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The Problem That Won't Go Away

How Drugs, Race and
Mass Incarceration Have
Distorted American Justice
(and What To Do About It)

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AGENDA

DAY ONE – FEB 6

VENUE: John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Conference Room L-61

8:00-8:30am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30-8:45am WELCOME

Jeremy Travis, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Stephen Handelman, Director, Center on Media Crime and Justice (CMCJ)

8:45-9:15am KEYNOTE SPEECH

Gov. Dannel Malloy, State of Connecticut

9:15-10:45am PANEL 1: AMERICA'S ADDICTIONS

Bridget Brennan, Special Narcotics Prosecutor, NYC

Dr. Khalil Muhammad, Director, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Benjamin Tucker, Deputy Director, White House Office on National Drug Control Policy

William Burrell, Journal of American Probation and Parole Association, Former Director Adult Probation, New Jersey

MODERATOR: **Byron Pitts**, CBS 60 Minutes

10:45-11:15am BREAK

11:15am-12:45pm PANEL 2: GANGS, DRUGS AND URBAN VIOLENCE: CAN THE CONNECTIONS BE BROKEN?

Charlie Beck, Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)

David Kennedy, Director, John Jay Center on Crime Prevention and Control

Connie Rice, Co-director, Advancement Project, LA

Donyee Bradley, Gang Outreach Worker, Washington DC

MODERATOR: **Jeff Butts**, Director, John Jay Center on Research and Evaluation

12:45-2:00pm LUNCH (PRIVATE for Fellows and Invited Guests)

2:00-3:30pm PANEL 3: CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRENDS 2011-2012

Al Blumstein, Professor of Urban Systems and Operations Research, Carnegie Mellon University

Philip J. Cook, Professor of Economics and Sociology, Duke University

Michael Males, Senior Researcher, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice

William Black, Associate Professor of Economics and Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City

MODERATOR: **Stephen Handelman**, Director, CMCJ

3:30-3:45pm BREAK

3:45-5:15pm PANEL 4: AMERICA'S PRISONS: WHAT DO YOU MEAN "EARLY RELEASE"? (Pew-Sponsored Panel)

Leann K. Bertsch, Director, North Dakota Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Patricia Caruso, Former Director, Michigan Dept of Corrections

Matt Cate, Secretary, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Brian Fischer, Commissioner, New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

MODERATOR: **Martin Horn**, Distinguished Lecturer, John Jay College, former NYC Correction Commissioner

5:30-6:15pm PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION Office of John Jay President Room 625 Haaren Hall

6:30-8:00pm JOHN JAY/HF GUGGENHEIM AWARD DINNER ROOM 630T Haaren Hall (by invitation only)

FEATURED SPEAKER

Linda Greenhouse, Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence, Yale University, former Supreme Court correspondent, New York Times

DAY TWO – FEB 7

Venue: Conference Room L61

8:00-8:30am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30-10:00am PANEL 5: AFTER PRISON, WHAT? BREAKING THE MOLD ON PRISONER RE-ENTRY

Risco Lewis, Asst District Attorney, Nassau County (NY) National Network for Safe Communities

Sheila Rule, Founder, Think Outside the Cell Foundation

Ray Tebout, Director of Counseling, College Initiative, John Jay College

Margaret Love, Former Pardon Attorney, US Department of Justice

MODERATOR: **Ann Jacobs**, Director, John Jay Prisoner Re-Entry Institute

10:00-10:20am BREAK

10:20am-12:00pm PANEL 6: DID YOU SEE THAT MAN? THE CHALLENGE TO EYEWITNESS ID

Fernando Bermudez, Exoneree, New York State

Jennifer Dysart, Associate Professor, John Jay College

Brandon Garrett, Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School; author "Convicting the Innocent"

Joseph Krakora, New Jersey Public Defender

Tracie Keesee, Division Chief, Denver Police Department

MODERATOR: **Jeff Rosen**, George Washington University Law School; Legal Affairs Editor, New Republic

END OF PUBLIC SESSIONS

Lunch and Workshop sessions on Feb 7 afternoon for Guggenheim Fellows and special guests only

12:00-12:30pm WORKING LUNCH (For Fellows and Invited Guests)

12:30-2:00pm STORY LAB WORKSHOP 1: COVERING VICTIMS: THE TWO-TRACK WORLD

Venue room 630T Haaren Hall

Susan Herman, Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Pace University, Author, Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime

Marie Verzulli, Victim/survivor advocate, New Yorkers for Alternative to the Death Penalty

MODERATOR: **Cara Tabachnick**, Deputy Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

2:00-2:15pm BREAK

2:15-3:45pm STORY LAB WORKSHOP 2: TRENDS & ISSUES IN CJ COVERAGE

Joe Domanick, Associate Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice
Report on Three Strikes project Mandatory Minimum Sentencing with participation of 3 strikes fellows

Eric Cadora, Justice Mapping Project

Dave Krajicek, Criminal Justice Journalists [presentation of case study]

3:45-4:00pm BREAK

4:00-5:00pm CONFERENCE WRAP GUGGENHEIM FELLOW PROJECT REVIEWS, CMCJ STAFF/JOHN JAY PRIZE JUDGES

MODERATOR: **Joe Domanick**, Associate Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

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PANELISTS

Charlie Beck

Charlie Beck was appointed Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department in November 2009. He oversees the third largest police department in the U.S., managing 10,000 sworn officers and 3,000 civilian employees, and an annual budget that exceeds \$ 1 billion. Having played a key role in instituting the reforms begun by his predecessor, Bill Bratton, Chief Beck continues to evolve and refine those strategies. Major components of this endeavor include the mitigation of crime, the reduction of gang violence, the containment of terrorism, and the continuation of the reforms that brought the department into compliance with the 2000 federal Consent Decree. Chief Beck was appointed to the department in March 1977 after serving two years in the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps. He was promoted to Sergeant in June 1984, to Lieutenant in April 1993, to Captain in July 1999, Commander in April 2005, and to Deputy Chief in August 2006.

Fernando Bermudez

Fernando Bermudez served more than 18 years in New York State maximum security prisons following his wrongful conviction of murder in the shooting death of Raymond Blount in 1991. He was freed in late 2009 with assistance from pro bono attorneys from Washington, D.C., New Jersey and New York--- a rare

instance of New York case law in which a judge has overturned a conviction on “actual innocence grounds” without DNA evidence. His story has been featured on national and local news, including the *New York Times* and the *Daily News*, and on all major TV networks and TRU TV, formerly Court TV. It was the subject of *Innocent: Inside Wrongful Conviction Cases* by Scott Christianson (NYU Press 2006; ISBN 9780814716755). Mr. Bermudez is married with three children and lives in Connecticut. He has completed his bachelor’s degree in behavioral science and is considering two law school entry and postgraduate degree offers while adjusting to life outside of prison and writing for Columbia University’s Law Journal. In February 2011 he filed a \$30 million dollar suit against the City of New York for being incarcerated for 18 years for a homicide he didn’t commit.

