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SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Ana Arana

Ana Arana is a veteran Mexico-City-based U.S. journalist and a former Knight International Journalism Fellow. One of the conference's two Journalism Coordinators (with Ted Gest), Ana currently directs the *Fundación de Periodismo de Investigación* (MEPI), a regional investigative media training initiative housed at the Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico City campus). She served as investigative editor for *Revista Expansion* in Mexico City in 2008-2009, and was a trainer for the US State Department Visiting Journalist Program in Wash DC (2000-2009). In her earlier career, she worked for *El Diario La Prensa* in New York, the Committee to Protect Journalists, the Fort Lauderdale *Sun Sentinel*, *San Jose Mercury News* and *The Miami Herald*.

Enrique Betancourt

Enrique is the former Executive Director at the National Center for Crime Prevention and Citizen Participation of the Government of Mexico. Currently he holds the first joint RESOL-V fellowship between the World Bank and Yale University, is a member of the CARSI advisory board and a consultant involved in reviewing, assessing and making recommendations to develop and strengthen policy frameworks and the tools for their local implementation in urban communities of Latin America and the Caribbean. In the public sector, he has also served as Deputy General Director of Social Policy for the Presidency of the Republic of Mexico, policy advisor to the Minister of Social Development and to the Deputy Minister of Urban Development. Enrique is a Yale World Fellow, holds a Bachelor Degree in Architecture from the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla (Mexico) and a Master's Degree in Urban Design from Harvard University.

Jeremy Biddle

Jeremy Biddle is a Citizen Security Specialist and Program Officer for the Central America Regional Security Initiative (CARSI) on USAID's Latin America and the Caribbean Bureau's Democracy and Human Rights team. His specific areas of interest within citizen security are crime prevention, crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) and reinsertion and reintegration. Prior to joining USAID in 2012, Jeremy worked for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), where he managed governance programs in Mexico, Haiti, Ecuador and Peru. He has also worked on rule of law issues with two Mexico City-based NGOs, *Transparencia Mexicana*-Transparency International and the *Fundación Este País*. He holds a dual-degree M.P.A. in economic and political development from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and Sciences Po-Paris, as well as a B.A. in history from Columbia.

Susan Broderick

Susan Broderick joined Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) in October of 2008 as a Research Professor and Project Director. As Project Director for CJJR's MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Initiative, Susan's work focuses on supporting the active participation of prosecutors in the Models for Change reform efforts. This support includes providing training and technical assistance to prosecutors within the four core states, as well as disseminating information and providing outreach to prosecutors nationally on the Models for Change reform efforts. She received her B.A. degree in Political Science from the State University of New York at Albany and graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1989.

Susan worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office from 1989 until 2003, where she was assigned to the Trial Division, handling Domestic Violence and Homicide cases, and was also a member of the Sex Crimes Unit. In 2000, she was appointed Deputy Bureau Chief of the Family Violence and Child Abuse Bureau. Susan has been a member of the Mayor's Child Abuse Task Force, the New York City Network on Abuse and Neglect, the New State Sexual Assault Legislative Subcommittee and the Mayor's Abandoned Infant Protection Act Subcommittee. In 2003, Susan joined the staff at the National District Attorney's Association's National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse. She served as a Senior Attorney until September of 2006, when she was appointed Director of the Juvenile Justice Program. In June of 2006, she was named Interim Director of APRI, NDAA's Research and Development Division.

Alicia Caldwell

Alicia A. Caldwell is the national Homeland Security and immigration beat reporter in Washington for *The Associated Press*. She also helps cover the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Prior to moving to Washington in 2010, she was based in El Paso, Texas for the AP, covering crime along the U.S./Mexico border, immigration, the U.S. Army, and other news in West Texas. She started her career on the crime beat as a two-year intern with the Philadelphia *Inquirer* and has also covered crime for the *Orlando Sentinel*. She is a 1998 graduate of the University of Arizona and earned a master's degree from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University in May 2000.

Mary Clark

Mary Clark is Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs at American University Washington College of Law. Dean Clark teaches in the area of Women's Legal History, Legal Ethics, Judicial Politics, and Property and publishes in the fields of Women's Legal History and Judicial Politics. Prior to joining the Associate Dean's office, Professor Clark served as Director of the law school's SJD Program and Acting Director of its Law and Government Program. Before joining the WCL faculty, Clark was a visiting lecturer and research scholar at Yale Law School, a Supreme Court fellow with the Federal Judicial Center, a teaching fellow and adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, and an appellate attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College (magna cum laude) and Harvard Law School, she clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Montgomery, Alabama, following graduation from law school.

