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FEBRUARY 15TH AND 16TH, 2018
JOHN JAY COLLEGE
524 W. 59TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY
AGENDA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
All Thursday panels take place in the Moot Court, John Jay College, 6th Floor of the new building

8:30 – 9:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:30am WELCOME

Stephen Handelman, Director, Center on Media Crime and Justice, John Jay College
Daniel F. Wilhelm, President, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
Karol V. Mason, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

9:30 – 11:00am PANEL 1: OPIATES—AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY (PART 1)

José Diaz-Briseno, Washington correspondent, La Reforma, Mexico
Paul Cell, First Vice President, International Association of Chiefs of Police; Chief of Police, Montclair State University (NJ)
Rita Noonan, Chief, Health Systems and Trauma Systems Branch, Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Cheri Walter, Chief Executive Officer, The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities

MODERATOR
Kevin Johnson, journalist, USA Today

11:00am – 12:30pm LUNCH for Fellows and invited guests only

12:30 – 2:30pm LUNCH

THE WHITE HOUSE PRISON REFORM INITIATIVES

Mark Holden, Senior VP and General Counsel, Koch Industries

2:30 – 4:00pm PANEL 3:
CRIME TRENDS 2017-2018—IS THE HOMICIDE ‘SPIKE’ REAL?

Thomas P. Abt, Senior Fellow, Harvard Law School
Alfred Blumstein, J. Erik Jonsson University Professor of Urban Systems and Operations Research, Carnegie Mellon University
Shytierra Gaston, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Indiana University-Bloomington
Richard Rosenfeld, Founders Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri - St. Louis

MODERATOR
Robert Jordan Jr, former anchor, Chicago WGN-TV

4:00 – 4:15pm BREAK

4:15 – 6:00pm PANEL 4: CORRECTIONS / SENTENCING REFORM UPDATE

Leann Bertsch, President, Association of State Correctional Administrators; Director, North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Adam Gelb, Director, Public Safety Performance Project, Pew Charitable Trusts
Kathleen F. Maurer, Director, Health and Addiction Services and Medical Director of the Connecticut Department of Correction
Vikrant Reddy, Senior Research Fellow, Charles Koch Institute
David Singleton, Director, Ohio Justice & Policy Center

MODERATOR
Martin Horn, Distinguished Lecturer, Department of Law & Police Science, John Jay
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
All sessions unless otherwise noted, take place in the 9th floor conference room, John Jay, new building

8:30 – 9:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:30am PANEL 5: CORRECTING ERROR—CAN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM FIX ITS MISTAKES?
Eric Gonzalez, Brooklyn, NY DA
Marilyn Mosby, Baltimore State’s Attorney
Kim Ogg, DA Harris County, Texas

MEDIUMATOR
Paul Heaton, Research Director, Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice

10:30 – 10:45am BREAK

10:45am – 12pm PANEL 6: UNDERSTANDING THE UNDERGROUND GUN MARKET
Philip Cook, Professor Emeritus, Duke University
David Hureau, Assistant Professor, State University of New York, Albany
Andrew Papachristos, Professor of Sociology and Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University
Kimberley Smith, Research Manager, The Crime Lab, University of Chicago

MEDIUMATOR
Mark Obbie, journalist

12:00 – 1:30pm WORKING LUNCH
THE YEAR IN CRIME COVERAGE
for fellows and invited guests only
Moot Court, 6th Floor
Rubén Rosario, Criminal Justice Journalists

1:30 – 3:00pm STORY LABS
for fellows and invited guests only

COVERING SEXUAL ASSAULTS: WHAT’S NEWS? WHAT ISN’T?

FACILITATORS
Barbara Cassidy, Playwright, Adjunct Professor, John Jay College
Shonna Trinch, Associate Professor of Linguistic Anthropology, John Jay College

3:00 – 3:15pm BREAK

3:15 – 4:15pm PRIVACY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE: IS THERE A RIGHT TO BE “FORGOTTEN” ONLINE?

FACILITATORS
Bruce Shapiro, Director, DART Center on Trauma and Journalism
Miranda S. Spivack, Pulliam Distinguished Visiting Professor of Journalism at DePauw University

4:15 – 4:30pm BREAK

4:30 – 6:00pm FINAL WRAP (with Fellows)

FACILITATORS
Joe Domanick, CMCJ staff, Conference Speakers
Thomas P. Abt
Thomas Abt is a Senior Fellow at both the Harvard Law and Kennedy Schools, where he teaches, studies, and writes on the use of evidence-informed approaches to reducing gun, gang, and youth violence, among other topics. Abt also serves as a member of the Campbell Collaboration’s Criminal Justice Advisory Board and as an Advisory Board Member to the Police Executive Programme at the University of Cambridge. Before joining Harvard, Abt served as Deputy Secretary for Public Safety to Governor Andrew Cuomo in New York, where he oversaw all criminal justice and homeland security agencies. Before his work as Deputy Secretary, Abt served as Chief of Staff to the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked with the nation’s principal criminal justice grant-making and research agencies to integrate evidence, policy, and practice.

Leann Bertsch
Leann Bertsch, president of the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA), has been Director of North Dakota’s Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation since July 2005. She served as the Commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Labor from September 2004 through June 2005. Prior to entering state government, Ms. Bertsch was Assistant State’s Attorney for Burleigh County (1996-2004) and an attorney for Legal Assistance of North Dakota (1992-1996). She retired as a Major in the Judge Advocate General’s Corp of the North Dakota National Guard in 2007 after 21 years of service. She earned a Juris Doctor from the University of North Dakota School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from North Dakota State University.

