



September 2019

Wrongful Conviction Day Activities Wednesday, October 2

Brown Bag Lunch with IIP Exoneree Angel Gonzalez at UIS

Our Exoneree Angel Gonzalez will be on campus for a round-table discussion on Wrongful Conviction Day, an internationally recognized day to raise awareness about wrongful convictions, their causes and what can be done to prevent them.

Angel spent 21 years in prison as an innocent man after he was wrongfully convicted of sexual assault. DNA proved his innocence in 2015. ([Read his case ...](#))

Join us with Angel at the UIS Student Union, floor 2 at 12:00 p.m. on October 2.

Be Part of Wrongful Conviction Day

Come see our flag display on October 2 honoring the 2,492 U.S. men and women who have been exonerated since 1989 – including 304 in Illinois. These innocent people collectively lost 22,010 years of their lives to wrongful imprisonment.

Until then, start supporting Wrongful Conviction Day today

- [Write a letter](#) on behalf of a wrongfully convicted person
- Use our [photos and graphics](#) to spread the message
- [Add your name to our petition](#) asking that expert training on psychological factors that can lead to wrongful convictions (such as cognitive bias) be made available to police, prosecutors, defense attorneys and other major players in the criminal justice system.

IIP Intern Looking for New Case Law to Bring Justice to Clients

With the start of the school year, UIS students are back and rejuvenating our small office with their energy and spirit. This year 12 students are already evaluating, researching and presenting cases, and translating Spanish-language applications, including UIS senior **Abisoye Ariwoola**, from Chicago.

Abisoye, IIP volunteer-turned-intern, is scouring Illinois court opinions pertaining to the Illinois DNA testing statute (725 ILCS 5/116-3), which regulates testing of DNA samples. She is looking for new case law that may be relevant to our cases.

“The Project has been tracking DNA case data since we received our first federal grant to support DNA casework. My research will help our attorneys stay on top of the most recent interpretations of the DNA statute and contribute to their decisions about what arguments to apply to the facts in our cases.”

Abisoye will graduate from UIS in December with a major in political science and minor in history. She plans to start law school fall 2020, practice corporate law and continue her advocacy for the innocent.