Angela Davis

Angela J. Davis, professor of law at AU's Washington College of Law, is an expert in criminal law and procedure with a specific focus on prosecutorial power and racism in the criminal justice system. Davis previously served as director of the D.C. Public Defender Service, where she began as a staff attorney representing indigent juveniles and adults. She also served as executive director of the National Rainbow Coalition and is a former law clerk of the Honorable Theodore R. Newman, the former Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals. Davis is the author of *Arbitrary Justice: The Power of the American Prosecutor* (Oxford University Press 2007). She is also the co-editor (with Professor Michael E. Tigar) of *Trial Stories* (Foundation Press 2007) and the 5th edition of *Basic Criminal Procedure* (Thomson West 2009) (with Professors Stephen Saltzburg and Daniel Capra). Davis' other scholarly publications include articles in the Michigan, Iowa, Fordham, and Hofstra Law Reviews.

Davis won the Pauline Ruyle Moore award for *Arbitrary Justice: The Power of the American Prosecutor* in 2009 and for her Fordham Law Review article, "*Prosecution and Race: The Power and Privilege of Discretion*" in 2000. Davis was a reporter for the ABA Justice Kennedy Commission and is a member of the ABA Commission for Effective Criminal Sanctions. Davis also serves as a member of the Advisory Board for the Vera Institute of Justice Prosecution and Racial Justice Project. She teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Criminal Defense: Theory and Practice.

Mark Fazlollah

Mark Fazlollah has been a reporter for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* since 1987. He has worked on numerous projects that have won national prizes, including the Selden Ring, Roy Howard, George Polk and the National Association of Black Journalists' Awards. Before joining the *Inquirer*, he was a reporter in Mexico for *United Press International* and a Latin America correspondent for the *Daily Telegraph* of London.

Ted Gest

Ted Gest, one of the two journalism coordinators for the Justice in Americas conference, has been president of Criminal Justice Journalists, a national organization of reporters, writers, and broadcasters who cover criminal justice, since 1988. He is Washington DC Bureau Chief and Contributing Editor of *The Crime Report*, where he also edits the Crime and Justice News section. He is the author of Crime and Politics: Big Government's Erratic Campaign for Law and Order (2001) a book on anticrime policy in the United States since the late 1960s.

Gest was a writer and editor at *U.S. News & World Report*, a weekly newsmagazine based in Washington, D.C., from 1977 to 2000. After covering the White House, he was the magazine's chief legal affairs writer for 15 years, covering the Justice Department, the Supreme Court, and crime and justice issues nationally. After 1996, he served as national news editor and as a writer on law schools and other education issues. Before joining *U.S. News*, Gest was a reporter and editor at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Since 2011, he also has served as public information officer for the District of Columbia Attorney General's office.

Stephen Handelman

Stephen Handelman is director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice (CMCJ) at John Jay College, and Executive Editor of *The Crime Report*, www.thecrimereport.org, the nation's most comprehensive daily news and resource service on criminal justice. He also serves as host of "Criminal Justice Matters," a monthly TV show at CUNY-TV; and as consulting managing editor of *Americas Quarterly*, a journal on hemisphere affairs published by the Americas Society. An award-winning veteran journalist, columnist and foreign correspondent with over 30 years' experience in reporting and editing (most recently TIME Magazine and *The Toronto Star*), he has been a consultant to U.S. law enforcement agencies and the United Nations, and has lectured and taught at universities around the U.S.

His book, Comrade Criminal: Russia's New Mafiya (Yale: 1995) was on *The New York Times* Notable Books of the Year list. His most recent book is How They Got Away With It: White-Collar Criminals and the Financial Meltdown, (Columbia University Press: 2012). He earned his Masters in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a BA in English and Philosophy from the City College of New York (CUNY).

Peter Hermann

Peter Hermann joined the *Washington Post* in 2012 covering D.C. police. Previously, he worked at the *Baltimore Sun* since 1990, covering local governments, Baltimore police and serving as the Middle East bureau chief, based in Jerusalem, for roughly 4 ½ years. Most of his career has been spent covering law enforcement. He was a columnist and an editor at the *Sun*. Peter is a 1989 graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and got his start in newspapers at the Concord, New Hampshire *Monitor* and the New Bedford (Mass.) *Standard-Times*.