Alfred Blumstein
Alfred Blumstein, Ph.D., is the J. Erik Jonsson University Professor of Urban Systems and Operations Research at Carnegie Mellon University. Prof. Blumstein’s research over the past 20 years has covered many aspects of criminal justice phenomena and policy, including crime measurement, criminal careers, sentencing, deterrence and incapacitation, prison populations, demographic trends, juvenile violence, and drug-enforcement policy. A past president of the American Society of Criminologists and one of the country’s most renowned criminal justice scholars, he has been one of the most popular speakers at John Jay/Guggenheim Symposia. Among his most recent accomplishments, he headed the National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR), a multi-university initiative funded by the National Science Foundation and headquartered at the Heinz College.

Barbara Cassidy
Barbara Cassidy received her MFA Playwriting from Brooklyn College. Her play, Interim, (nominated for the Barrie Stavis Award) premiered at SMU (Dallas) in March 2012, and is published in the anthology, New Downtown Now. Her work has been seen in New York at The Flea Theatre, Playwrights’ Horizons, Little Theatre at Dixon Place, The New York International Fringe Festival, JACK and Bric Studios. She is a 2015 MacDowell Fellow and was a 2010-2011 LMCC Workspace Artist. She has received grants from the Brooklyn Arts Council and Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, is an affiliated artist with New Georges, and is an adjunct professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She teaches the class Seeing Rape with Shonna Trinch which looks at ideas, actions, uses, and depictions of rape in our world. She is working on a book project with Shonna.
Trinch stemming from the Seeing Rape course and is heading up the Sexual Justice NOW initiative at John Jay. Her latest play is called “Mrs. Loman,” and is a feminist imagining of what could happen to someone like Linda Loman from Arthur Miller’s “Death of a Salesman” after her husband Willy commits suicide.

Paul Cell
Chief Paul Cell is First Vice President International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and incoming president. A 37-year veteran of law enforcement, he has served as the chief of police at the Montclair State University Police Department in New Jersey since 2001. Chief Cell is a member and past president of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) and chairman of the New Jersey Police Chiefs Foundation. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, FBI LEEDS, the IACP National Law Enforcement Leadership, and Institute on Violence Against Women. He has also worked and trained internationally through programs with the South African Police Services, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ontario Police Chiefs, and at the International College of Policing at Bramshill, England. Chief Cell is a co-author and editor of the textbook, “Creating Comprehensive Campus Sexual Assault Response Teams,” and he serves on the working groups of the New Jersey Governor’s Advisory Council Against Sexual Violence and the New Jersey Homeland Security Emergency Services. In addition, he was appointed to the advisory boards for the Clery Center and the Civic Research Institute Quarterly Review.

The Hon. Judith Claire
Judge Claire has received statewide, national and international attention for her work as Chautauqua County (NY) Family Court Judge. The court’s initiatives have included collaboration on a systems-of-care model that received a national award, acting as a pilot site for delivery of trauma-informed justice, a mediation program that has served as a state model, and a reunification program, BARJ (Balanced & Restorative Justice) focused on juvenile delinquency and PINs cases. Her awards include the Unified Court System 8th Judicial District Gender and Racial Fairness Award (2005); and the NYS Bar Association Levine Award for Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare (2015). She is the author of the Bench Book Guide for Family Court Judges, written in association with Family Court Judge Philip Cortese of Montgomery County. Judge Claire retired as a Family Court Judge in June 2016 and is currently approved in NYS as a Judicial Hearing Officer.

Philip J. Cook
Philip J. Cook, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus of public policy, economics, and sociology at Duke University. Much of his research has focused on understanding how and why to separate guns from violence through effective regulation and law enforcement. He is author or co-author of books on alcohol control (Paying the Tab), state lotteries Selling Hope, the increasing inequality of income (The Winner-Take-All Society, a New York Times “Notable Book of the year”), the economic costs of gun violence, and, with Kristin Goss, The Gun Debate: What Everyone Needs to Know (Oxford, 2004). He has served as a consultant with the US Department of Justice Criminal Division and the US Department of Treasury Enforcement Division. Prof. Cook is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, and a fellow of the American Society of Criminology.

Brandon del Pozo
Brandon del Pozo was appointed Chief of Police of Burlington, Vermont in September, 2015. Prior to assuming leadership of Vermont’s largest municipal police force, he served 19 years in the New York City Police Department, where he retired at the rank of deputy inspector. From 2005 to 2007, he served as the NYPD’s intelligence liaison to the Arab Middle East and India, based out of Jordan’s capital city of Amman. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he began his police career in 1997 on patrol in the 67th Precinct, in East Flatbush. Chief del Pozo is currently a member of the Police Executive Research Forum, and was the 2016 recipient of its Gary Hayes Memorial Award for Police Leadership. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Chief del Pozo holds a Master of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, where he is an inaugural 9/11 Public Service Fellow, and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from John Jay College, where he was a John Reisenbach Scholar.
José Diaz-Briseño
Jose Diaz-Briseño is the Washington correspondent for La Reforma of Mexico. Between 2013 and 2015, he was the Washington correspondent for MundoFOX. His reporting covers US-Mexico affairs, including immigration, drugs, trade and border security, etc. Before arriving in Washington, he was based in Tucson, Arizona where he covered border affairs for El Imparcial, a regional daily in northwestern Mexico. He holds a master’s degree from Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism and was a recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship. He started his journalism career as a news researcher for The Los Angeles Times Mexico City bureau. He studied International Relations at El Colegio de Mexico and has done courses on US studies at the University of California-San Diego. Mr. Diaz Briseño was born and raised in Mexico City.

