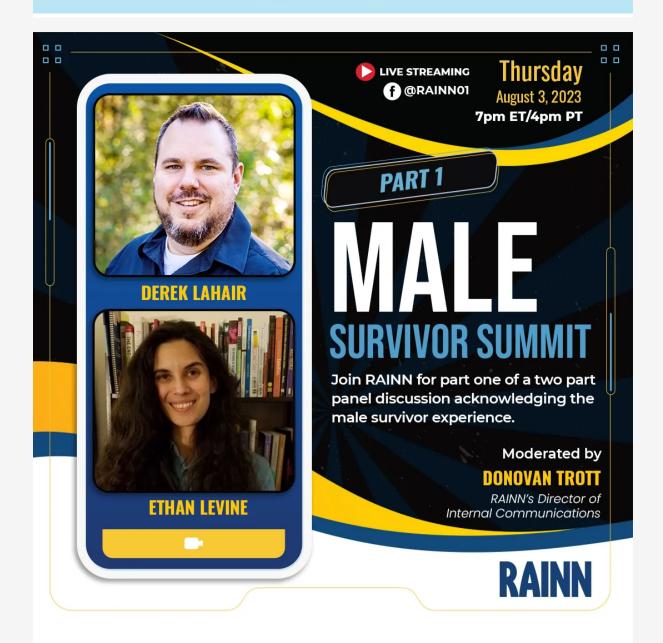


### **Speakers Bureau Newsletter**

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## Speakers Bureau Highlights



We invite you to watch Part 1 of our Male Survivor Summit, amplifying the voices of male survivors of sexual violence on our <u>YouTube</u>. This will be a discussion featuring Speakers Bureau members Derek LaHair and <u>Ethan Levine</u> on disclosure as a male survivor, accessibility to resources as a male survivor, the healing process from a male perspective, and their experience as a male-identifying survivor.

### Survivor Love Letter Workshop

Earlier this year, RAINN participated in <u>#SurvivorLoveLetter</u>, a powerful social media campaign that flooded the internet with love for survivors on Valentine's Day. This effort was started by filmmaker and activist <u>Tani</u> <u>Ikeda</u> in 2012 on the anniversary of her rape, where she penned a letter to her younger self that ended with the words: "This is my survivor love letter."

Now, we are excited to take this partnership further. We are proud to announce that Tani Ikeda will be teaming up with RAINN to facilitate a series of Survivor Love Letter Workshops. These aren't just ordinary workshops - they are unique meditative and writing sessions designed to foster a deeper connection with our younger selves, serving as a nurturing ground for creative resilience. The next workshop in this inspiring series is slated for Tuesday, August 29th, from 3 pm - 5 pm PST / 6 pm - 8 pm EST.

If you're interested in attending Tani's workshop, <u>please RSVP here.</u> Detailed information for the Crowdcast session will be disseminated on Tuesday morning. You will also receive an invitation for the event in your email. RAINN will be providing an on-site clinician for support throughout the workshop. To honor and respect the privacy of attendees and those sharing their written pieces, please note that this workshop will not be recorded.

# Thank you to those who participated in our July speaking opportunities!



For the month of June, there were a total of 6 opportunities. We had speaking opportunities in Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Texas.

If you would like to see a full list of our speaking opportunities, please visit the <u>Speakers Bureau Portal</u>.

Forecasting when and where speaking opportunities will come from can be difficult. We have just recently started our outreach and will continue to post announcements of upcoming speaking opportunities. We plan to do more marketing and outreach in 2023, so stay tuned!

<u>If you have ideas on how we can expand our marketing efforts to promote</u> <u>our RAINN Speakers Bureau, please fill out this form</u>.

Have you recently had a speaking opportunity? Would you like to share a bit about it with members via the newsletter?



Meet Molly Skye Brown (she/her); Molly has been a part of the Speakers Bureau since May of this year!



### What prompted you to join the Speakers Bureau?

Wanting to be heard and be able to make an impact. Many laws need to be made that protect victims and hold predators accountable. It's time for healing too and educating the next generations while we bind the beast!

### Can you tell us about a time you felt appreciated doing the work that you do?

Since speaking up and sharing my story I have been contacted by easily 100 other survivors that have personally thanked me for speaking up. Some survivors have even said that my story helped them to piece together their own.

### People would be surprised to know this about you

I'm a classically trained soprano





Happy August! I'd like to wish a final farewell to our summer interns, Ashley and Olivia. They have been so helpful in behind-the-scenes items for members, and I am excited to implement the social campaigns they have been working on in the coming months. But with their departures, we are searching for future <u>Speakers Bureau Interns</u> for the Fall Semester. If you know anyone who would be interested in this internship, please feel free to send me an email at <u>speakersbureau@rainn.org</u>.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback or just want to chat, my virtual door is always open. Please don't hesitate to send me an email at <u>speakersbureau@rainn.org</u>

Have you recently published a book, participated in a fundraiser, or completed some other project having to do with RAINN or your survivor story and would like to share it with members? Please email speakersbureau@rainn.org



### **Policy Corner**

Welcome to the new Policy Corner of the Speakers Bureau Newsletter! This column will update any policy/legislative items that are seeking member participation.

Attorney Generals participating in the multistate investigation of Meta and TikTok for targeting young people in harmful ways on social media are asking for parents to report on how their own families have been impacted in ways that affect their children's mental health. Attorneys Generals from <u>Colorado</u>, <u>New Hampshire</u>, and <u>Tennessee</u> have set up portals for parents to share their stories.

### **Updates & Reminders**

#### **Speakers Bureau Training**

We are starting to plan more training sessions for Speakers Bureau members. If you are interested in leading a training or have an idea for future trainings, please contact me at <u>speakersbureau@rainn.org</u>

#### Reminders

If you are continuing to have issues with our new Speakers Bureau Portal, please send an email to <u>speakersbureau@rainn.org</u>. Please note that we are aware of the issue where members are not able to edit their profile information. We have been working with our IT Team to alleviate this issue.

#### **RAINN News Newsletter**

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If you are looking to become more involved with RAINN, please view our current job openings:

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Speakers Bureau Intern

Public Policy Intern

Safe Helpline Staffer (Full-Time)

<u>DevOps Engineer</u>

DOD SAFE HELPLINE ASSISTANT SHIFT MANAGER/STAFFER

DOD SAFE HELPLINE SHIFT MANAGER (Morning)

Senior Legislative Policy Counsel

<u>Major Gifts Director</u>

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