



# 14th Annual Harry Frank Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America

## VIOLENCE IN AMERICA: Myth and Reality

Feb 21-22, 2019  
John Jay College

### WORKING AGENDA outline

*All times provisional. Speakers subject to change.*

*Public seating available on first-come, first-serve basis. Reserve at:*

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## DAY 1 Thursday Feb 21

*All Thursday panels take place in the 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR conference room, John Jay College*

### Continental Breakfast

Lobby, 524 W. 59<sup>th</sup> St.

8:30am-9:00am

### WELCOME

9:00am-9:15 am

Stephen Handelman *Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice, John Jay*

Yi Li, *Provost, John Jay College*

Dan Wilhelm, *President, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation*

**KEYNOTE**

9:15-9:45

George Gascon, San Francisco DA

**PANEL 1: The Midterms & Justice: What Just Happened?**

9:45 am-11:15 am

*The November midterm elections significantly changed the justice landscape in many parts of the country, with new innovative prosecutors elected in many jurisdictions, as well as voter approval of key referenda on marijuana legislation, police training and others issues. And the federal government, possibly in response to what appears to be overwhelming public support for changing our justice system. Will the bipartisan momentum continue in 2019?*

**SPEAKERS:**

Holly Harris, executive director, Justice Action Network

Mark Holden, general counsel, Koch Industries

Larry Obhof, Ohio Senate President

Locke Thompson, newly elected Cole County MO prosecutor

**MODERATOR:**

Bill Keller, editor, The Marshall Project

**BREAK**

11:15am-11:30am

**PANEL 2: American Violence**

11:30am-12:45 pm

*What do the figures tell us about the extent of violence in American society? A full exploration of the question looks at the many varieties of violence, from shootings and domestic abuse to violence against minorities and immigrants, and draws some lessons journalists can use in covering the issue.*

**SPEAKERS**

Al Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University

Janet Lauritsen, Univ of Missouri-St. Louis

Rick Rosenfeld, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Frank Straub, Police Foundation

**MODERATOR:**

Steve Handelman, director, CMCI/John Jay

**LUNCH***Fellows and Invited Guests Only*

1:00pm-2:00 pm

Criminal Justice Coverage: The Year in Review

Presented by Ted Gest, *Criminal Justice Journalists***PANEL 3: Gun Violence in America**

2:00pm-3:15 pm

*Mass shootings in schools and other public places have been prominent in the headlines over the past year, and while there is a debate about whether such shootings pose a growing threat, gun violence –particularly access to guns remains a central focus of concern and some have defined it as a public health epidemic. What does current research and practice tell us about strategies for reducing it?*

#### **SPEAKERS**

Jocelyn Fontaine, *Urban Institute*

James Fox, *Northeastern University*

Daniel Isom, *former St. Louis Police Chief*

#### **MODERATOR:**

Ann Givens, *The Trace*

### **PANEL 4: IS HATE CRIME TERRORISM?**

3:15pm—4:15 pm

*Increasing violence directed at ethnic and religious groups by extremist groups, particularly in the so-called alt.right, has been one of the most troubling developments of 2018. Would treating the perpetrators as domestic terrorists make it easier for the federal government to counter the trend?*

#### **SPEAKERS**

The Hon. Henry T. Wingate, *Southern District of Mississippi*

Karen Greenberg, *Center on National Security, Fordham Law*

Faiza Patel, *Liberty and National Security Program, NYU Brenner Center*

George Selim, *Senior VP, Anti-Defamation League*

#### **MODERATOR:**

Peter Romaniuk, *John Jay Center on Terrorism*

#### **BREAK**

4:15PM-4:30PM

### **PANEL 5 PREVENTING VIOLENCE: WHAT WORKS? WHAT DOESN'T?**

4:30PM-5:30PM

*Strategies for intervening and preventing violence are now high on the national agenda. What do research and best practices tell us about how successful they are?*

Stephanie Ueberall, *director, Violence Prevention Programs, NYC Citizens Crime Commission*

Igor Volsky, *Guns Down, Wash DC*

Daniel Webster, *Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy & Research*

#### **Moderator**

Mark Obbie, *freelance author, editor, The Crime Report*

### **FELLOWS WRAP SESSION**

5:30-6:30PM

### **TRAILBLAZER DINNER**

7pm-9pm

## DAY 2 Feb 22

All sessions at 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, John Jay

### Continental Breakfast

Lobby, main campus, 524 W. 59<sup>th</sup> St.

8:30am-900 am

### PANEL 6 HOLISTIC DEFENSE

9:00-10:30 AM

*Public defenders are now being asked to do more than just keep their poor clients out of jail. In some cases, they are aiming to ensure that the health or family issues that put many of them in contact with the law can be incorporated into treating them justly. The concept is known as 'holistic defense.'*

#### SPEAKERS:

Rick Jones, *exec director, Neighborhood Defender Services, Harlem NY*

Issa Kohler-Hausmann, *Yale Law School, author 'Misdemeanorland'*

Tom Reed, *director, Milwaukee Public Defenders office*

#### MODERATOR:

Paul Heaton, *Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice*

### BREAK

10:30am-10:45 am

### PANEL 7: Forgotten But Still Not Forgiven: America's Community Supervision Challenge

10:45am-12:00

#### SPEAKERS:

Topeka Sam, *Ladies of Hope Ministries*

Brian Lovins, *Asst Dir Harris County (Texas) Community Supervision Services*

Vincent Schiraldi, *Columbia University Labs, Former NYC Probation commissioner*

Connie Utada, *Pew Public Safety Performance Project*

#### MODERATOR:

Mark Obbie, *freelance author, editor, The Crime Report*

### WORKING LUNCH

Venue-TBA

12:00 pm-130 pm

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Hon. Gurbir S. Grewal, *Attorney General, New Jersey*

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## **PANEL 7: Tackling the Opioid Epidemic: Pre-Arrest Diversion and the Justice System**

1:30pm-3:00pm

*Partnerships between police and drug treatment providers have already made significant headway in developing non-punitive means of addressing substance-abusers in some parts of the country. [The panel will examine how new strategies of "deflection" and pre-arrest diversion have eliminated some of the traditional tensions between law enforcement and behavioral health specialists---and explore how such strategies can address other public health challenges faced by communities.]*

### **SPEAKERS**

Leslie Balonick, *Consultant, Justice & Behavioral Health, Balonick & Associates, Inc.*

Frank Cousins, *retired sheriff, Essex County, MA*

Jac Charlier, *executive director, TASC Center for Health and Justice*

**MODERATOR:** Aviva Kurash, *International Association of Chiefs of Police.*

## **WORKSHOP (FOR FELLOWS & INVITED GUESTS ONLY)**

### **Story Lab Reporters Workshop 1: Covering Bail, Jail & Pretrial Issues**

3:00 pm-4:00 pm

*How journalists cover the increasingly complex and controversial area of bail reform is a critical factor in developing informed debate over pretrial issues. The roundtable will explore some of the legal issues and context reporters need to know when examining the question of pretrial justice.*

The Hon. Truman Morrison, *DC Superior Court*

Additional Speaker (**TBD**)

### **FACILITATOR**

Mark Obbie, *The Crime Report*

### **\* FINAL WRAP (with Fellows)**

4:00pm-5:30 pm

**FACILITATORS:** Joe Domanick + CMJ staff