Joe Domanick
Joe Domanick is Associate Director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice and West Coast Bureau Chief of The Crime Report. His latest book, “Blue: The Los Angeles Police Department and the Battle to Redeem American Policing” has received glowing national reviews. Earlier books include: “Cruel Justice: Three Strikes and the Politics of Crime in America’s Golden State”; and “To Protect and Serve: The LAPD’s Century of War in the City of Dreams”, (which won the 1995 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Non-Fiction Book.)

Shytierra Gaston
Shytierra Gaston, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Indiana University-Bloomington. Dr. Gaston’s research and teaching expertise centers on two broad areas: the intersection of race/ethnicity, crime, and criminal justice and the U.S. correctional system. In particular, she uses quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methodologies to investigate research topics related to the treatment of people of color during criminal justice processing, the disparate impact of the criminal justice system on communities of color, the re-entry experiences of inmates, and the collateral consequences of incarceration for offenders, families, and communities. Her recent research has examined the sources of race disparities in drug law enforcement, the long-term mental health consequences of parental incarceration, and the highly-speculated 2015 and 2016 rise in U.S. homicide rates. Dr. Gaston is an active member of the American Society of Criminology and the Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network.

Adam Gelb
Adam Gelb is director of the Pew Charitable Trusts’ Public Safety Performance Project, which helps states advance policies and practices in adult and juvenile sentencing and corrections that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable and control corrections costs. As the project lead, Gelb oversees Pew’s assistance to states seeking a greater public safety return on their corrections spending. He also supervises a vigorous research portfolio that highlights strategies for reducing recidivism while cutting costs. He began his career as a reporter at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and staffed the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee during negotiations and final passage of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. He was policy director for the lieutenant governor of Maryland (1995-2000), and served as executive director of the Georgia Sentencing Commission from 2001 to 2003. Before joining Pew, he was vice president for programs at the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. Gelb graduated from the University of Virginia, and holds a Master’s from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

Stephen Handelman
Stephen Handelman is Director of the Cen-
ter on Media, Crime and Justice (CMCJ) at John Jay College, and Executive Editor of The Crime Report. 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), he has been a consultant to U.S. law enforcement agencies and the United Nations, and has lectured and taught at universities.

The Hon. Craig D. Hannah
Judge Craig D. Hannah serves as the Supervising Judge over the Lackawanna, Tonawanda and North Tonawanda City Courts where he also presides over the Adolescent Diversion and Opiate Intervention Parts. His Opiate Intervention Court is the first of its kind in the nation and is dedicated to treating the needs of the people first who come into contact with the law. He was elected as Buffalo City Court Judge in November 2006 and re-elected to a second 10-year term November 2016. Previously, he was an attorney in private practice with close to 10 years’ experience as a trial lawyer in city, state and federal Courts. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor at the State University at Buffalo Law School, where he lectures in Trial Advocacy and Procedure. A graduate of Canisius College and the University at Buffalo Law School, Judge Hannah began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Erie County District Attorney’s Office. Judge Hannah’s honors and achievements include ‘Jurist of the Year’ (2008) by the Buffalo Special Police Benevolent Association, and the Community Service award by the Afro-American Police Association (2013). He is a past president of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York and the recipient of its Legal Service Award.

Paul Heaton Ph.D.
Paul Heaton is a Senior Fellow and Academic Director of the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice. Much of his research aims to apply methodological insights from economics to inform issues in legal and criminal justice policy. An expert on legal and regulatory program and policy evaluation, Mr. Heaton’s criminal justice work spans a wide range of areas, including measurement of impacts of criminal justice interventions; applications of cost-benefit analysis to CJ programs; and evaluations of the CJ implications of public policies related to controlled substances. His work on policing, courts, and drug offending has been widely cited by policymakers and the media. He has also published numerous empirical studies of tort law and insurance regulation. His research has been published in leading scholarly journals such as the Yale Law Journal, Stanford Law Review, New England Journal of Medicine, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, and the American Journal of Public Health. Prior to joining Penn Law, Mr. Heaton served as the Director of the RAND Institute for Civil Justice and Professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School.

Scott Higham
Scott Higham is a Pulitzer Prize-winning member of the investigations unit of The Washington Post. Since joining The Post in 2000, he has examined everything from the deaths of foster care children in D.C. and the treatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib, to fatal police shootings and the forces behind the opioid epidemic. He grew up in New York, where his father was a homicide detective in the South Bronx. He is a graduate of Stony Brook University and the Columbia Journalism School. He always wanted to be a police officer and attend the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, but his father talked him out it.

Mark Holden
Mark Holden is senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Koch Industries, Inc. He is also president and COO of the Legal Division of Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC, which provides legal, government and public affairs services to Koch Industries, Inc. and its affiliates. In addition, he also serves as Chairman of the Board of Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, Inc. and serves on the Board of Directors of Americans For Prosperity. Before joining Koch, Mr. Holden was an associate with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C. Mr. Holden earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts. He earned his
law degree from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, where he was an associate editor of the Catholic University Law Review.

**Martin Horn**

Martin Horn joined the John Jay faculty in the fall of 2009 as Distinguished Lecturer in the Department of Law & Police Science. Currently, executive director of the New York State Sentencing Commission, he served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction and Department of Probation from 2003 to 2009. As a result of his leadership, the City dramatically changed the way the family court system responds to juvenile delinquents, replacing destructive institutionalization with community based supervision demonstrated to obtain better outcomes. He was a member of then-Governor Tom Ridge’s Senior Staff as Secretary of Administration for the State of Pennsylvania, as Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Corrections (1995-2000), and as executive director and chief operating officer for the New York State Division of Parole. Horn began his career as a New York State Parole Officer in 1969, and went on to become assistant commissioner of corrections for New York State and Superintendent of Hudson Correctional Facility. He earned a bachelor’s degree in government from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1969, and a master’s degree in criminal justice from John Jay College.