Leann K. Bertsch

Leann K. Bertsch was appointed Director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on July 1, 2005 by Gov. John Hoeven. Prior to serving as Director, Bertsch served as the Commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Labor from September 2004 through June 2005. Currently, Bertsch serves as the North Dakota Commissioner for the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, Member of

the Commission for the Study of Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Courts, Member of the Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration, Member of the Governor's Task Force on Violent and Sexual Offenders, Member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness, Member of the North Dakota Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Member of the Stop Violence Against Women Advisory Committee. Bertsch belongs to the Association of State Correctional Administrators. Bertsch earned a Juris Doctor from the University of North Dakota School of Law and Bachelor of Science degree from North Dakota State University.

William K. Black

Bill Black, one of the country's leading scholars on white collar crime, is an Associate Professor of Economics and Law at the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC). He was litigation director of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, deputy director of the FSLIC, SVP and General Counsel of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, and Senior Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision. He also served as deputy director of the National Commission on Financial Institution Reform, Recovery and Enforcement, and helped the World Bank develop anti-corruption initiatives, served as an expert for OFHEO in its enforcement action against Fannie Mae's CEO, and assisted Icelandic and French leaders responding to their financial crises. Black has testified to Congress four times about the financial crisis. He is *Benzinga's* regulatory columnist, and the author of *The Best Way to Rob a Bank is to Own One* (University of Texas Press 2005). His papers can be downloaded, without charge, at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=658251

Alfred Blumstein

Alfred Blumstein is the J. Erik Jonsson University of Urban Systems and Operations Research and former Dean (1986-1993) at the Heinz College of Carnegie Mellon University. Mr. Blumstein was appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder in 2010 to chair the Science Advisory Board for the Office of Justice Programs. Prof. Blumstein has also

served on the President's Crime Commission (1966-67) as Director of Science and Technology, and chaired National Academy of Sciences panels on research on Deterrent and Incapacitative Effects on Sentencing, and on Criminal Careers. His policy appointments include chair of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (1979-1990) and the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (1986-96). Awards and degrees include an honorary degree of Doctors of Laws from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the Sutherland Award of the American Society of Criminology (1987) for "contributions to research," and the Stockholm Prize in Criminology in 2007. Prof. Blumstein served as ASC president (1991-92).

Donyee Bradley

Donyee Bradley is a Senior Outreach Worker at the Columbia Heights Shaw Family Support Collaborative (CH/SFSC) in Washington DC, where he is responsible for youth engagement (specifically, with crew-involved youth). He brings more than 10 years of youth and family service experience to his work. Prior to his recent promotion as an outreach worker, Donyee served as a Family Preservation Specialist (case manager) at CH/SFSC, and has an A.A. degree from Faith University in Biblical Counseling and is pursuing his B.S.W. His educational, personal and professional experience make him ideal for mentoring, engaging and outreaching to at-risk youth in the community.

Bridget G. Brennan

Bridget G. Brennan has been New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor since 1998, the first woman to hold that position. Under Ms. Brennan's direction, the Office has developed innovative strategies to stem the flow of drugs into the city and target emerging problems, such as the illegal sale of prescription medication and drug trafficking over the Internet. Ms. Brennan established the Prescription Drug Unit, the Narcotics Gang Unit, and the Money Laundering and Financial Investigations Unit. Additionally, Special Narcotics runs programs offering treatment instead of prison to qualifying addicted defendants. Ms. Brennan joined the Office in 1992 and served as the second in command from 1995 to 1997.

Prior to that, she was Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, overseeing some of the most significant narcotics investigations in the country. Before her legal career, she was a print, radio and television reporter in her native Wisconsin. Ms. Brennan graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School with a Juris Doctor degree. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin.

William D. Burrell

William D. Burrell is an independent corrections management consultant specializing in community corrections, evidence-based practices, performance measurement and organizational change. From 2003 to 2007, he was a member of the faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University in Philadelphia. Prior to joining the Temple faculty, Bill served for 19 years as chief of adult probation services for the New Jersey state court system. Bill is chairman of the Editorial Committee for *Perspectives*, the journal of the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) and serves on APPA's Board of Directors. He has consulted, and developed and delivered training on performance measurement and evidence-based practices for probation and parole agencies at the federal, state and county level. Bill is currently a consultant on parole supervision issues with the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center, and the Center for Effective Public Policy's *National Parole Resource Center*. He is a regular commentator for *The Crime Report*

Jeffrey Butts

Jeffrey A. Butts (Ph.D., University of Michigan) is director of the Research and Evaluation Center at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York (CUNY), and senior research advisor at the Vera Institute of Justice in New York City. His work focuses on research and evaluation projects designed to discover and improve policies and programs for at-risk and disconnected youth, especially those involved with the justice system. He has more than 25 years of experience in research, program evaluation, policy analysis, and direct services. Dr. Butts has published two books, dozens of

reports for the U.S. Department of Justice and other agencies, and articles in journals such as the *American Journal of Criminal Law*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, *Judicature*, *Law & Policy*, *Juvenile & Family Court Journal*, and *Youth & Society*. His research findings and policy views have been covered by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Miami Herald*, the *Economist*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *BusinessWeek*, *US News & World Report*, *Time Magazine*, National Public Radio, and CNN, among others. Previously, Jeff was a Research Fellow with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, director of the Program on Youth Justice at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, and a senior research associate with the National Center for Juvenile Justice. A native of Springfield, Ohio, Jeff began his career as a drug and alcohol counselor with the juvenile court in Eugene, Oregon.

Eric Cadora

Eric Cadora is founder and director of the Justice Mapping Center, based in Brooklyn, NY, which helps states around the country reorient their use of criminal justice policies and resources by mapping the prison migration flows and parole/probation surveillance patterns of residents in high incarceration/reentry neighborhoods. Before establishing the Center, Cadora served as program officer for The After Prison Initiative at the Open Society Institute (OSI) and spent 14 years at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES), where he directed the Research and Policy, Court Communications and Day Center divisions. Cadora is co-author of *Community Justice*, with Todd Clear, which reviews the emergence of community policing in the 1980s, community courts in the 1990s, and the community corrections of the new millennium.

Patricia L. Caruso

Patricia L. Caruso spent 23 years with the Michigan Department of Corrections including nine years as a warden and almost eight years as the Director of the Department, serving as a cabinet member to Governor

Jennifer Granholm. She retired from the Department on January 1, 2011. As Director, Patricia was responsible for directing the administration of Michigan's correctional system. During her tenure the Department successfully reduced the prison population by more than 7,500 prisoners, implemented the nationally acclaimed Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative, realized a 33% reduction in recidivism, greatly expanded public and private community partnerships, increased use of electronic monitoring, and closed 14 facilities. Director Caruso is the Past President of the Association of State Correctional Administrators, the national association which represents the 55 corrections directors at the state, federal, and large city level. She was recently elected as President-Elect of the Association of Women Executives in Corrections and re-elected as the Vice President of the American Correctional Association.

Matthew Cate

Matthew Cate was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on May 16, 2008, as Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Cate was appointed as Inspector General by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in March 2004 and subsequently confirmed by the state senate to that position. Since 2007, he also served as the chair of the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board and in that capacity was responsible for reporting to the state legislature on the progress made by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in fulfilling its obligation to provide effective rehabilitative programs to California's inmates and parolees. Prior to becoming California's Inspector General, Mr. Cate served as a state and local prosecutor. In 2003, while working on federal fraud and corruption matters, Mr. Cate was cross-designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. Mr. Cate earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Oregon School of Law and a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Linfield College, where he was a National Scholar Athlete. He is a member of the California State Bar.

