

# Torture, Security, and Law

The Senate Intelligence Committee Report  
The Involvement of Psychologists and Lawyers  
Holding Ourselves Accountable



## A SYMPOSIUM AT BERKELEY LAW

Thursday, February 12, 2015  
3:30-5:30 pm  
Booth Auditorium  
Boalt Hall

### Panelists

**Robert H. Cole**, Professor of Law Emeritus, Berkeley Law

**Mark Danner**, author, *Torture and Truth*, and Professor of Journalism, UC Berkeley

**Rebecca Gordon**, author, *Mainstreaming Torture – Ethical Perspectives in the Post-9/11 US*

**Jameel Jaffer**, Deputy Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union

### Moderator

**Bill Roller**, President, Berkeley Group Education Foundation

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# PROGRAM

## **Welcome and Introduction**

Bill Roller

Symposium Moderator; Chair, Committee for Ethics and Professional Standards, International Association for Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes, 2006-2012

## **Our Ignorance, Their Pain: Torture and the Forever War**

Mark Danner

author of *Stripping Bare the Body: Politics Violence War and Torture and Truth*

## **Accountability for Torture**

Jameel Jaffer

Deputy Legal Director, America Civil Liberties Union

## **Institutionalized State Torture – What It Is and Why It Matters**

Rebecca Gordon

author of *Mainstreaming Torture: Ethical Approaches in the Post-9/11 United States*

## **Torture and the Government Lawyer, the Legal Profession, the Citizen**

Robert H. Cole

Professor of Law Emeritus, Berkeley

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Robert H. Cole** is Professor of Law Emeritus at Berkeley Law. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was Book Review Editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He clerked at the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Sherman Minton and served as an attorney-advisor in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. He practiced in the private sector in Washington and Boston before coming in 1961 to Berkeley, where he has taught Ethics, Constitutional Law, and Torts for many years. He is co-author of course materials on Ethics.

**Mark Danner** is a writer and reporter who has covered war and conflict for three decades, reporting on Central America, Haiti, the Balkans and the Middle East, among other stories. He is Chancellors Professor of English and Journalism at the University of California at Berkeley and James Clarke Chace Professor of Foreign Affairs and the Humanities at Bard College. Among his books are *Stripping Bare the Body: Politics Violence War; Torture and Truth*; and the forthcoming *Spiral: Trapped in the Forever War*. Danner's work has been recognized with Three Overseas Press Awards, a National Magazine Award, an Emmy and a MacArthur Fellowship.

**Rebecca Gordon** received her B.A. from Reed College and her M.Div. and Ph.D. in Ethics and Social Theory from Graduate Theological Union. She teaches in the Philosophy Department at the University of San Francisco and for the University's Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good. She is the author of *Mainstreaming Torture: Ethical Approaches in the Post-9/11 United States*. Prior to her academic career, she worked in a variety of national and international movements for women's liberation and LGBT rights, in solidarity with poor people in Central America, against apartheid in the United States and South Africa, and opposing U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. She is a founder of Californians for Justice, a statewide organization dedicated to the political enfranchisement of marginalized people, especially young people, poor people, and people of color.

**Jameel Jaffer** is a Deputy Legal Director at the American Civil Liberties Union, and he oversees the ACLU's work relating to free speech, privacy, technology, national security, and international human rights. Since he joined the staff of the ACLU in 2002, Jaffer has litigated many leading cases relating to national security and human rights, including cases concerning surveillance, torture, rendition, and "targeted killing." He has argued in multiple appeals courts, as well as in the U.S. Supreme Court, and he has testified before Congress on multiple occasions concerning issues relating to counterterrorism policy and civil liberties. He co-led the litigation that resulted in the public disclosure of the Bush administration's "torture memos," and more recently he led the litigation that resulted in the public disclosure of the Obama administration's "drone memo." In recent months, his writing has been published in the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, and *Politico*. He is a graduate of Williams College, Cambridge University, and Harvard Law School.

**Bill Roller** is president of the Berkeley Group Education Foundation, a nonprofit that produces symposia on ethics and human rights and conducts research in group process as it relates to social justice. He is co-creator with Philip Zimbardo of the film series, *Group Dynamics and the New Heroism: The Ethical Alternative to the Stanford Prison Experiment*. [www.thepromiseofgrouppsychotherapy.com](http://www.thepromiseofgrouppsychotherapy.com)