

# SILENCE = DEATH PENALTY

## *Organizing LGBTI Voices Against Capital Punishment*

**Saturday,**

**October**

**26**

**2 p.m.**

***Radison***

***Hotel***

***160 East***

***Huron,***

***Chicago***

***Is the death penalty a LGBTI issue?***

***Is it state sanctioned homophobia when a Prosecutor argues that:***

***A gay man should be sentenced to death, not life in prison, because "sending a homosexual to a penitentiary isn't a very bad punishment for a homosexual"? or***

***A women should be sentenced to death because she is a "man hating" "hard core lesbian"?***

A workshop organized by Chicago activists at the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty's 2002 National Conference, "Restoring Justice, Reclaiming Humanity" will explore the use of homophobia, sexism and racism to seek and obtain the death penalty against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people throughout the U.S. and the world. Speakers will discuss the role LGBTI organizations and activists have played in the abolitionist movement and the struggle to get LGBTI people to come out against the death penalty.

*Speakers include:*

**Ruthann Robson** Lesbian Legal Theorist, Professor of Law at City University of New York School of Law, Contributor to OUT Magazine, & Author of *Lesbian (Out) Law*; *Gay Men, Lesbians and the Law*; and *Sappho Goes to Law School*

**Deborah Benford** Activist & Organizer with Affinity Community Services

**Robert Schultz** Death Penalty Abolition Program Coordinator of Amnesty International

*Moderated by:*

**Joey Mogul** Civil rights and death penalty attorney with the People's Law Office and member of Queer to the Left

***For more info about the Conference:***

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