

Biography Michael L. RADELET, USA

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Michael Radelet is a Professor at the Department of sociology of the University of Colorado. Michael Radelet has authored or coauthored six books and 65 scholarly articles on various aspects of the death penalty. He is best known for his pioneering studies on erroneous convictions, as well as his research on racial disparities in death sentencing. Over the past 30 years Radelet has worked with several hundred death row inmates, primarily in Florida, and gone through “last visits” with 50. He has testified in 60 death penalty cases, and works closely with families of homicide victims in Colorado.

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