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***From the Autopsy Room to the Courtroom***  
**How Medical Examiners and Lawyers Speak for the Dead**

The cops find a body. The Medical Examiner determines it's a homicide. A suspect is arrested. The district attorney prosecutes. Bad guy goes to jail-case closed. This format had provided the framework for countless murder mystery novels. But what happens when the writers of these stories are real cops, medical examiners and prosecutors.

Listen and learn from a distinguished panel of law enforcement professionals who bring their day jobs to their writing to solve their cases.

**Featuring**

**Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter**

- **Bernard Whalen (Moderator)**
- **Alafair Burke**
- **Linda Fairstein**
- **Jonathan Hayes**
- **Robert Knightly**



**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
**6:30 p.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor**



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**Moderator:**

**Bernard Whalen** was appointed to the NYPD in 1981. He is a Lieutenant assigned to the department's Office of Labor Relations. Prior to his current assignment he worked on patrol and plainclothes in several Manhattan precincts. During his career he has been awarded sixteen department citations, including two Commendations and is a member of the NYPD Honor Legion. He and his father Jon Whalen penned the NYPD thriller, *Justifiable Homicide* published by Ballantine Books in 2000.

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**Panelists:**

**Alafair Burke** is the bestselling author of six novels, including *212*, *Angel's Tip*, and *Dead Connection* in the Ellie Hatcher series. A former prosecutor, she now teaches criminal law and lives in Manhattan.

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**Linda Fairstein**, one of America's foremost legal experts on crimes of violence against women and children, is the author of the internationally bestselling Alexandra Cooper series of crime novels. Winner of the 2010 International Thriller Writers Silver Bullet Award, Linda Fairstein's thirteenth caper – *Silent Mercy* – was published in March.

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**Jonathan Hayes** is a British forensic pathologist and author living and working in New York City. His writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *New York Magazine* and *GQ*; he was a contributing editor at *Martha Stewart Living*. *A Hard Death*, his second novel, is the sequel to his international bestseller *Precious Blood*.

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**Robert Knightly** a former president of the Mystery Writers of America, New York Chapter, is a retired NYPD Lieutenant and veteran defense lawyer. His short stories have appeared in the crime anthologies *Brooklyn Noir* and *Manhattan Noir*; and, he was also the editor of *Queens Noir*. His debut novel, *Bodies in Winter* was published in 2009. *The Cold Room* is due May 2011.

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