**David Hureau**

David Hureau, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at the School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany-SUNY. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in Sociology and Social Policy in 2016, his M.P.P. from the Harvard Kennedy School in 2006, and his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 2001. David is broadly interested in the relationship between crime, punishment, and social inequality, with a particular research interest in understanding the nature of violent crime and its consequences. Recent research projects include an ethnography of a network of young men disproportionately exposed to homicide, a mixed methods investigation of the market for illegal guns, and a policy evaluation of a major gang violence intervention effort. David has served as an NBER-NSF Crime Research Fellow, a Doctoral Fellow at the University of Chicago Crime Lab, an IGERT-NSF Doctoral Fellow in the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy at Harvard, and a Research Fellow at the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management at Harvard.

**Kevin Johnson**

Kevin Johnson has covered criminal justice issues, national law enforcement and the Justice Department for USA Today since 1994. During that time, he has examined state and federal sentencing policies, the use of solitary confinement, the application of the death penalty and the prevalence of mental illness at all levels of the criminal justice system. In 2015, a USA Today series documenting the nation’s failure to provide adequate care for the mentally ill was recognized with an Aronson Award for Social Justice Journalism. Before arriving at USA Today, he was a reporter at the Los Angeles Times and the San Antonio Light.

**Robert H. Jordan, Jr.**

Robert H. Jordan, Jr., Ph.D. retired as weekend anchor for WGN-TV’s News at Nine (Chicago), and is currently founder and president of Jordan & Jordan Communications, Inc. The Emmy Award-winning TV newsman is the author of the recently published “Murder in the News,” (Prometheus Books), an examination of broadcast journalism’s coverage of crime. A 40-year news veteran, Robert’s previous stints include reporting for WSM-TV in Nashville, and CBS News, where he covered stories for the nightly news with Walter Cronkite. He is also the author of two screen plays, “Anthony’s Key” and “Multi-Man,” and has written for the Chicago Tribune, including an award-winning article on surviving prostate cancer. An active participant in the Chicago community, Mr. Jordan serves on the Board of Directors of several local organizations, including The Safer Foundation, The Night Ministry, The John G. Shedd Aquarium, and the Loyola Family Business Center. He also sits on the Salvation Army advisory board. A native of Atlanta, Ga., he earned his undergraduate degree from Roosevelt University, a master’s degree from Northeastern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership & Policy Studies from Loyola University
in Chicago. During the Fall Quarter of 2014, Robert was the first Journalist-in-Residence at the University of Chicago.

**Karol V. Mason**

Karol V. Mason was appointed the fifth president of John Jay College of Criminal Justice in August, 2017. Over the course of her long career, she has been a legal pioneer and an exceptional voice for equality, fairness, and criminal justice reform. As U.S. Assistant Attorney General and head of the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs, Mason oversaw an annual budget of $4 billion to support an array of state and local criminal justice agencies, juvenile justice programs, and services for crime victims, and oversaw the National Institute of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, among a wide range of other efforts. She led the Department of Justice’s work to address the issue of community trust in the justice system through a variety of programs including the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, a partnership with John Jay College and other academic institutions across the country designed to address lack of trust in the criminal justice system. She was a leader in the Obama Administration on juvenile justice issues, bail reform and re-entry for individuals leaving prison, and in her distinguished career at Alston & Bird LLP, she was the first African American woman elected as chair of the management committee at any major national firm. Previously, Mason served as Deputy Associate Attorney General from 2009 to 2012. She led the Office of Justice Programs from June 2013 to January 2017 after being nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Mason spent almost three decades at Alston & Bird, LLP, where she chaired the Public Finance Group. She was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina from 2001 to 2009 and Vice Chair of that Board from 2007 to 2009. Mason received an A.B. in Mathematics from the University of North Carolina, and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

**Kathleen F. Maurer**

Dr. Kathleen F. Maurer, MD., is Director of Health and Addiction Services and Medical Director of the Connecticut Department of Correction. Before assuming her current post in 2011, she was assistant medical director at Correctional Managed Health Care, a division of the University of Connecticut Health Center, which contracts with the state corrections department for offender medical care. During her career, Dr. Maurer has provided hands-on clinical care and medical program management in the private sector. Several of her initiatives include working to expand Medicaid access to halfway house residents and to integrate Medicaid utilization management with the correctional system. She is also developing a system-wide medication assisted treatment program for the Connecticut DOC. Dr. Maurer earned her MD and MPH degrees from Yale University School of Medicine. She holds an MBA from the University of Connecticut and is board-certified in internal medicine, occupational and environmental medicine, and addiction medicine. She was awarded the Coalition of Correctional Health Authorities national award for Leadership in Correctional Healthcare, co-leads the American Correctional Association-American Society of Addiction Medicine Committee for MAT in Corrections which recently succeeded in implementing a national joint policy supporting MAT along the justice continuum, and this December was named by the Public Health Institute in their list of the top 10 public health and social justice media bites of 2017.