Martin Horn

Martin F. Horn is Distinguished Lecturer in Corrections at the John Jay College, City University of New York and serves as Executive Director of the New York State Sentencing Commission by appointment of the Chief Judge of the State of New York. Horn is also a Managing Director of KeyPoint Government Solutions, Inc. He was appointed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg to serve as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Probation, effective Jan. 1, 2002. A year later Mayor Bloomberg appointed him to simultaneously serve as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction, the City's jail system, and he held both positions simultaneously until July 31, 2009. As Correction Commissioner, Horn rebuilt morale, accountability and integrity following a series of highly publicized scandals. He reduced suicides and cut jail violence in half, and created the largest and most ambitious jail reentry program in the nation.

As a result of his efforts, recidivism among adult probationers dropped faster than in any other jurisdiction in New York State. Horn also served from March 1995- January 2000 as Pennsylvania's Secretary of Corrections. Prior to returning to his home state of New York he served as a member of Governor Tom Ridge's Senior Staff as Secretary of Administration for the state of Pennsylvania. He began his career as a New York State Parole Officer in 1969. He is a Commissioner of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections, and a member of the Advisory Board of the New York State Commission on Quality of Care for Persons with Disabilities established by the State's SHU Exclusion Law.

David LaBahn

David LaBahn is President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), a national association representing elected and deputy or assistant prosecutors, and city attorneys. The association acts as a global forum for the exchange of ideas, allowing prosecutors to collaborate with all criminal justice partners, and conducts timely and effective training and technical assistance to improve the prosecutorial function. In addition, APA serves as an advocate for prosecutors on emerging issues related to the administration of justice, development of partnerships and implementation of problem-solving strategies.

Prior to forming APA, Mr. LaBahn was the Director of the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) and the Director of Research and Development for the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), where he directed APRI's Projects including editing and teaching in the areas of child and adult sexual assault and gang violence. Before joining NDAA, Mr. LaBahn was the Executive Director of the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA).

Marc Levin

Marc A. Levin is the director of the Center for Effective Justice at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (www.texaspolicy.com) and Policy Director of its Right on Crime initiative (www.rightoncrime.com), which he led the effort to develop in 2010. Levin's criminal justice work with the Foundation has been cited by leading policymakers as playing a key role in Texas adult and juvenile justice reforms that have saved \$2 billion dollars in avoided incarceration costs and contributed to the state having its lowest crime rate since 1968. In the summer of 2010, he and his colleagues developed the "Right on Crime

initiative," which was launched by the Texas Public Policy Foundation at the end of 2010. Right on Crime has become the national clearinghouse for conservative criminal justice reforms.

Marc has testified on sentencing reform and solitary confinement at separate hearings before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and has testified before legislatures in states such as Texas, Nevada, Kansas, Wisconsin, and California. In 2007, he was honored in a resolution unanimously passed by the Texas House of Representatives that stated, "Mr. Levin's intellect is unparalleled and his research is impeccable." Levin served as a law clerk to Judge Will Garwood on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Staff Attorney at the Texas Supreme Court. His work has been published in numerous periodicals including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Atlanta-Journal Constitution*, *Dallas Morning News*, *National Law Journal*, and *Houston Chronicle*.

Marc Mauer

Since 2005, Marc Mauer has been executive director of the Sentencing Project, and is one of the country's leading experts on sentencing policy, race and the criminal justice system. He has directed programs on criminal justice policy reform for 30 years, and is the author of some of the most widely-cited reports and publications in the field. His 1995 report on racial disparity and the criminal justice system led the *New York Times* to editorialize that the report "should set off alarm bells from the White House to city halls – and help reverse the notion that we can incarcerate our way out of fundamental social problems."

Race to Incarcerate, Mauer's groundbreaking book on how sentencing policies led to the explosive expansion of the U.S. prison population, was a semifinalist for the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 1999. Mauer is also the co-editor of Invisible Punishment, a 2002 collection of essays by prominent criminal justice experts on the social cost of imprisonment. Mauer began his work in criminal justice with the American Friends Service Committee in 1975. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at George Washington University and Payne Theological Seminary, as well as a consultant to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the National Institute of Justice, and the American Bar Association's Committee on Race and the Criminal Justice System. His numerous awards include the John Augustus Award from the National Association of Sentencing Advocates (2009), the Margaret Mead Award from the International Community Corrections Association (2009), and the Inside/Out Summit Award from Centerforce (2011). A graduate of Stony Brook University, where he received his bachelor's degree, Mauer earned his Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan.

