bar where she was day manager.

The police, who spent the day searching for the murder weapon, interviewing witnesses and checking automobiles that had been seen in the neighborhood, said last night they had no clues.