**Rita Noonan**

Rita Noonan, PhD, is the leader of the Health Systems and Trauma Systems Branch in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention, where both Rx drug overdose and traumatic brain injury prevention activities reside. Prior to joining CDC, Ms. Noonan worked as a sociology and women’s studies professor at the University of Iowa. In this capacity she conducted research in Latin America on the global debt crisis, gender, social movements, and health outcomes. Ms. Noonan has been the recipient of several prestigious awards, including a Fulbright Scholarship and a MacArthur Fellowship. Ms. Noonan received her doctoral degree in sociology from Indiana University in 1998.
Mark Obbie
Mark Obbie is a freelance journalist based in upstate New York whose work has appeared in The Crime Report, The Trace, The New York Times, Slate, Pacific Standard, TakePart, and others. Mr. Obbie, a 2014-15 Soros Justice Media Fellow, focuses his reporting and writing on public policy concerning victims of violence, sentencing, policing, and violence prevention. He is the former executive editor of The American Lawyer and a former associate professor of magazine journalism at Syracuse University’s S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Andrew V. Papachristos
Andrew V. Papachristos is a Professor of Sociology and Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University. Prof. Papachristos aims to understand how the connected nature of cities and their citizens, neighborhoods and institutions affect what we feel, think, and do. His main research applies network science to the study of gun violence, police misconduct, illegal gun markets, street gangs, and urban neighborhoods. He is also in the process of completing a manuscript on the evolution of black street gangs and politics in Chicago from the 1950s to the early-2000s. He is actively involved in policy related research, including the evaluation of gun violence prevention programs in more than a dozen U.S. cities. An author of more than 50 articles, Prof. Papachristos’ work has appeared in journals such as JAMA, The American Sociological Review, Criminology, The American Journal of Public Health, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Chicago Tribune, among other outlets.

Joseph T. Rannazzisi
Joseph T. Rannazzisi retired from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in October 2015 after serving over 29 years in law enforcement. Since June 2005, he served as Deputy Assistant Administrator of the DEA Office of Diversion Control, where he supervised DEA’s efforts to prevent, detect and investigate the diversion of pharmaceutical controlled substances and listed chemicals from legitimate distribution channels. A nationally recognized speaker and instructor, he has provided training concerning illicit drugs, pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical control, corresponding responsibility, security, chemicals, synthetic drugs and clandestine laboratories to hundreds of audiences representing law enforcement, attorneys and judges, professional organizations, pharmaceutical industry executives and employees, Congress, and many others. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from Butler University and a Juris Doctor from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University. He’s also a registered pharmacist in Indiana and a member of the State Bar of Michigan.

Vikrant P. Reddy
Vikrant P. Reddy is a Senior Fellow at the Charles Koch Institute. He previously served as a Senior Policy Analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, where he managed the launch of TPPF’s national Right on Crime initiative in 2010. Mr. Reddy has also worked as a research assistant at the Cato Institute, as a judicial clerk to the Hon. Gina M. Benavides in Texas, and as an attorney in private practice. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and he serves on the Executive Committee of the Criminal Law Practice Group of the Federalist Society. He is also an appointee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Texas State Advisory Committee. Reddy graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, and he earned his law degree at the Southern Methodist University School of Law in Dallas.

Rubén Rosario
Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and raised in New York City, Rubén Rosario is an award-winning metro columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Rosario spent 11 years as a staff writer at the New York Daily News and covered the police, crime, Bronx and Brooklyn court and Harlem “north of 96th St.” beats until leaving to become city editor at the Pioneer Press in 1991. He launched his column in 1997. His writings on criminal justice and other topics have garnered more than eight first-place general column awards from the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists, as well as honors from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency the Child Welfare League, of America in recent years. He is a longtime board member
and treasurer of Criminal Justice Journalists. A married father of two, he is a survivor—so far—of Stage 4 Multiple Myeloma.

Richard Rosenfeld
Richard Rosenfeld, Ph.D., is the Founders Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. His research interests include the study of crime trends, crime statistics, and criminal justice policy. Professor Rosenfeld is a Fellow and past President of the American Society of Criminology. He received the Society’s 2017 Edwin Sutherland Award for contributions to criminology.

Bruce Shapiro
Bruce Shapiro is Executive Director of the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, a project of Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism encouraging innovative reporting on violence, conflict and tragedy worldwide. An award-winning reporter on human rights, criminal justice and politics, Shapiro is a contributing editor at The Nation and U.S. correspondent for Late Night Live on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation’s Radio National. He is also Senior Advisor for Academic Affairs at Columbia Journalism School, where he teaches ethics. His books include Shaking the Foundations: 200 Years of Investigative Journalism in America and Legal Lynching: The Death Penalty and America’s Future. He is a recipient of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Public Advocacy Award for “outstanding and fundamental contributions to the social understanding of trauma.”

David Singleton
David A. Singleton is executive director, of the Ohio Justice & Policy Center. An Attorney at Law, he received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1991, and his A.B. in Economics and Public Policy, cum laude, from Duke University in 1987. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Singleton received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City, where he practiced for three years. He then worked as a public defender for seven years, first with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and then with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. After moving to Cincinnati in the summer of 2001, Mr. Singleton practiced at Thompson Hine before joining OJPC as its Executive Director in July 2002. He is also an Assistant Professor of Law at Northern Kentucky University’s Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Kimberley Smith
Kim Smith manages the multi-city gun markets project at the University of Chicago Crime Lab, work done in partnership with affiliates in six major U.S. cities: Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, New York, Baltimore, and New Orleans. Previously, Ms. Smith oversaw a portfolio of randomized controlled trials designed to test the effectiveness of financial products designed for low-income households at Innovations for Poverty Action in New Haven, CT. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from McGill University.

Miranda S. Spivack
Miranda S. Spivack is the Pulliam Distinguished Visiting Professor of Journalism at DePauw University. A former Washington Post editor and reporter, she is an independent journalist for Reveal from the Center for Investigative Reporting and The New York Times, among other news organizations. “State Secrets,” her five-part series for Reveal/CIR, was a winner of SPJ’s Sunshine Award in 2017. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, and was a Ford Foundation fellow at Yale Law School, where she was awarded a Master of Studies in Law.