Michael McCullough

Since 2008, Michael McCullough has been the Director of the Latin America & the Caribbean Division at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, or ABA ROLI. During his tenure, ABA ROLI has managed over a dozen legal reform programs throughout the region, including in such areas as criminal justice, legal education reform, and legal profession reform. Michael previously served as chief of party for a USAID-funded justice administration program in Bolivia dedicated to institutional strengthening of police, prosecutors, and court systems, and access to justice. Prior to that, he served as deputy chief of party for a similar USAID-funded program in Colombia dedicated to implementation of the accusatorial system, public defense, access to justice, and alternative dispute resolution. He has criminal litigation

experience as an attorney with the federal public defender for the District of Columbia and as a deputy public defender for Maricopa County, Arizona.

He has trained over a thousand attorneys, judges and academics in Colombia, Bolivia, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, and Venezuela on issues related to trial skills and the accusatorial system. He holds a B.A. in Spanish and political science and a J.D. from the University of Arizona.

José Patricio Patiño Arias

José Patricio Patiño served as Subsecretary of the Mexican Federal Penitentiary system from 2008-2012, where he led a major national effort at system reform. With more than 30 years of public service, he has been deeply involved at the highest levels of security planning and administrative reform for the Mexican government, including the establishment of the Federal Preventive Police (*Policía Federal Preventiva*). He served as planning coordinator during the design of the Federal Investigative Agency for Mexico's attorney general's office (*la Procuraduría General de la República*); and in 2006, helped develop new protocols for the Federal Public Security secretariat and the Federal Police. Born in Mexico DF, he received his degree in political science and public administration from the *Escuela Nacional de Estudios Profesionales Acatlán*, and his masters in Political Science from the *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*. He is currently a member of the Advisory Board of the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA), where he also serves as president of the Latin American chapter.

Carmen M. Ortiz

Carmen M. Ortiz was nominated by President Barack Obama as the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and confirmed by the Senate in 2009. She is the first Hispanic and the first woman to represent Massachusetts as United States Attorney. As the chief federal law enforcement officer in Massachusetts, Ms. Ortiz supervises the prosecution of all federal crimes and the litigation of all civil matters in which the federal government has an interest. In addition, Ms. Ortiz serves on Attorney General Eric Holder's Advisory Committee and is also the Chair of the Attorney General's Healthcare Fraud Working Group. Her awards and honors include, Bostonian of the Year in 2012 (*Boston Globe*) and Latina of the Year 2012 (*El Mundo*). She earned her law degree from George Washington University Law School and her undergraduate degree from Adelphi University in New York.

Mirte Postema

Mirte Postema, a Dutch national, is the Senior Program Officer of the Judicial Independence Program of the Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF), where she is in charge of carrying out investigations and activities of dissemination and advocacy, both in Latin America and in the United States. This has allowed her to work in great detail on topics such as internal and external independence of the judiciary, judicial transparency, selection of judicial authorities, judicial reform, and respect for indigenous rights in judicial systems. Mirte obtained a Masters in Social Sciences of Human Rights from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and previously completed a degree (LL.M equiv.) in Comparative European Law and International Law at the Maastricht University in the Netherlands. In addition to this, she completed a specialization in Contemporary Latin American Studies at the Catholic University of Chile. During her stay in that country, Mirte carried out an extensive field study on the functioning of its Truth and Reconciliation Commission, **and** also collaborated with the Dutch embassy in Chile on topics of politics, culture, and water management.

Valerie Raine

As the director of drug treatment court projects at the Center for Court Innovation, Valerie Raine assists New York's Unified Court System in developing and training drug treatment courts across New York State. She also oversees the Statewide Drug Court Training & Technical Assistance initiative which is supported by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This initiative provides expert assistance in statewide strategic planning, drug court research, management information systems, and training efforts. From 1996 to 2000, she served as project director of the Brooklyn Treatment Court, where she helped develop and manage New York City's first drug treatment court.

She is a past president of the New York Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals and is a former member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Ms. Raine created and taught a course on problem-solving justice at Fordham Law School, has served as faculty for the National Drug Court Institute, and presented on drug treatment courts at numerous conferences over the past 17 years. Previously, she worked for 14 years at the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division in Kings County, where she was appointed attorney-in-charge in 1994. Ms. Raine is a graduate of Hunter College (1977) and the University of Virginia School of Law (1982).