Philip J. Cook

Philip J. Cook, Ph.D., is ITT/Sanford Professor of Public Policy, and Professor of Economics and Sociology, at Duke University. He served as director and chair of Duke's Sanford Institute of Public Policy from 1985-89, and again from 1997-99, and is currently Senior Associate Dean of the Sanford School of Public Policy. He has served on expert panels of the National Academies dealing with alcohol-abuse prevention; injury control; violence; school rampage shootings; underage drinking; the prospects for a ballistics reference data base; and the deterrent effect of the death penalty. He is currently vice chair of the National Research Council's Committee on Law and Justice, and previously served as a member of the Division Committee for the Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. His most recent books are *Controlling Crime: Strategies and Tradeoffs* (co-edited with Jens Ludwig and Justin McCrary: University of Chicago Press, 2011) and of *Paying the Tab* (Princeton University Press, 2007). Dr. Cook is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and a Fellow in the American Society of Criminology, as well as a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He serves as co-director of the Crime Lab at the University of Chicago.

Jennifer Dysart

Jennifer Dysart is a tenured Associate Professor of Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Queen's University and has been conducting research on eyewitness identification for over 13 years. Her research focuses on how police identification procedures can lead to the mistaken identification of innocent people and how the implementation of safeguards may reduce these errors. Dr. Dysart has published in peer-reviewed psychology journals and has written several book chapters on eyewitness identification accuracy. She has also co-authored a book with Dr. Elizabeth Loftus and James Doyle titled "*Eyewitness Testimony: Civil and Criminal, 4th Ed.*" (Lexis Nexis). Over the past six years, Dr. Dysart has spoken about the fallibility of eyewitness identification at over 60 judicial education

conferences, public defender programs, police conferences, investigator conferences, and universities, and has more recently testified before legislative committees concerning eyewitness identification procedures. Dr. Dysart also testifies as an expert witness on eyewitness memory in both state and federal court.

Brian Fischer

Brian Fischer, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, leads the nation's fourth-largest state correctional system with 57,069 offenders incarcerated in 67 facilities and is responsible for the community supervision of 37,917 parolees. Combined, there are 31,219 employees, including 1,844 engaged in community supervision activities. He began his career with the New York State Narcotic Addiction Control Commission in 1968, working as an Aftercare (Parole) Officer. He became Superintendent of the Sing Sing Correctional Facility in 2000, and while there he helped implement a comprehensive transitional pre-release program for inmates with serious mental health needs. In addition, he championed several non-traditional programs, some of which have become models for other prisons: college, theater, and domestic violence and parenting skills for men. Recent honors include: the New York State Bar Association Award for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Corrections, 2011 and the Public Service Award (2009) from the Community College Fellowship, City University of New York. Commissioner Fischer has been an adjunct professor at both Pace University and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is on the Executive Board of the Association of State Correctional Administrators, which is made up of individuals who run state and local prison and jail systems across the country, and was appointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman as a member of the NYS Permanent Commission on Sentencing.

Brandon L. Garrett

Brandon L. Garrett is the Roy L. and Rosamund Woodruff Morgan Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law, where he has taught since 2005. His interests include

criminal procedure, wrongful convictions, habeas corpus, forensic science, corporate crime, civil procedure and constitutional law. Harvard Press recently published Garrett's book "*Convicting the Innocent*" which examines the first 250 DNA exonerations in the U.S. He attended Columbia Law School, where he was an articles editor on the law review and a Kent Scholar. He clerked for Second Circuit Judge Pierre N. Leval and was an associate at Neufeld, Scheck & Brustin LLP in New York City.

Linda Greenhouse

Linda Greenhouse is the Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law and Knight Distinguished Journalist-in-Residence at Yale Law School. She assumed this position in 2009 after a 40-year career at the *New York Times*, including 30 years covering the United States Supreme Court. At Yale, she is a member of the faculty of the Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic and teaches other Supreme Court-related courses. Her numerous journalism awards include a Pulitzer Prize in 1998 (beat reporting); the Carey McWilliams Award from the American Political Science Association in 2002 for "a major journalistic contribution to our understanding of politics"; and the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism from Harvard University's Kennedy School in 2004. Recent publications include a biography of Justice Harry A. Blackmun, *Becoming Justice Blackmun*, published in 2005, and *Before Roe v. Wade: Voices That Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court's Ruling* (with Reva B. Siegel), published in 2010. A new book, *The U.S. Supreme Court: A Very Short Introduction*, will be published by Oxford University Press in early 2012. Ms. Greenhouse is one of two non-lawyer honorary members of the American Law Institute, which awarded her its Henry J. Friendly Medal in 2002. She is a graduate of Radcliffe College, Harvard and a member of the Harvard University Board of Overseers.

Stephen Handelman

Stephen Handelman was appointed Director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice at John Jay College in May 2007. He is Executive Editor of *The Crime Report* and

Host of Criminal Justice Matters, CUNY TV. An internationally known author and investigative journalist whose award-winning work has intersected the worlds of journalism, higher education, international security, justice and human rights, he is an expert on post-Soviet crime and corruption, and a veteran foreign correspondent who has reported from the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Asia. A former columnist and senior writer for *Time Magazine* and *The Toronto Star*, his articles and op-eds have appeared in newspapers, magazines, and academic journals around the world, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Independent* (UK), and *Foreign Affairs*. Mr. Handelmann earned his BA from City College at The City University of New York (CUNY), and his Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Susan Herman

Susan Herman is an internationally recognized spokesperson for victims of crime and a new vision of justice called “Parallel Justice.” From 1997 to 2004, she served as the executive director of the National Center for Victims of Crime, developing such initiatives as the Teen Victim Project, the Stalking Resource Center, Housing for Intimidated Victims and Witnesses, the National Crime Victim Bar Association, and the Critical Choices initiative for victims of September 11. Previously, she managed a range of services for battered women and children as director of the domestic violence division of Victim Services (now Safe Horizon) in New York City. Susan also served as director of community services at The Enterprise Foundation, special counsel to the Police Commissioner of New York City, director of mediation services at the Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, as an attorney at the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund (now Legal Momentum), and as an instructor at New York University’s School of Law and NYU’s Wagner School of Public Service. Susan is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and the Antioch School of Law, currently an associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Pace University, and the author of *Parallel Justice for Victims of Crime*.

Martin Horn

Martin F. Horn is Distinguished Lecturer at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York. For nearly seven years prior to joining the faculty in September, 2009, he served simultaneously as Correction Commissioner and Probation Commissioner for the City of New York. Mr. Horn has over 40 years experience working in corrections and community supervision. He previously served as Secretary of Corrections for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and for many years was the Executive Director of New York State’s paroling authority. He has been a warden and has taught, written and spoken extensively about issues of prison and parole reform throughout his career.