Shonna Trinch
Shonna Trinch, Ph.D., is a Linguistic Anthropologist at John Jay College, CUNY. Shonna does research on topics ranging from rape, intimate-partner violence and narrative to Brooklyn’s gentrification, redevelopment, and eminent domain. Shonna has published several articles on gender-related violence in leading journals. Her first book, Latinas’ narratives of domestic abuse: Discrepant versions of violence (John Benjamins, 2003), examines how women report intimate violence in different sociolgal settings. Currently, Shonna is devising a book project with Barbara Cassidy about the theoretical and pedagogical aspects of Seeing Rape and
the public production of the student-playwrights’ work. She is also completing a book entitled, *What the signs say*, with Edward Snajdr that examines how dominant culture establishes social hierarchy in gentrifying Brooklyn through storefront signs (forthcoming, Vanderbilt).

**Cheri L. Walter**

Cheri L. Walter is Chief Executive Officer of The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities. Ms. Walter has provided more than 35 years of diversified, progressive leadership and management within non-profit organizations, association and large state departments in Ohio. She holds a Master’s of Administration from Tiffin University and a BA in Community Health and Recreation from Bluffton College, and is a Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor. She has served as the Chief Executive Officer of The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), representing the county Alcohol, Drug Addiction Services and Mental Health Boards for the past 15 years since its inception. Most importantly to Cheri, is the fact that she is an individual in long term recovery, and truly believes that Recovery IS Beautiful!

**Daniel F. Wilhelm**

Daniel F. Wilhelm is President of The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, a leader in addressing violence and conflict through research and programs. Previously, Mr. Wilhelm was a Senior Fellow at the Vera Institute of Justice, a non-governmental organization working to improve justice systems. From 2007-2015, he was Vera’s Vice President and Chief Program Officer. He joined the Institute in 2001. Earlier Mr. Wilhelm was an attorney at Sidley & Austin and served as law clerk to U.S. District Judge Frederic Block in Brooklyn. He has written on justice matters for a number of publications and testified before legislative and other panels in some 20 states. Mr. Wilhelm is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, Harvard Divinity School, and the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

**John Chapman Young**

John Chapman Young is Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Cherokee Nation. Mr. Young currently serves as a tribal court prosecutor representing the Cherokee Nation in proceedings before the Cherokee Nation courts. As a prosecutor, he has focused on enhancing the prosecution of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes in Indian Country. Likewise, he has focused on increased awareness of human trafficking in Indian Country and improved coordination amongst the Cherokee Nation’s community partners and counterparts in federal law enforcement. Prior to joining the OAG, Mr. Young practiced in the federal and state courts of New Mexico with an emphasis on plaintiffs’ civil rights litigation under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the New Mexico Human Rights Act, complex civil litigation and criminal defense. Previously, he served as Associate Judge for the Delaware Tribal Court and as Director of the National Tribal Trial College.
Alexandria Bordas
Alexandria started writing about opioids in her third day in the newsroom at the Asheville Citizen Times. Western North Carolina, part of the Appalachian Mountain region, has been hit hardest by the epidemic, with families and children being the most vulnerable casualties. Beginning in September, her first month at the paper, she pitched a five-part enterprise series on how opioids are creating a lost generation. It will be published mid-January with the possibility of being picked up nationally by their network, USA Today. Before the Citizen Times, she worked as a political reporting intern for the Miami Herald after graduating from Columbia Journalism School in May. Her goal is to continue investigating and reporting on the drug trend as the effects begin to unfold over the next decade. She is a first-generation Cuban-American, and a Southern California native.

Melissa Brown
After cutting her teeth at the University of Alabama student newspaper, where she won awards for her coverage of on-campus muggings committed by college football papers, Melissa began her professional career covering local politics and education for Alabama Media Group. She’s since covered state politics for the Associated Press, where she reported on a fatal officer-involved shooting and the crackdown on a dietary supplement flooding the U.S. She has broken stories picked up by The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, ESPN, MSNBC and BuzzFeed News, among other outlets. Her portfolio includes clips ranging from community policing and the politics of healthcare to data-driven education trends. After weathering layoffs and a brief stint out of daily news, she believes her passion and skillset belong in a newsroom like the Montgomery Advertiser’s, where she aims to provide holistic, balanced criminal justice coverage for her community and home state.

Lynsi Burton
Lynsi Burton is a crime, courts and breaking news reporter for the Seattle Post Intelligencer, an online news website covering Seattle, King County and the greater Pacific Northwest. She has spent 4½ years at the PI tracking major crime in the region and responding to catastrophic events, including two school mass shootings, a helicopter crash, the Oso, Wash., landslide and the Dec. 18 2017 Amtrak train derailment in DuPont, Wash. Lynsi also covers criminal and civil court cases and analyzes crime through the lenses of poverty, domestic violence, homelessness and mental illness, which are increasingly crucial issues as Seattle becomes more gentrified and unlivable for poor and vulnerable populations. She also specializes in writing about women’s issues. Lynsi is a three-time SPJ of Western Washington award-winner and a 2013 SPJ Western Washington New Journalist of the Year. She previously worked at the Skagit Valley Herald and Bremerton Patriot.

Kathryn Casteel
Kathryn Casteel has been a policy reporter for FiveThirtyEight for almost a year. Policy sounds broad, but in particular she’s covered criminal justice topics often, including the data behind the opioid epidemic and treatment options, police and the U.S. prison population. As a relatively recent graduate from CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, she thinks “it’s safe to say my ambitious are high.” Kathryn is interested in finding the data behind a story, but most passionate about investigating topics that no one else is looking into. For example, while a student at CUNY in 2016, she did an investigative project on sexual harassment in the restaurant industry well before the #MeToo movement made national headlines. She has written about this topic a few times for FiveThirtyEight since then, and believes the
Fellowship will be a good place to explore her “next ambitious idea.”

