



Dear Friend,

We are deeply indebted to our many friends who have supported us by [donating](#) to the Registry in 2019. If you haven't yet and are able, there's still time to [support](#) our work against wrongful convictions.

In 2019, the Registry:

- Listed more than 2,500 exonerations of innocent defendants who spent more than 22,000 years in prison—including 50 exonerees who served more than 30 each.
- Gathered detailed information on all 59 prosecutorial Conviction Integrity Units across the country.
- Posted 124 exonerations that occurred in 2019 — and counting! — including:
 - 19 false confessions,
 - 20 convictions caused by forensic evidence problems,
 - 42 defendants who were misidentified by eyewitnesses,
 - 79 exonerees who were victims of serious official misconduct,
 - 87 convictions based on perjury or other lies.

The Newkirk Center for Science & Society has provided a home where we can work, thrive, and play an increasingly active role in the life of the University of California - Irvine. This year, among other events, we:

- showed a documentary on a landmark four-woman exoneration in Texas, with talks by two of the exonerees;
- hosted a presentation by a Pulitzer Prize-winning author on his recent book on a likely false arson-murder conviction;
- presented an evening with the creators of a documentary series on the dangers of forensic evidence;
- supported a panel by researchers conducting a path-breaking study of how police actually obtain eyewitness identifications.

- Release a book-length report on police and prosecutorial misconduct in false convictions.
- Undertake a multi-year study on forensic and expert evidence problems.
- Launch a database on “group exonerations.”

Every dollar [donated](#) to the Registry goes directly to help us study and disseminate information on wrongful convictions—why they occur and how to prevent them. We are extremely grateful for any [support](#) you can give.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon A. Cole".

Simon A. Cole, Director

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