Ann Jacobs

Ann L. Jacobs joined the Prisoner Reentry Institute in May 2011 with over forty years of experience in the criminal justice field. For nearly two decades, Ms. Jacobs served as the Executive Director of the Women’s Prison Association (WPA) in New York. During her time at WPA, she directed 120 staff members who served over 2,500 women and their families per year at five community sites, the city jail, and four women’s prisons in New York State. Under Ms. Jacobs’ leadership, WPA’s budget expanded from \$500,000 in 1990 to a budget of \$8.5 million at the time her departure in 2008. Ms. Jacobs has designed and implemented innovative programs for women and families involved in the criminal justice system and has also served as a consultant to the National Institute of Corrections and Annie E. Casey Foundation, among others. As a recognized advocate and reformer, Ms. Jacobs also founded the Women’s Justice Alliance, a consortium of over 100 service providers in New York State. Previously, Jacobs was responsible for oversight of the city’s five public safety agencies for the New York City Mayor’s Office of Operations and served as the Deputy Director of the Mayor’s Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator from 1986 to 1990. Ms. Jacobs earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park and attended the University of Baltimore Law School.

David M. Kennedy

David M. Kennedy is director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is author of several books, most recently the critically acclaimed *Don’t Shoot: One Man, a Street Fellowship and The End of Violence in Inner-City America* (Bloomsbury 2011). He directed the Boston Gun Project, which was responsible for a more than 60 percent reduction in youth homicide victimization and won the Ford Foundation Innovations in Government award; the Herman Goldstein International Award for Problem Oriented Policing, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Webber Seavey Award. He developed the “High Point” drug market elimination strategy, which also won an Innovations in Government Award. He helped design and field the Justice Department’s Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative, the Treasury Department’s Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Drug Market Intervention Program. He is co-chair of the National Network for Safe Communities, which includes more than 40 jurisdictions and is dedicated to reducing crime, reducing incarceration, and addressing the racial conflict associated with traditional crime policy.

Joseph E. Krakora

Joseph Krakora was sworn in as New Jersey Public Defender on June 28, 2011. He joined the Office of the Public Defender in 1986 and served as an Assistant Public Defender and Director of Capital and Special Litigation from 2002 until 2010. As Director of Capital Litigation, he handled numerous death penalty cases until the abolition of the death penalty in December 2007. He supervised several other parts of the agency in his capacity as an Assistant Public Defender. He spent a number of years as both a staff attorney and a manager in the Essex Adult Region where he developed his reputation as one of the top criminal defense attorneys in New Jersey. He graduated from Princeton University in 1976 and from Cornell University Law School in 1983.

Tracie L. Keesee

Tracie L. Keesee is is the Division Chief of

Research, Training and Technology at the Denver Police Department (DPDF), and the co-founder and Executive Director of Operations for the Consortium for Police Leadership in Equity. A Denver, Colorado native and 21-year veteran with the DPD, her previous assignments included Commander, Detective in Crimes Against Persons (Patrol Districts 3 and 5), Public Information Officer for the Chief, Internal Affairs, the Police Training Academy, the Gang Bureau and Commander of the Information Technology Development Unit. Her degrees include: BA in Political Science, Metropolitan State College; MA in Criminal Justice, the University of Colorado (Denver), and a Ph.D. from the University of Denver. She is a graduate of the 203rd class of the FBI National Academy, and the 1994 class of the African-American Leadership Institute. Dr. Keesee has implemented a number of innovative community partnership programs, such as the literacy program, “The Reading Police;” Law-Related Education (officer and teacher teams) in schools in the Denver area; Neighborhood Police Officers; and the Yes I Can Program (Gang Awareness program for youth transitioning from middle to high school). Dr. Keesee also has an impressive list of publications across several collected anthologies and peer-reviewed scientific journals—all in the area of justice and law enforcement.

David J. Krajicek

David J. Krajicek is co-editor of Crime & Justice News and a contributing editor of *The Crime Report*. He writes “The Justice Story,” a weekly true crime feature, for the Sunday *New York Daily News*, where he formerly worked as police bureau chief. Krajicek cofounded Criminal Justice Journalists, a national association of reporters and editors. His books include *Murder, American Style: 50 Unforgettable True Stories About Love Gone Wrong* (2010, News Ink Books), with content drawn from his work for the Daily News; *True Crime: Missouri—The State’s Most Notorious Criminal Cases* (2011, Stackpole Books), and *Scooped! Media Miss Real Story on Crime While Chasing Sex, Sleaze and Celebrities* (1999, Columbia University Press). His latest true crime book is *Death by Rock ‘n’ Roll* (CrimeScape/Rossetta Books). His writing has

appeared in dozens of publications, including *the New York Times*, *Newsday*, *the Village Voice* and *the Manchester (U.K) Guardian*. He holds degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Columbia University, where he spent the 1990s as a journalism professor. A native Nebraskan, Krajcicek lives in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York and on the Alabama Gulf Coast.

Margaret Colgate Love

Margaret Love practices law in Washington, D.C., specializing in executive clemency and restoration of rights, and sentencing and corrections policy. She has written and lectured widely on the collateral consequences of a criminal conviction, and is co-author of a forthcoming treatise *Collateral Consequences of Criminal Conviction: Law, Policy and Practice* (NACDL/West 2012). Ms. Love chaired the drafting committee for the ABA Standards on Collateral Sanctions and Discretionary Disqualification of Convicted Persons, and now directs the NIJ-funded ABA collateral consequences compilation effort. She participated in drafting the ABA amicus brief in *Padilla v. Kentucky* and has written several articles on issues raised by the *Padilla* decision. From 2005 to 2009 she directed the work of the ABA Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions, which produced ABA policy on access to and use of criminal records, and a comprehensive catalogue of federal collateral consequences. (<http://www.abanet.org/cecs/internalexile.pdf>). Before establishing her private practice in 1998, Ms. Love served in the U.S. Justice Department from 1978-1997, including as U.S. Pardon Attorney (1990-1997). Ms. Love received her law degree from Yale, and has a Masters Degree in Medieval History from the University of Pennsylvania. She is an occasional commentator for *The Crime Report*.

Mike Males

Mike Males is senior researcher at the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, San Francisco, and content director of YouthFacts.org. His latest book is *Teenage Sex and Pregnancy: Modern Myths, Unsexy Realities* (Praeger, 2010), which, like his other four books on youth issues, includes discussion of youth and

crime issues. He has a Ph.D. in social ecology from UC Irvine and taught sociology at UC Santa Cruz. His studies and op eds have been published in *Crime & Public Policy*, *Journal of Adolescent Research*, *Scribner's Encyclopedia of Violence in America*, *Bloomberg View*, several Greenhaven Press anthologies on crime and violence, *the New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and dozens of other journals and periodicals.

Dannel P. Malloy

Dannel Patrick Malloy was elected Governor of Connecticut in 2010, the first governor to have been elected under the state's clean elections program. The youngest of eight children, he struggled to overcome learning and physical disabilities, eventually gaining the skills he needed to go on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from Boston College and continue on to Boston College Law School. Gov. Malloy became a prosecutor in Brooklyn, New York, serving for four years as an Assistant District Attorney where he won 22 convictions in 23 felony cases-four of them homicides. Returning home to Stamford, he served on the Boards of Finance and Education before running for Mayor and winning in a landslide victory in 1995. He went on to become Stamford's longest serving Mayor, serving for 14 years from 1995-2009. Under his leadership, Stamford underwent a drastic transformation and became one of the country's top ten most livable cities, according to Forbes magazine. Gov. Malloy is a former trustee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, a former President of the Connecticut Council of Municipalities, and a former member of the Stamford Cultural Development Organization.

