

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**OLIVIA KLAUS**  
Director/Producer



Olivia Klaus is an award-winning documentary filmmaker who passionately believes in the power of visual stories to create positive social change. Her various roles in production have helped create projects that have dealt with such issues as human rights, incarceration, poverty, and domestic violence. Her work has been seen on various networks like MTV, Showtime, and The History Channel.

Olivia is a Partner at Quiet Little Place Productions, an independent production company devoted to producing innovative and socially relevant stories for the screen and the web. Sin by Silence is the company's first documentary endeavor and continues to be an essential educational resource on domestic violence that is utilized across the world in classrooms, training agencies and non-profits.

Olivia also serves as an Adjunct Professor in the Cinema and Digital Media department at Vanguard University of Southern California, her own alma mater. Her teaching specializations include high-definition and digital production. She was a resident at the Working Films and Fledgling Fund Grantee Residency, has been a guest speaker at Stanford University, UC Berkeley, USC, ASU, and various national conferences, and has won numerous awards for her work.



**BRENDA CLUBINE**  
Founder, Convicted Women  
Against Abuse (CWAA)

In 1983, Brenda Clubine received a sentence of 15 years to life and thought she was the only one in her situation. But, she soon discovered that she shared common experiences of love turning violent with many of her fellow inmates. Brenda's revelation inspired the support group Convicted Women Against Abuse (CWAA), the first of its kind in the entire US prison system, to help women inside prison break the silence about abuse and learn more about what they needed to do to help others stop the cycle of violence.

In the early 1990s, Brenda and the CWAA women played an active role in a statewide effort to gain clemency for battered women in prison. With the recognition of Battered Women's Syndrome as a defense in the cases of battered women who kill, the women of CWAA took a stand for what could be their improper convictions. In October 2008, Brenda Clubine became the 20th CWAA member to be released from prison and can now continue her advocacy efforts on behalf of domestic violence survivors beyond prison walls.

## TESTIMONIALS

"Sin by Silence provides cutting-edge videos to help advocates achieve social action."  
- Alyce LaViolette (Founder, Alternatives to Violence)

"Sin by Silence offers resources I try to include in every speech, training, or discussion."  
- Debby Tucker (Executive Director, National Center on Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence)

"One could not attend this presentation and walk away not feeling profoundly impacted by the message."  
- YWCA (Lafayette, IN)

"It was one of the best educational presentations on domestic violence we have ever offered."  
- YWCA (Topeka, KS)

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# Sin by Silence

**Prison is safer than the love of your life.**

For counselors, social workers, nurses, crime victim advocates, law enforcement and attorneys.

**October 19, 2010**  
**8AM-4PM**

**Glen Helen Auditorium**  
**405 Corry Street**  
**Yellow Springs OH 45387**

**Olivia Klaus**  
Director/Producer

**Brenda Clubine**  
Founder, Convicted Women Against Abuse (CWAA)



## AGENDA

- 8:00am** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:45am** Introduction of Topic and Objectives  
Debbie Matheson, Family Violence Prevention Center
- 9:00am** View "Sin by Silence" Film
- 9:45am** Break
- 10:00am** Film Debriefing – Real Life Experiences (led by Brenda Clubine and Olivia Klaus)
- 11:00am** Open Q&A and Discussion
- 11:30am** Lunch
- 12:15pm** Victimization
- 1:15pm** Interpersonal Violence Into Personal Safety
- 2:15pm** Break
- 2:30pm** Assessment and Intervention with Victims of Domestic Violence
- 3:30pm** Next Steps – Carrying it Forward
- 4:00pm** Closing, Evaluations and Adjourn

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

**Victimization:** Participants will gain a deeper understanding of victim experiences and the potential tragic outcomes.

**Interpersonal Violence Into Personal Safety:** Participants will become aware of the progression of abuse and the law enforcement responses.

**Assessment and Intervention with Victims of Domestic Violence:** Participants will attain knowledge of the batterer's dynamics, warning signs and intervention assessment.

**Next Steps – Carrying it Forward:** Participants will have the knowledge gain of initial action steps to implement prevention/intervention locally.

## THE FILM

Inside the California Institution for Women, the first inmate initiated and led group in U.S. prison history, shatters the misconceptions of domestic violence.

Convicted Women Against Abuse (CWAA) was created in 1989 to help women inside prison break the silence about abuse and learn more about what they needed to do to help others stop the cycle of violence.

Instead of fighting a system that does not fully comprehend the complexities of abuse, the women of CWAA led an initiative to help educate the system. Through careful orchestration of letter writing campaigns, media coverage, and senate hearings a movement was born and laws for battered women were changed. And for the founder of CWAA, the flicker of hope begins to grow as her possible freedom, after 26 years in prison, lies moments away.

## THE SILENCED

SIN BY SILENCE offers a unique gateway into the lives of women who are domestic violence's living worst-case scenarios - women who have killed their abusers.

While most of the women in SIN BY SILENCE may remain in prison for the remainder of their lives, these women are committed to helping others understand the reality of domestic violence.

Through their stories of terror and hope, the viewer can begin to understand the cycle of violence, the signs of an abuser, and how each and every one of us is responsible for changing the tragedy of domestic violence.

**This training will provide 6 CPEs (formerly known as CEUs) as approved by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board; 6CEs and All day participation is required to obtain Continuing Education Units.**

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Sin by Silence Tuesday, October 19, 2010

- \$60 for CPEs, breakfast & lunch
- \$30 minimum registration fee (includes breakfast & lunch and **NO** CPEs)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCH CHOICES:** (*Lunch includes fresh fruit, small sweet and a roll.*)

- Chicken Salad Veronique
- Chef Salad
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

- CHECK enclosed to: FVPC
- VISA  MASTERCARD  DISCOVER

Card Expires: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this completed form and your registration fee by  
October 12, 2010 to:

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