Peter Reuter

Peter Reuter is Professor in the School of Public Policy and in the Department of Criminology at the University of Maryland. He is also Senior Economist at RAND and Research Scholar at IZA, Bonn. From 1981 to 1993 he was a Senior Economist in the Washington office of the RAND Corporation. He founded and directed RAND's Drug Policy Research Center from 1989-1993; the Center is a multi-disciplinary research program begun in 1989 with funding from a number of foundations. Much of his research has dealt with alternative approaches to controlling drug problems, both in the United States and Western Europe. In recent years he has also been publishing on money laundering control and on the flows of illicit funds from developing nations. His books include (with Robert MacCoun) *Drug War Heresies: Learning from Other Places, Times and Vices* (Cambridge University Press, 2001), (with Letizia Paoli and Victoria Greenfield) *The World Heroin Market: Can Supply be Cut?* (Oxford University Press, 2009). From 1999 to 2004 he was editor of the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. From 2007-2011 he served as the first president of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy. Dr. Reuter received his PhD in Economics from Yale.

Lieutenant Colonel Melvin Russell

Lt. Col. Melvin Russell has led the Community Partnership Division of the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) since 2012. He joined the BPD in 1979 as a police cadet and graduated from The BPD academy in 1981 as the first and to date the only African American class valedictorian. In 1986 he worked as an undercover drug investigator, and played a role in the arrests drug kingpins throughout Baltimore City and as far away as Jamaica, Italy and South America. After nearly 20 years of undercover work, Melvin re-emerged in uniform where he worked on a succession of beats. During his stint as Deputy Major of the Northeastern District, crime dropped dramatically. He was promoted to Major of The Eastern District where, with 130 officers under his command, he took the community; faith-based, schools and all shareholders to the next level through numerous initiatives, including the establishment the

“Transformation Team” (TTT), is a grassroots organization of community shareholders who are committed to working together to make a better Baltimore.

He also serves as TTT Board of Directors Chair; a board member of HEBAC, Operation Pulse, The Drug Free Coalition, Johns Hopkins University Community Coordinating Committee, New Vision Youth Services; a board member of the Journey Home and assistant pastor of New Beginnings Ministries. Melvin believes in Leadership through Partnership and that everyone has a role at bettering their community.

Carmen Santiago Roberts

Carmen Santiago Roberts is a Program Manager in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), State and Community Development (SCD) unit. She is responsible for supporting state implementation of juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention programs funded through OJJDP. Her duties include providing technical assistance to state Juvenile Justice Specialists and State Advisory Group members, and ensuring state compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP Act. In addition, Ms. Santiago Roberts serves as the primary program manager for the Community Based Violence Prevention initiative in Oakland, CA; the Defending Childhood Initiative in Portland, Oregon; and the secondary program manager for the National Forum Youth Violence Prevention in Chicago and New Orleans. She previously worked part-time for Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia as Parent Liaison and Team Coordinator of after-school program for at-risk students.

Susan Weld Shaffer

Ms. Shaffer was the Director of the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia from 1997 until she retired in 2012. That agency has frequently served as a model for criminal justice administrators in other jurisdictions. Prior to joining the Agency as Deputy Director in 1995, Ms. Shaffer was the Director of the American Bar Association’s Criminal Justice Standards Committee. She has also served as a Staff Attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union Project on National Security, a Staff Attorney of the District of Columbia Public Defender Service Mental Health Division, and as an Associate in a Rochester, New York law firm. She is a member of the Bar Associations of the District of Columbia and New York State, and is currently active as a member of the Advisory Board for the National Institute of Corrections.

The Council for Court Excellence has recognized Ms. Shaffer’s work by selecting her to receive the Justice Potter Stewart Award in 2000 on behalf of the District of Columbia Superior Court Drug Intervention Program (“Drug Court”) for making valuable contributions to the quality of community life throughout the District of Columbia. In 2006, she received NAPSA’s most prestigious honor, the Ennis J. Olgiate Award, in recognition of her lifetime achievements and contributions to public service and the field of pretrial services; and in 2013 Ms. Shaffer received the Community Hero Award from the Visitors’ Services Center in recognition of her contributions to the District of Columbia’s justice system and community.

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