Risco Mention-Lewis

Risco Mention-Lewis, Assistant District Attorney in the Nassau County (NY) District Attorney's Office, received a BA degree in Criminal Justice and History from the University of Delaware and received a Juris Doctorate from Hofstra University School of Law. She has been an Assistant DA for the past 17 years. Early in her career, she developed the first Youth Part for Nassau County to address the needs of the 21-year-old and younger defendants. She has worked in various communities in Nassau County

developing programs to combat gang violence and proliferation. She is currently Chief of the Youth Development and Redirection Unit (YDR Unit) for the Nassau County DA's Office. As Chief, she builds community partnerships to develop prevention and intervention strategies for adults and young adults. In 2009 she worked on the DA's Drug Market Initiative (DMI) which was featured on ABC, Primetime Crime. She designed the Council of Thought and Action "COTA" a weekly support group for ex-offenders that quickly developed into a movement of change for ex-offenders and the community.

Khalil Gibran Muhammad

Khalil Gibran Muhammad, Ph.D. is Director of the Schomburg Center For Research in Black Culture and a former associate professor of history at Indiana University. In late 2010 he was selected to take over the helm of the historic Schomburg Center, which is currently celebrating its 85th year. Dr. Muhammad, a native of Chicago's South Side, is an award-winning author. His book *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America*, published by Harvard University Press, won the 2011 John Hope Franklin Best Book award in American Studies. He is now working on his second book, *Disappearing Acts: The End of White Criminality in the Age of Jim Crow*. He was recently appointed to the Editorial Board of *Transition Magazine*, published by the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University. Dr. Muhammad received his Ph.D. in American History from Rutgers University in 2004, specializing in 20th-century U.S. and African-American history, and spent two years as an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the Vera Institute of Justice in New York City.

Byron Pitts

Byron Pitts was named a contributor to "60 Minutes" and chief national correspondent for "The CBS Evening News with Katie Couric" in January 2009. He had been a national correspondent since February 2006. One of CBS News' lead reporters during the Sept. 11 attacks, Pitts won a national Emmy award for his coverage. Later he was tapped to be a war correspondent, reporting on the

invasion of Iraq as an embedded reporter and was recognized for his work under fire, including in the dangerous and chaotic scene in Baghdad when U.S. troops entered the city. Pitts also played an integral role in CBS News reporting other big stories, including Hurricane Katrina, the war in Afghanistan, the military buildup in Kuwait, the Florida fires, the Elian Gonzalez story, the Florida presidential election recount and the mudslides in Central America. Pitts was named CBS News correspondent in May 1998 and was based in the Miami (1998-99) and Atlanta (1999-2001) bureaus before moving to New York in January 2001. Before that, Pitts was a correspondent for CBS NEWSPATH, the 24-hour affiliate news service of CBS News, based in Washington, D.C. (1997-98).

Connie Rice

Connie Rice, a leading civil rights attorney and co-founder of the Advancement Project in Los Angeles, is renowned for her unconventional approaches to tackling problems of inequity and exclusion. In her legal work, Connie has led multi-racial coalitions of lawyers and clients to win more than \$10 billion in damages and policy changes, through traditional class action civil rights cases redressing police misconduct, race and sex discrimination and unfair public policy in transportation, probation and public housing. At the invitation of then-LAPD Chief William Bratton, Connie investigated the biggest police corruption scandal in Los Angeles history and obtained the commitment of the Chief to reform LAPD's training and incentives system through an internal commission that she co-chairs. Connie also conducted a landmark 18-month assessment of the City of Los Angeles' anti-gang programs and drew the blueprint to reduce gang violence through a regional, multi-jurisdictional comprehensive strategy to right the balance between suppression and prevention. In 2006, *Los Angeles Times West Magazine* named Connie one of the 100 most powerful people in Southern California, and *California Law Business* twice named her one of the top 10 most influential lawyers in California. Connie serves on the boards of the Public Policy Institute of California and public radio station KPCC.

Jeffrey Rosen

Jeffrey Rosen is a professor of law at The George Washington University and the legal affairs editor of The New Republic. His most recent book is *The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America*. He also is the author of *The Most Democratic Branch*, *The Naked Crowd*, and *The Unwanted Gaze*. Rosen is a graduate of Harvard College, summa cum laude; Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar; and Yale Law School. Professor Rosen's essays and commentaries have appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, on National Public Radio, and in *The New Yorker*, where he has been a staff writer. *The Chicago Tribune* named him one of the 10 best magazine journalists in America and the *L.A. Times* called him, "the nation's most widely read and influential legal commentator."

Sheila Rule

In 1991, Sheila left behind a life in which she roamed Africa and Europe as a foreign correspondent for *The New York Times* to work with America's incarcerated. As a volunteer with the prison ministry at the Riverside Church in New York, she met Joseph Robinson, who was incarcerated at Sullivan Correctional Facility. A long correspondence and a series of meetings where the two discovered common ground and a commitment to bettering society, developed into marriage. Sheila and Joe founded the Think Outside the Cell Foundation to end the stigma of incarceration and to help the incarcerated, the formerly incarcerated and their loved ones through literacy, education, personal development and the removal of societal barriers to the American Dream. When the barriers are removed, those who live in the long shadow of prison can create their own opportunities.

Cara Tabachnick

Cara Tabachnick was appointed Associate Director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice in March, 2008. She is Managing Editor of *The Crime Report*. As a police and crime reporter, she has freelanced for *Newsday* in New York City and Long Island, and has written for *Newsweek*, *Scientific American online*, the *New York Post*, *UPI*,

and, *AM New York*, among others. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Tabachnick produced a live two-hour travel talk show to 136 stations, and has accumulated wide experience in website management and broadcasting. She is a graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and the CUNY BA Program at Baruch College, where she won the Elyse Browns Community Service Scholarship, awarded for academic merit and community service. She started her journalism career as an intern for United Press International at the UN, where she also worked as a press officer covering the 2006 General Assembly. Ms. Tabachnick has also worked at the grassroots level of criminal justice, including programs in Brooklyn, N.Y., aimed at facilitating the re-entry of ex-offenders back into the workforce. She is a member of Society of Professional Journalists, Newswomen's Club of New York and Journalism and Women's Symposium—where she was awarded a 2005 scholarship as a promising journalist.

Ray Tebout

Ray Tebout is Director of Counseling at The College Initiative (CI) in New York, which assists in transitioning people from the criminal justice system to higher education. An experienced criminal justice transitions specialist, who provides a wide range of technical assistance, and training to organizations working with forensic and substance abuse populations, he is dedicated to helping people use their strengths to overcome their challenges so they can achieve their personal and professional goals. Prior to working with CI he managed the Volunteer and Work Readiness programs at The Fortune Society (a prisoner reentry organization). Ray's practice areas include HR management, program planning, professional development, volunteer management and performance improvement planning. Ray is currently studying counseling psychology and economics at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and is certified in human resources, addiction counseling and strength-based human service practices.