**Lelani Clark**

Lelani Clark is an award winning producer, writer, and TV and Radio host. She works as a communications executive and media trainer in New York for high profile celebrity clients, business experts and best-selling authors. Ms. Clark is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley cum laude and is the recipient of both the John Jay Tao and Guggenheim Fellowship. Ms. Clark is currently acting as Executive Producer for a TV series focused on fraud and cybercrime with Tough Cookie productions.

**Sharon Cohen**

Sharon Cohen is an Associated Press national writer based in Chicago. She has written extensively about criminal justice issues, including the problem of wrongful convictions; Chicago police misconduct (including its financial impact); mandatory minimum drug sentences; how bail hurts the poor; trends in juvenile sentencing laws; and inmates sentenced to life without parole as juveniles now being re-sentenced as a result of recent Supreme Court decisions. She has received dozens of honors, including The National Headliner Award for feature writing, more than 20 awards for news, feature and business writing/reporting from the Chicago Headline Club, the New York Press Club award for feature writing, and the Studs Terkel Community Media Award. She also is the recipient of the AP’s highest journalism honor, the Gramling Award, and is a four-time winner of the annual Associated Press Media Editors Award. Sharon is a runner-up in the series category for the 2018 John Jay/H.F. Guggenheim Excellence in Criminal Justice Journalism award.

**Micah Danney**

Micah Danney is a recent graduate of the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism’s international concentration and an alumnus of the journalism program at Stony Brook University. He worked in local news across Long Island in the few years in between those degrees and did freelance work in the last year. Before all this, he was incarcerated at 21 on a cocaine possession charge. Although sentenced to two years, he completed the state’s Shock program for nonviolent offenders and was released early. It was in the county jail that he first considered journalism as a possible change in life direction. He read a first-person narrative piece in *Newsweek* and it dawned on him that he was capable of experiencing and communicating the experience as the author had done. Now he wants to use his past experience to approach criminal justice through journalism in a way that he believes only a person who has lived it can, and by making the experiences of offenders relatable to a general audience that can then evaluate what works and what doesn’t about our system.

**Kia Gregory**

Kia Gregory reports she is “drawn to people living on the margins.” She excels at delving beneath headlines, getting inside a community and learn about the lives of its people. She has examined policies around politics, education and criminal justice. For example, she spent time on the path of a 19-year-old shot twice in less than a year through a pilot intervention program (a story submitted for a Pulitzer Prize), and in an all-boys Latin high school preparing to graduate its first class—in a school where incoming freshmen, on average, read at a sixth-grade level. A journalist for 15 years, she uses deep reporting, data analysis and exceptional narrative writing to show how communities are affected by public policy. Kia has written for *The Atlantic* and *The New Yorker*, been on staff at the *New York Times*, and received national awards for her work.

**Megan Guza**

Megan Guza has worked for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review since 2012, where she has spent the past three years covering crime, courts, breaking news and the growing opioid epidemic. She has covered mass shootings, criminal trials, police brutality and, more recently, the stories behind the opioid crisis. Her work has taken her from overdose-torn Ohio motels to the living rooms of grieving parents grappling with the question of “why?” Megan has an undergraduate degree in journalism and a master’s degree in criminal justice-focused communications. She was accepted to the Dart Center’s gun violence reporting institute in February 2017, and she is slated to attend Boston University’s Power of the Narrative
conference in March. Outside of the office and the courthouse, she spends much of her time running, reading (true crime, of course) and mastering the art of cooking for one.

**John Hinton**

John Hinton, a writer for the *Winston-Salem Journal*, became interested in journalism as a teenager living through the Watergate era of the early 1970s while attending public school in Raleigh, N.C. The work of *Washington Post* reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodard inspired him to study journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During his 36-year career as a journalist, he has covered and written about hundreds of criminal trials and lawsuits, as well as reported on thousands of criminal charges against state and federal criminal defendants. Through this journey, he reports that he has acquired “more than a laymen’s knowledge of how the state and federal criminal justice system operates, and its failures.” As a journalist, he believes it’s his job to report on how this system affects the lives of people and point out its errors to the people (judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and court officials) who operate the system. The current social media era has demonstrated how the system’s successes and failures can dominate public conversations about the guilt and innocence of criminal defendants.

**Anat Kamm**

Anat Kamm was born and raised in Jerusalem, Israel, and dreamt about becoming a journalist since she was a child. She started at the education section in a local newspaper in her hometown at the age of 16, when she was still in high school. After her discharge from the IDF, she started working as a media correspondent for *Walla!*, the biggest news website in Israel. At the age of 23, she was put on trial for espionage, after being identified as the source of an article that exposed allegedly illegal assassinations of Palestinians by Israel in the West Bank. Anat served more than two years before her release due to good behavior. Incarceration, she writes, “is a life changing experience—but not a career-choice changing one.” She returned to journalism, covering culture and media as a freelancer. Anat has a BA in History and Philosophy from Tel Aviv University and is currently studying towards an MA in Business and Economy at Columbia Journalism School.

**Ashley Kang**

Ashley is director of *The Stand*, Syracuse’s South Side Community Newspaper Project, which is produced in partnership with S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications students, Syracuse residents and a community board of directors. The success of the newspaper relies on herself and her team of reporters to truly be connected to the community. They aim to tell stories about the good things happening in the neighborhood as well as showing the struggles residents face and how they work together to overcome them. Last summer, Ashley partnered with the American Press Institute where, as a consultant, she assists API with research and outreach to learn how media outlets are launching strategies to intentionally listen and engage with communities previously underserved or uncovered. Before joining Syracuse University, she worked at *The Citizen*, a daily newspaper based in Auburn, NY, as a copy editor and later as the paper’s feature editor.

