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AN EYE FOR AN EYE: Re-evaluating the death penalty 7:30 pm Friday, March 3

Kansas City, Mo., March 2, 2017 — Kansas has 10 inmates on its death row. Twenty three years after the state reinstated the death sentence, not one murderer has been put to death. In Missouri, 26 prisoners await execution at the Potosi Correctional Center. Missouri in recent years has been outpaced only by Texas in the number of people it has put to death. But those executions have slowed as repeated lawsuits challenge the state's lethal injection protocol.

KCPT partners with the KC Library and American Public Square to explore the moral, legal, political, and financial impact of the death penalty. On the panel are Tricia Bushnell, executive director of the Midwest Innocence Project; the Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the Church of the Resurrection; political consultant and strategist Terry Nelson and Platte County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Zahnd.

Hosted by Nick Haines, this hour-long special also features original video reporting from KCPT's Digital Magazine, Flatland. Mike Sherry and Brad Austin take a closer look at renewed scrutiny of Missouri's lethal injection procedure. And KCPT's Randy Mason takes viewers behind-the-scenes of the Kansas City premiere of *Dead Man Walking: The Opera*. Staged by Lyric Opera KC the new show hopes to prod Kansas Citians into a conversation about the death penalty.

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