2013 Journalists & Editors Workshop Overview

LACC’s 30th Annual Journalists and Editors Workshop brought together practicing journalists, law enforcement, victims’ advocates and victims from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Texas and South Florida for concurrent workshops on how to report on domestic and sexual violence. The workshops addressed the four most pressing issues of the time: Child Sexual Abuse; Human Trafficking; Domestic Violence: Laws and Social Services; and Cyber Sex Crimes.

Highlights of the Workshop included an opening address on The Juárez Femicides by Teresa Rodríguez, Co-Anchor “Aquí y Ahora,” Univision Noticias, and a closing address: The Violence of Omission and Suppression, by Mirta Rodríguez Calderón, Professor, Department of Communication, PUCMM, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Judith Torrea, Investigative blogger and Journalist from Ciudad Juárez, México and recipient of the Ortega and Gasset Award in 2010 spoke on her writings covering Women under the Shadow of Drug Trafficking.

Speakers and panelists included Raul Reis, Dean, School of Journalism and Mass Communication; Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Interim Director, Latin American and Caribbean Center; Teresa Rodríguez, Co-Anchor “Aquí y Ahora,” Univision Noticias; Manuel Chávez, Michigan State University School of Journalism; Regina Bernadin, Program Manager, International Rescue Committee; María Clara Rodríguez, Outreach & Education Supervisor, Kristi House; Lilliam Martínez-Bustos, Journalism & Mass Communication; Susan J. Rubio Rivera, Executive Director, M.U.J.E.R.,Inc.; Roberto Santiago, Serenities Journey; Judith Torrea, Investigative blogger and Journalist, Ciudad Juárez, México; Ortega and Gasset Award Recipient, 2010; Teresa Ponte, Journalism & Mass Communication; Jorge Veitia, Founder and Director, SOL. Media Network & Resources; Ivon Mesa, Program Manager, Coordinated Victim Assistance Center, Miami Dade Department of Human Services; Mario Diament, Journalism & Mass Communication; Lt. Eric García, Criminal Investigations Division, Special Victims Bureau, Sexual Crimes Section, Miami Dade Police Department; María Elena Villar, Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, FIU; Mirta Rodríguez Calderón, Professor, Department of Communication, PUCMM, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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