Jeremy Travis

Jeremy Travis is President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Since his appointment in 2004, President Travis has led a transformation of John Jay College, increasing baccalaureate freshman enrollment by 40%, expanding full time faculty from 338 to 449, supporting the development of liberal arts majors and tripling external funding for faculty research. From 2008 to 2009, President Travis served as Chair of the Task Force on Transforming Juvenile Justice, appointed by New York Governor David A. Paterson. From 1994-2000, Travis directed the National Institute of Justice. Nominated by President Clinton, Travis reinvigorated the agency and established major initiatives to assess crime trends, evaluate federal anti-crime efforts, advance forensic sciences, and bolster research on counter-terrorism strategies. He is the author of *But They All Come Back: Facing the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry*, co-editor (with Christy Visser) of *Prisoner Reentry and Crime in America*, and co-editor (with Michelle Waul) of *Prisoners Once Removed: The Impact of Incarceration and Reentry on Children, Families, and Communities*. He earned a JD, cum laude, from the New York University School of Law, and an MPA from the New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. He received a BA, cum laude, in American Studies from Yale College.

Benjamin B. Tucker

Benjamin B. Tucker became Deputy Director of State, Local and Tribal Affairs for the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in 2010, where he oversees ONDCP's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program, Drug-Free Communities, National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, and Counter Drug Technology Assessment Center. He has 40 years of experience in the fields of law enforcement and criminal justice. Prior to joining ONDCP, Mr. Tucker served as a professor of criminal justice at Pace University. He served as Chief Executive for School Safety and Planning at the New York City Department of Education; Deputy Director for Operations at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Chief of Operations in Office of The Manhattan Borough President; Executive

Director of the New York City Commission on Human Rights; Deputy Assistant Director for Law Enforcement Services in the Office of the Mayor of New York City; and Assistant Director of the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board. Mr. Tucker began his career with the New York City Police Department in 1969 and, prior to being assigned as beat cop, was one of a select group of new precinct service officers educated by medical and other substance abuse experts to conduct innovative drug prevention and education programs in city schools and colleges. Mr. Tucker received his BS in Criminal Justice from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, and his JD from the Fordham University School of Law.

Marie Verzulli

Marie Verzulli is the victim/survivor advocate for New Yorkers for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Verzulli's work focuses on filling the gaps in services and on empowering victims to advocate for programs that address the root causes of crime and violence. Verzulli currently serves on the Restorative Justice Commission of the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese, Murder Victims' Families For Human Rights Executive Board Member, Center for Community Justice Board Member, and is on the advisory committee of the downstate parole reform and prison re-entry project. Verzulli is the founder and director of Family and Friends of Homicide Victims. In January '08, Verzulli and her mother participated in a victim-offender dialogue with her sister Cathy's killer. She dedicates her work to Cathy's memory, in the belief that ethical, non-violent solutions represent our best hope of reducing violent crime.

JOHN JAY PRIZE JURORS

Alexa Capeloto

Alexa Capeloto is Assistant Professor of Journalism, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a 2011 John Jay Prize juror. Capeloto was a reporter and editor at the *Detroit Free Press* until joining the *San Diego Union-Tribune* as East County bureau chief in 2005. In 2007, she was named the paper's enterprise editor, overseeing explanatory, trend and other enterprise stories. Before arriving at John Jay in 2009, she was an adjunct instructor of journalism at National University, a San Diego-based college aimed at mid-career students. Capeloto, who earned her master's degree in journalism from Columbia University in 2000, also serves as faculty adviser for John Jay's student newspaper, *The John Jay Sentinel* (www.johnjaysentinel.com).

Joe Domanick

Joe Domanick, an award-winning investigative journalist and author, is Associate Director of the CMCJ and West Coast Bureau Chief of *The Crime Report*. His latest book is *Cruel Justice: Three Strikes and the Politics of Crime in America's Golden State*. His previous book, *To Protect and Serve: The LAPD's Century of War in the City of Dreams*, won the 1995 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Non-Fiction Book. Domanick has contributed articles and op eds to magazines and newspapers across the

U.S., and from 1999 through 2001, Domanick hosted a twice-weekly radio show on news and current affairs on radio station KPFK-FM (Pacifica Radio Network). He teaches journalism at the School of Journalism of USC Annenberg's School for Communication and continues to freelance. Domanick has graduate degrees in social science from Hunter College, CUNY; education and sociology from Columbia University and broadcast journalism from the USC Annenberg School of Journalism. He is based in Los Angeles, California.

Mansfield Frazier

Mansfield Frazier began writing seriously at age 50 while serving a sentence in federal prison for manufacturing counterfeit credit cards, a nefarious career he'd pursued for close to 30 years. During his last incarceration he wrote *From Behind the Wall, Commentary on Crime, Punishment, Race and the Underclass*. The hardback was published the same month he was released from prison for the final time, in April of 1995. Within a month of regaining his liberty he began work as an associate editor of a local newsmagazine. He went on to hold the position of editor at a number of urban weeklies, and his writing currently is featured nationally on *The Daily Beast*, among other outlets. For the last decade he has been in the

vanguard of the reentry movement. He and his wife Brenda (who holds a master's degree in Social Work) are co-publishers of *Reentry Advocate*, a national magazine that goes into various prisons, libraries, county jails, halfway houses and prison ministries around the United States. He also writes periodic commentaries for *The Crime Report*. Mansfield resides in the Hough neighborhood of his hometown of Cleveland, OH where he enjoys tending the grapes on his inner-city, three-quarter acre *Vineyards of Château Hough*.

Ted Gest

Ted Gest is President of Criminal Justice Journalists (CJJ), Contributing Editor of *The Crime Report*, and a 2011 John Jay Prize juror. He co-founded CJJ, the nation's only organization of working journalists covering criminal justice, in 1997. A veteran journalist, he began his career at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (his native city) and went on to cover the White House, Justice Department, Supreme Court, and legal/justice news during 23 years at *U.S. News & World Report*. A coordinator of the Council of National Journalism Organizations from 2003-2006, Mr. Gest has been cited by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and won an American Bar Association Silver Gavel Award. He is the author of *Crime and Politics* (Oxford University Press: 2001), and was named Coordinator of the Council of Presidents of National Journalism Organizations in 2003. Based in Washington, D.C., Gest is a graduate of Oberlin College and the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.

Jordan Smith

Jordan Smith is an award-winning investigative reporter for the *Austin Chronicle*, in Austin, Texas, where she writes primarily about criminal justice issues. Her work has also appeared online in *The Crime Report*, *Salon*, and *The Nation*. She was the recipient of the 2010 Excellence in Criminal Justice Reporting award given by John Jay College of Criminal Justice in association with the Harry Frank Guggenheim Association. She has also been a runner up for the Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism and was awarded the Texas Civil

Rights Project's Molly Ivins "Give 'Em Hell" award. She was recently named winner of the 2012 Media Award from the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty for her "consistent, in-depth and fair treatment" of capital punishment issues in Texas.

