



HELEN M. ALVARÉ
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Case Against Proposal 5

Helen Alvaré is a Professor of Law at the Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, where she teaches Family Law, Law and Religion, and Property Law.

She publishes and speaks worldwide on matters concerning marriage, parenting, non-marital households, and First Amendment Religion clauses. She holds degrees from Cornell University School of Law (JD), Catholic University of America (Masters of Systematic Theology), and Villanova University (M.S. in Economics).

Her two most recent books are *Christianity and Conscience: An Introduction*, and *Putting Children's Interests First in the U.S. Family Law and Policy: With Power Comes Responsibility* (Cambridge University Press 2017).



MELISSA OHDEN
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Abortion Survivor

We are honored to have Melissa Ohden join us for a special luncheon presentation via Zoom from Asheville, North Carolina. She will be sharing her own personal story and talking about the organization she founded and directs "The Abortion Survivor's Network."

Melissa is the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion in 1977. Despite the initial concerns regarding Melissa's future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived but thrived.

With a Master's Degree in Social Work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, and child welfare.

Melissa was formerly a College Outreach Speaker with Feminists for Life. She has testified numerous times before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, most recently in favor of the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.



MAUREEN CURLEY,
Ph.D., APRN

WORKSHOP PRESENTER

The Impact of Abortion on Women

Maureen Curley, Ph.D. APRN, is a psychiatric nurse practitioner with experience in teaching, research, and practice in women's and reproductive psychiatry with a focus on abortion and mental health.

Maureen is currently an assistant professor treating women with pregnancy-related and postpartum disorders including those who have had abortions. Maureen frequently presents, publishes, and provides expert testimony on abortion and mental health.

Maureen received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Massachusetts, her Masters in psychiatric nursing from Boston College, and her Doctorate from McGill University in Montreal. She has completed fellowships at Harvard Community Health Plan and Women's and Reproductive Psychiatry at Case Western.

Maureen is a former faculty member in the School of Nursing at the University of Vermont where she taught graduate and undergraduate psychiatric nursing from 2006 to 2011.



SAVANNAH DUDZIK
WORKSHOP PRESENTER

Young Adults in the Pro-Life Movement

Savannah Dudzik's passion and enthusiasm for defending the unborn naturally led her to leadership roles in the pro-life youth movement at an early age.

Currently, Savannah is a Communications Assistant at Illinois Right to Life and a crisis pregnancy counselor at *Let them Live*.

In her free time, she serves as social media manager for McHenry County (Illinois) Right to Life and as Secretary of Chicago Pro-Life Future.

As a youth leader, she combines her skill as a communicator with her love for people to provide effective pro-life outreach for all ages.

Savannah will present a workshop geared specifically for students, focusing on outreach, social media and youth-focused pro-life witness.



CATHERINE GLENN FOSTER

PRESIDENT, AMERICANS UNITED FOR LIFE

WORKSHOP PRESENTER

How to Protect Your Conscience and Your Profession

Catherine Glenn Foster, M.A., J.D., is President and CEO of Americans United for Life (AUL), America's first national pro-life organization and the nation's premier pro-life legal team.

AUL's legal strategists have been involved in every pro-life case before the U.S. Supreme Court since *Roe v. Wade*.

AUL is the pioneer of the state-based model legislative strategy, which works to save lives today while undermining the false idea that women "rely" on abortion to succeed in American society (*US Supreme Court in Planned Parenthood vs Casey*).

Ms. Foster will address federal conscience protection laws; specifically the need for passage of state legislation as Vermont is one of only two states in the country without a conscience protection statute.

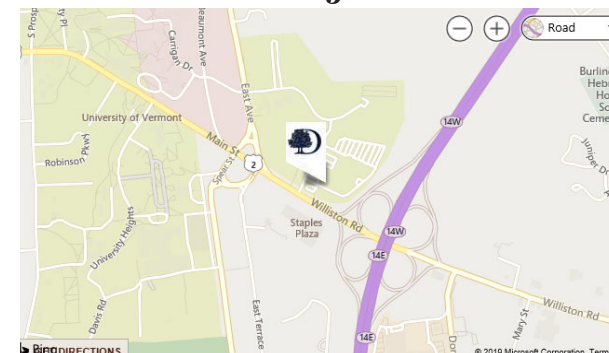


Due to the fall foliage season and UVM events, overnight accommodations will be limited.

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**SATURDAY,
October 2, 2021
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
BURLINGTON, VERMONT**

REGISTER NOW

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

GENERAL SESSION
9-00:AM - 10:15AM

Helen M. Alvaré
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MORNING BREAKOUT
WORKSHOPS
10:30-11:45 AM

Maureen Curley, Ph.D., APRN
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LUNCH
12:00PM-1:15PM

Melissa Ohden
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AFTERNOON BREAKOUT
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1:30 PM-2:45PM

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EXPERT PANEL
3:00-4:00PM
Discussion & Your Questions

WHAT IS AT STAKE

PROPOSAL 5:

*Amendment to the Vermont
Constitution to be on the General
Election ballot in 2022.*


*Article 22

Personal Reproductive Liberty

**That an individual's right to personal re-
productive autonomy is central to the lib-
erty and dignity to determine one's own life
course and shall not be denied or infringed
unless justified by a compelling State interest
achieved by the least restrictive means.*

*If Proposal 5 passes in the
Vermont House in the 2022
legislative session, the language
above will be placed before the
voters of Vermont in the general
election to be held on Tuesday,
November 8, 2022*

Upholding the Sanctity



of Human Life

The mission of the Vermont Right to Life Committee is to achieve universal recognition of the sanctity of human life from conception through natural death. In pursuit of that mission, VRLC, through peaceful, legal means, seeks changes in public opinion, public policy, the law, and individual behavior that respect the right to life and reject abortion, euthanasia, and other actions that deny the right to life.

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2021 LIFE SYMPOSIUM:

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Saturday,
October 2, 2021

This full and informative day will include expert speakers discussing and focusing on the issues relating to amending the Vermont Constitution to include abortion (referred to as Proposal 5 or Article 22).

If the Vermont House passes Proposal 5 in the 2022 legislative session the proposed amendment will be placed on the general election ballot in November of 2022 for a decision by Vermont voters.



*Please complete the registration form on
the back of this panel or register online at
www.vrlc.net, or
call 802-229-4885.
Thank you!*

Name _____
Address _____

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Number attending _____

Reservation \$50.00 per person
Scholarships available for students.
Seating is limited - Please register by Saturday, September 1, 2021

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