**Kamala Kelkar**

Kamala Kelkar is a digital journalist at *PBS NewsHour Weekend* where she covers issues of systematic injustices relating to human rights, incarceration and public health. She was invited to speak on a panel in January 2018 moderated by former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder about the Electoral College system, as a result of her coverage for PBS that linked electoral injustices with slave-era lawmaking. As a California native, she has reported from a burial site in the U.S.’s northernmost Arctic city to a cow shelter in India’s version of Silicon Valley for major outlets including the *Guardian*, *Al Jazeera English*, *The Sunday Times*, and many other publications.

**George Lavender**

George Lavender is a Los Angeles-based criminal justice reporter for KCRW in Santa Monica, Ca., and a multimedia instructor at the University of Southern California. His stories have been heard on *NPR, Marketplace*, and 99% Invisible. He reported and hosted the KCRW podcast series “Off The Block” which featured
stories of people affected by the county jail system and “traced the path from city block to cell block and back.” His reporting inside San Quentin Prison won a regional Edward R Murrow Award. He has also received three awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, Northern California Chapter. He tweets @GeorgeLavender

Madeleine List
An infamous gang leader pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison on Madeleine’s first day as the court reporter for the Cape Cod Times. Before that compelling introduction to the court beat, she covered municipal government, the environment, crime and breaking news at the Times for 2½ years. She won an award from the New England Newspaper and Press Association for a story about the victim of the gang-related murder. She started at the Cape Cod Times as the Dow Jones News Fund business reporting intern in June 2015 after completing a one-week residency at New York University. Madeleine has also worked as a part-time video journalist at Lower Cape TV for more than two years. She earned a degree in journalism and Spanish from the University of Maryland and spent six months studying abroad in Argentina in 2014.

Craig McCarthy
Craig McCarthy is a reporter for NJ Advance Media in Middlesex County where he covers courts and crime while serving as a watchdog for local government and police. His work is published online on NJ.com and in The Star-Ledger, the state’s largest newspaper. Craig focuses on finding stories that go under- or un-reported in communities that bring to light potential abuses of power or unethical practices. His reporting in Carteret, NJ led to the arrest and indictment of a local police officer, and laid the groundwork for an ambitious statewide look at similar police behavior. Craig was hired by NJ Advance Media 2015. He earned his bachelor’s in English from Montclair State University, where he graduated in 2012 with minors in journalism and creative writing. He earned his master’s degree in communication and media from Rutgers in December, 2017.

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Thomas McDonald is a staff writer with The News & Observer in Raleigh, NC., where she has been since June, 2000, serving as its lead crime and public safety reporter for well over a decade. Her focus has been on breaking news, along with enterprise stories that offer analysis about criminal justice trends both locally and across the state. Thomas’s notable stories include reporting on an exponentially high homicide rate in Robeson County; an analysis of gun crimes in North Carolina following President Obama’s call on Congress in 2013 to pass a series of gun control laws, including background checks on all gun sales and a ban on assault weapons; and a 2015 story about state legislative efforts to raise the juvenile age. She reported and wrote the raise-the-age story in 2015 following her selection the year before as a Juvenile Justice Fellow at the Center on Media, Crime and Justice at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The NC General Assembly this year voted to raise the juvenile age non-violent crimes to 18, effective Dec. 1, 2019.

Lauren McGaughy
Lauren McGaughy covers Texas politics and policy for The Dallas Morning News, with a focus on criminal justice and state courts. She is the newspaper’s lead reporter on Attorney General Ken Paxton, who faces multiple indictments for securities fraud, and the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Texans, including inmates in state and federal prisons. McGaughy has worked to uncover graft and misuse of public funds in Texas agencies—exposing the use of illegal severance packages for departing state workers—while crafting narratives about the lives of everyday Texans, from transgender men to the survivors of the Sutherland Springs, Tx., church shooting. She loves perusing PACER and reading state statutes, and enjoys finding the unusual stories of those living behind bars. McGaughy previously worked for The Houston Chronicle and in Baton Rouge, where she covered Louisiana politics for NOLA.com | The Times-Picayune. She lives and works in Austin, Texas.

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justice and politics. Mallory has written extensively about gun violence in Chicago and the impact it has on children, edited stories on the opioid crisis in middle America, various trials, and recently focused on the intersection of hate and justice in America. Mallory worked at Court TV as a writer covering trials before coming to work at CNN.

Irene Spezzamonte
Irene Spezzamonte is originally from Spinea, a little city next to Venice, Italy. She came to the United States on Jan. 8th, 2014, after spending nine months compiling the extensive paperwork required and trying to learn English. She had to wait an entire year before being able to take my first journalism class. In the Fall of 2015, Irene went to work for the Queens Courier, a local newspaper in the Bayside neighborhood of New York, where she wrote crime stories, news stories, real estate pieces, and biographies. In May of 2016, she graduated and started another internship at the Staten Island Advance, another local New York newspaper, where she explored how the opioid crisis is affecting middle class communities in suburban neighborhoods. Her internship ended in May 2017 and she is now a student at CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, specializing in data and interactive journalism with a concentration in urban reporting.

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Monica Vendituoli
Monica Vendituoli is the city reporter at the Fayetteville Observer newspaper in Fayetteville, North Carolina. A former night crime reporter, she juggled covering car wrecks, fires, homicides and other mayhem with enterprise crime stories and general assignment work one day a week. In February of 2017, Monica won an award for a profile of a local ministry dedicated to serving adult entertainers. She also contributed to the entry that won her newsroom a North Carolina Press Association first-place award for online breaking during Hurricane Matthew. She previously covered crime and courts at a small daily newspaper in western North Carolina and held multiple internships in Washington, D.C. She graduated with a degree in economics from Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

Conrad Wilson
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Jaylyn Cook
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Jonathan Edwards
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