2012 JOHN JAY REPORTING FELLOWS

Mike Carter

Mike Carter is a 33-year veteran journalist working as the federal courts/legal affairs reporter at *The Seattle Times*. Carter, 57, has been at the Times since 1999. Before that, he spent 10 years as a statehouse and regional reporter for The Associated Press in Salt Lake City. Carter's pre-9/11 reporting on would-be Millennium bomber Ahmed Ressaam led to the Times' series, *The Terrorist Within*, which was a named finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting in 2002. Carter is the senior reporter on the team that spearheaded *The Times'* Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the slayings of four Lakewood, WA, police in 2010. An avid skier and outdoorsman, Carter lives in Seattle with his wife, two teenage daughters and a stepson.

Perry Chiaramonte

Perry Chiaramonte is currently a reporter with FoxNews.com where he covers a wide range of issues focusing on crime/law-enforcement, national interest and technology stories. He spent the past decade at *The New York Post* where he cut his teeth as a crime reporter in the Post's Infamous NYPD bureau (AKA- The Shack). Armed with the skills he learned at the Shack, Chiaramonte eventually moved on to field reporting as a "shoe-leather reporter" on the frenetic streets of New York City. He further

perfected his craft in every neighborhood across the five boroughs, from the back alleys of Brooklyn to the posh avenues of the Upper East Side, reporting on every facet of crime along with the occasional salacious celebrity scandal.

Hannah Dreier

Dreier covers politics and crime for *The Contra Costa Times* in Richmond, a town that perennially ranks among the nation's leaders in per-capita homicide rate. Dreier grew up with a single mother in a low-income part of San Francisco. A desire to see more nuance and context in the coverage of her community led to a job writing media criticism for the DC-based watchdog *Media Matters*. From there, she went to work for *The Washington Independent* (an online daily). Dreier loved the wonkiness of beltway reporting, but ultimately missed the sense of connection to a place that she'd enjoyed as a student journalist at Wesleyan University. In 2010, she won four state and local journalism awards. Her work has also appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Vancouver Sun* and *Agence France-Presse*.

Taylor Dungjen

Taylor Dungjen, a 2010 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, is the crime reporter at *The Blade* in Toledo, Ohio. Two out-of-state internships helped prepare Taylor for life after college. She first was a fashion columnist at *Lee Magazine* in Auburn, Ala., a publication she still freelances for. The second was at *The Oregonian*, for the How We Live department. She was hired as the crime reporter at *The Morning Journal* in Lorain, Ohio, eight weeks before graduating. After eight months in Lorain, Taylor was hired by *The Blade*. Since arriving in the Glass City, Taylor has covered the mass-murder/suicide of a young family, the shooting death of a Sandusky police officer, one of the most violent summers in Toledo's history, and has immersed herself in the city's growing gang culture.

Elizabeth Elliott

Elizabeth Elliott is a freelance writer from Omaha, Nebraska. She has a degree in Journalism and Music from Creighton University and has a Certificate in Paralegal Studies from the College of Saint Mary. She has written articles for several publications, including *Busted Halo*, *Our Sunday Visitor*, *America Magazine*, through the guidance of James Martin, S.J., *Ministry & Liturgy Magazine*, *the Associated Press*, *B2B Magazine*, *Omaha Daily Record*, *Jesuit Journeys* magazine, *Omaha Catholic Voice*, *the Sentinel* in Portland, Oregon and the *Northwest Progress* in Seattle, Washington. An article Elliott published in the *Sentinel* was picked up by the Catholic News Service and published elsewhere. In addition to many Catholic publications, she has written articles for *New Criminologist* and *The Correctional Psychologist*.

Gwen Florio

Gwen Florio covers criminal justice at the *Missoulian*, a 30,000-circulation newspaper in western Montana. She started working in the West as a Denver-based national staffer for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in the 1990s, covering among other things the trials of Oklahoma City bombers Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, the school shooting at Columbine

High, and the murder of JonBenet Ramsey. She also worked as a political reporter for the *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver, and covered national and foreign news at the *Denver Post*, reporting from Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia, among others. In June, she attended the Journalist Law School program at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. Florio grew up on a wildlife refuge in Delaware and graduated with a degree in English, with an emphasis in journalism, from the University of Delaware.

Gregory Gilderman

Gregory Gilderman is a writer and video journalist at *The Daily Beast*, a New York-based news website with an audience of five million people. He worked in broadcast, print, and online journalism. Past projects include an 8,500-word cover story for *Philadelphia* magazine on handgun violence that helped earn the magazine a National Magazine Award nomination, reporting and shooting for a *PBS Frontline* special on Hurricane Katrina, and a short documentary and series of written reports on inner-city heroin use for *The Daily Beast*. In 2006, he created the video content unit for Philly.com, the website for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Daily News*. Gilderman is a graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, where he has been an adjunct faculty member since 2009. In 2007, he was a finalist for the Livingston Award, a prize that recognizes journalists under 35.

Brandi Grissom

Grissom has covered criminal justice for *The Texas Tribune* since 2009. Her goal is to examine how Texas policies affect the criminal justice system. In the last two years, Grissom focused much of her work on prison conditions and on potential wrongful conviction cases. Last year, Grissom investigated a county jail where the inmate death rate was unusually high and discovered the staff turnover rate was more than 40 percent per year. That story prompted lawmakers to force county jails statewide to monitor staff turnover to determine which facilities should be considered "at risk." Currently, she is following the wrongful conviction case of Michael Morton, who was sentenced to life in prison for his wife's murder

in 1986. DNA testing conducted this year led to his exoneration.

Auditi Guha

Guha is an award-winning crime reporter for the *Somerville Journal* and *Cambridge Chronicle* with the drive and passion to pursue the stories important to residents' every day lives. In nearly a decade of working in Massachusetts, Guha has reported on the quiet double life of a family of Russian spies in Cambridge in the years before federal agents arrested them, a convicted Cambridge criminal with connections to the mayor who was hired at a local school and a Brighton sex offender who started a neighborhood watch group at a playground. Her hard-hitting investigative work has led to more government transparency as well as death threats from those exposed for wrongdoing.

John Howell

John Howell, a veteran journalist with a reputation for tenacious reporting, was described by colleagues as an ideal candidate for a fellowship to the 2012 H.F. Guggenheim Conference on Crime in America. Howell, an independent reporter covering police and courts in Connecticut, has been a keen observer of human events in a 32-year career, including 17 years at *The Hartford Courant*. Howell, a New Jersey native who lives in West Hartford, Conn., consistently leads criminal justice coverage in a highly competitive market. His strict attention to detail, diligence and compassion repeatedly reward readers with thorough accounts of complex stories. Howell, who began in *The Star-Ledger* sports department, is a seasoned interviewer who also wrote a national media column for many years.

Bob Ortega

Bob Ortega is a senior reporter at the *Arizona Republic*. He has been writing extensively about the state's prison system and issues related to prison privatization, sentencing reform and prison security. He previously reported for *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Seattle Times*, among other publications. As a Knight International Journalism Fellow, he

taught investigative reporting in Paraguay in 1999 and 2000. Since then, he also has trained journalists in investigative reporting in 19 other countries on behalf of the International Center for Journalists and other media organizations. He is the author of *In Sam We Trust: The Untold Story of Sam Walton and Wal-Mart, the World's Most Powerful Retailer*, Times Books, 1998. He has received four reporting awards from the National Newspaper Association, among many others.

