



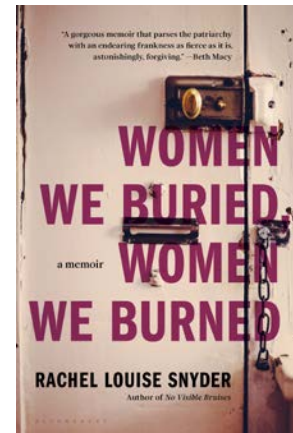
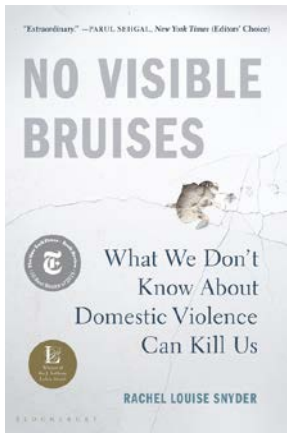
September 13-15, 2023
 Marriott San Antonio Airport, San Antonio, Texas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13		
1:00		Welcome Remarks & Announcements! , Caitlin Fish, Esq. (Shelter Project Director, TRLA, Laredo); Kelli Howard, Esq. (LASSA Project Director, TRLA, Austin); Robert Doggett, Esq. (Executive Director, TRLA, Austin)
1:30	1	Helping Survivors Identify Financial Abuse and Building Legal Protections , Aisha Denis, Esq. (Attorney, Texas Advocacy Project)
3:00		BREAK
3:15	2	Criminalized Survivors - Preserving Legal Rights and Options , Cindene Pezzell, Esq. (Director, National Defense Center for Criminalized Survivors, BWJP)
4:45		ADJOURN
5:00		LEGAL ADVOCATE NETWORK REGIONAL MEETING
6:00		NETWORKING MIXER – Optional but encouraged
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14		
8:30	3	Serving LGBTQ+ Survivors , Lydia Harris, Esq. (Attorney, Equal Justice Works Fellow, TRLA, Brownsville) and Gabriel Sanchez (Special Project Director – LGBTQ+ Civil Rights Project, TRLA, Edinburg)
9:45	4	Helping Survivors of Workplace Discrimination , Esha Rajendran, Esq. (Attorney, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, San Antonio) and Adriana Rodriguez, Esq. (Attorney, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, San Antonio)
10:45		BREAK
11:00	5	Legislative Updates and Advocacy , Krista Del Gallo (Legislative Director, Texas Counsel on Family Violence, Austin) and Molly Voyles (Director of Public Policy, Texas Council of Family Violence, Austin)
12:15		KEYNOTE LUNCH – Featuring Rachel Louise Snyder
1:45	6	Sexual Misconduct and the Intersection with Intimate Partner Violence , Sona Kaur, Ph.D. (Lead Consultant, RAINN) and Jessica St. Germaine, J.D. (Director of Policy and Assessment, Consulting Services, RAINN)
3:00		BREAK
3:15	7	<p>Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Family Law Primer, Amber VanSchuyver, Esq. (Attorney and Group Coordinator – Domestic Violence and Family Law, TRLA, San Antonio) and Gabrielle Marshall, Esq. (Attorney, TRLA, Corpus Christi)</p> <p>Immigration Remedies and Safety Planning, Josh Wagner, Esq. (Attorney, TRLA, Edinburg)</p> <p>Client-Centered Best Practices & CVC, Monica Diaz, LMSW (Social Work Team Manager, TRLA, El Paso) and Alejandra Torres, LBSW (Social Worker, TRLA, Edinburg)</p> <p>Employment Law 101, Sidonia Mitchell, Esq. (Attorney, TRLA, Weslaco)</p> <p>Administrator Track - Privacy, Confidentiality, Privilege and Subpoenas, Kelli Howard, Esq. (Attorney, LASSA Special Project Director, TRLA, Austin)</p>
4:15	8	<p>Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Family Law Primer, Amber VanSchuyver, Esq. (Attorney and Group Coordinator – Domestic Violence and Family Law, TRLA, San Antonio) and Gabrielle Marshall, Esq. (Attorney, TRLA, Corpus Christi)</p> <p>Immigration Remedies and Safety Planning, Josh Wagner, Esq. (Attorney, TRLA, Edinburg)</p> <p>Client-Centered Best Practices & CVC, Elizabeth Barrera Sepulveda, LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor, TRLA, Corpus Christi) and Tami Maldonado, LMSW (Social Worker, TRLA, San Antonio)</p> <p>Employment Law 101, Sidonia Mitchell, Esq. (Attorney, TRLA, Weslaco)</p> <p>Administrator Track – CBAR Program and Shelter Manual Updates, Andrea March, Esq. (Community Development Attorney, TRLA, Austin)</p>
5:15		ADJOURN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:00	9	The Neurobiology of Trauma , Christopher F Wilson, PsyD (Director, <i>Becoming Trauma Informed</i> , Portland, OR)
11:00		BREAK
11:30		CLOSING LUNCHEON Client Success Story; PAI Awards; Speaker: Tracy Matheson
1:00		ADJOURN – Thank you for helping us commemorate 21 years of enhanced advocacy for victims!

