14th Annual Harry Frank Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America

VIOLENCE IN AMERICA: Myth and Reality

Feb 21-22, 2018
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 9th FLOOR conference room, John Jay College

Continental Breakfast
Lobby, 524 W. 59th 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
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, CM CJ/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 9th floor conference room, John Jay

Contintental Breakfast
Lobby, main campus, 524 W. 59th St.
8:30am-9:00 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-1:30 pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
The Hon. Gurbir S. Grewal, Attorney General, New Jersey
(Fellows & invited guests only. Public seating available on first come-first serve basis. Reserve through Ricardo Martinez at rmartinez@jjay.cuny.edu)

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
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 favor 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 + CMCJ staff