Sean O'Sullivan

Sean O'Sullivan covers the courts for *The News Journal* in Wilmington, Delaware. He is a native of Buffalo, New York and received his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a double major in English and Media Study. After freelancing for several magazines, including *Spy Magazine* in New York, *Punch Magazine* in London and *The Washington Monthly* in Washington, D.C., O'Sullivan started working for newspapers in 1992. He started at the weekly Maryland Times-Press in Ocean City, Md. and the next year began his daily career at *The Daily Times* in Salisbury, Md. He also worked for *The Daily Record* in New Jersey before joining *The News Journal* in 1998. O'Sullivan has been covering the courts full-time for *The News Journal* for seven years. During his career in newspapers, his work has been recognized by a number of journalism organizations including the Associated Press in its annual journalism contest, the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association, The Maryland Society of Professional Journalists and the New Jersey Press Association. O'Sullivan is married with one daughter and lives with his family in Wilmington, Delaware.

Jennifer Portman

Jennifer Portman is a senior projects writer at the *Tallahassee Democrat*. A Los Angeles native and graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, Jennifer has worked as a daily newspaper reporter since earning a master's degree in 1995 from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. She began her reporting career in Springfield, Mo., as a local government reporter and editorial writer,

moving to Delaware as state government reporter before joining the *Democrat* in 2004. Jennifer's wide-ranging work on issues including the environment, education and criminal justice has been recognized by state and national awards. Her most recent project, published in September, exposed the undercount of domestic violence-related homicides, the often-overlooked warning signs of such killings and the lasting impact on families. In the wake of the project, local law enforcement officials and social service agencies formed a domestic violence fatality review team to examine cases with an eye toward saving lives.

Jordan Michael Smith

Jordan Michael Smith is a freelance writer in Washington, D.C. His writing has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Newsweek*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *Slate*, *Salon*, *In These Times*, *Alternet*, *Huffington Post*, *World Politics Review*, *Dissent*, *World Affairs Journal*, and many other publications. A member of the National Book Critics Circle, he regularly reviews books for the *Christian Science Monitor* and the *Columbia Journalism Review*. Born in Toronto, Canada, Mr. Smith holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/English from the University of Western Ontario, where he was awarded the Gold Medal for the highest graduating average in his program. He also holds a Master of Arts in Political Science from Carleton University in Ottawa.

Susan Tebben

Susan Tebben is a reporter for the *Glasgow Daily Times* in Glasgow, Kentucky, where for the past three years, she has covered entertainment, general news, breaking news, courts and police. She holds a bachelor's degree from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. She started out with the dream of becoming a music critic but working in community journalism and the law enforcement beat has given her new passions. Her favorite experiences as a journalist so far have been searching out marijuana fields with the Kentucky State Police and training with the

Vette City Roller Derby team. When she turns off the police scanner, her free time includes playing piano and guitar, cooking and fiction writing. She is originally from Newark, Ohio.

Carla Zanoni

Carla Zanoni is a reporter/producer at DNAinfo.com. Before she came to DNAinfo, Carla created and ran [The Streets Where We Live](#), a blog dedicated to northern Manhattan, which became a must-read for residents. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and raised in New Jersey, Carla got her start as a reporter at the *Columbia Spectator*. She went on to the *Amsterdam News*, where she was nominated for an award for a series on AIDS/HIV in the African-American community. After getting her master's in journalism at Columbia School of Journalism, she worked as a features editor for Manhattan Media's community newspapers. She won two New York Press Association awards for a series on street prostitution and was part of a team that won a NYPA award for reporting on religion. She has also written for the *New York Times*, *City Hall*, *New York Family*, *Avenue*, *Corduroy* magazine, the *Manhattan Times* and the *Bronx Free Press*.



SINGLE STORY CATEGORY:

Trevor Aaronson, *Mother Jones* magazine
"The Informants"

SERIES CATEGORY:

Gina Barton, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*
"Both Sides of the Law"

RUNNERS-UP:

(single) Kelly Virella, *City Limits* magazine
"Behind Bars: Love, Sex, Rape and New York's Women Prisoners"

(series) Michael Doyle, Marisa Taylor, *McClatchy Newspapers*
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Gina Barton

Gina Barton is the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's* law enforcement investigative reporter. Her work on the newspaper's "Fatal Care" investigation, into the deaths of children in the care of the child welfare system, won recognition in several national contests, including a 2010 Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism. She was part of a team that won a 2009 IRE Award for breaking news investigations for work examining holes in the state's DNA database. Her narrative series "Fatal Identity" was followed by charges against a longtime murder suspect. Her book on the case was published in September 2008 and featured on MSNBC. In 2000, Barton spent five weeks reporting in Rwanda and the

former Yugoslavia as a Dart Center Ochberg Fellow. She has worked at the *Indianapolis Star*, the *South Bend (Ind.) Tribune* and the *Huntington (W.Va.) Herald-Dispatch*. Barton holds a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a master's degree from Indiana University-South Bend.

Michael Doyle

Michael Doyle covers California and legal affairs in the Washington bureau of McClatchy newspapers. He is also an adjunct lecturer in journalism at The George Washington University. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and he earned a master of studies in law from Yale Law School, where he was a Knight Journalism Fellow. He earned a master's in government from The Johns Hopkins

University, with a thesis on the Freedom of Information Act. He is the author of two books, both from Syracuse University Press. His first, *The Forestport Breaks: A Nineteenth-Century Conspiracy Along the Black River Canal* was published in 2004. His second, *Radical Chapters: Roy Kepler and the Front Lines of Peace, Protest and the Paperback Revolution* will come out in the fall of 2012. Since 2002, he has served as a volunteer firefighter/EMT in Arlington County, Virginia.

Marisa Taylor

Marisa Taylor, an investigative reporter in the Waash DC bureau of McClatchy Newspapers, has more than 15 years of daily newspaper experience in Washington, California, Virginia, Texas and Mexico. At the time of the "Military Injustice" series, she covered the Justice Department for McClatchy. She has covered federal courts and agencies, crime and politics. Taylor started her career as a reporter in Mexico City and speaks Spanish. Taylor was part of a team of McClatchy reporters that won the National Press Club's 2011 Edwin M. Hood Award for Diplomatic Correspondence for a series on Afghanistan. The series detailed how corruption and mismanagement marred U.S. efforts to rebuild Afghanistan. In 2008, Taylor and two other McClatchy reporters won a Scripps Howard's Raymond Clapper Memorial Award for exposing the Bush administration's politicization of the Justice Department.

Single:

Trevor Aaronson

Trevor Aaronson is associate director and co-founder of the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, a nonprofit journalism organization that produces reporting about Florida and Latin America in English and Spanish. Aaronson wrote the "The Informants" as a 2010-2011 investigative reporting fellow at the University of California, Berkeley, and he is expanding the story into the forthcoming book *The Terror Factory: Informants, Entrapment and the FBI's Manufactured War on Terrorism* (Ig Publishing, January 2013). Previously,

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