Keynote Luncheon – Thursday, September 14



Author and investigative journalist **Rachel Louise Snyder** explores the causes and consequences of the violence that impacts women around the globe. Her work demands that we see the reality of domestic violence, global consumerism, race and class prejudice, and other often overlooked social crises.

Snyder is the author of *No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us*. *No Visible Bruises* draws on the stories of survivors, perpetrators, law enforcement officers, and victim advocates to lay bare the policies and cultural narratives that help abusers escape responsibility and upends common myths about domestic violence. A finalist for the Kirkus Prize, the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award, it was named one of the 10 Best Books of 2019 by The New York Times.

In Snyder's new book, *Women We Buried, Women We Burned*, she recounts her own troubled family story in a powerful memoir that relates her personal history with honesty, lyricism, and an eternal eye to the social issues that have become her life's work. Snyder was eight years old when her mother died, and her distraught father thrust the family into an evangelical, cult-like existence halfway across the country. Furiously rebellious against this life, she was expelled from school, and then from home at age sixteen.

As a journalist, Snyder has traveled to more than 50 countries, covering stories of human rights, natural disaster, and war. She is also the author of *Fugitive Denim: A Moving Story of People and Pants in the Borderless World of Global Trade* and the novel *What We've Lost is Nothing*. Snyder lived in Phnom Penh, Cambodia for six years before relocating to Washington, DC, where she is an assistant professor in the creative writing program at American University.

Keynote Luncheon – Friday, September 15



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Tracy Matheson

Through her work with Project Beloved, Tracy has had the honor to serve on the Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force which is housed in the Office of the Governor and was established through HB1590 in the 86th Legislative Session. Named in memory of her daughter, Molly Jane's Law (HB3106), was also passed in the 86th Legislative Session and mandates the use of ViCAP when law enforcement investigates cases of sexual assault.

In 2022, Tracy received the Ignite Award by the Conference on Crimes Against Children. The 88th Legislative Session brought another bill across the finish line, as HB 4628 was signed by Governor Abbott and provides a framework with timelines for all parties to know and follow when there is a CODIS hit.

Tracy is committed to using her story to bring light to the darkness and ensure that Molly's life and preventable death is a catalyst for change. We can do better.



Tracy was raised in Fort Worth, TX and is a graduate of The University of Oklahoma where she earned a degree in Elementary Education. After college, she married her high school sweetheart, David Matheson, also from Fort Worth. The Matheson family returned to Texas in 2010 after living on the East coast for more than 20 years.

Over the years, Tracy has worked as a teacher, a realtor, and mission and outreach coordinator. However, her role as Mom was always her dream job and one she has cherished. She and David are parents to Nick, age 32, who is now married and lives in Fort Worth with his wife, Elizabeth, Ben, age 24, who is living at home while working, and Max, age 22, who is finishing his Masters in Economics at Texas A&M. They also have a daughter, Molly Jane, who should be 29. It is Molly's life which inspired her to found Project Beloved and gave Tracy her most important role...a momma with a mission.