15th Annual John Jay/Harry Frank Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America

Is America Ready for Prison Reform?

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The John Jay College Center on Media, Crime and Justice, the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, the Pew Public Safety Performance Project of Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice

February 20-21, 2020

WORKING AGENDA

All speakers subject to change. Unconfirmed speakers marked in red
Day One: Thursday, Feb 20

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
Journalists, Guests, Speakers

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.  Welcome

Yi Li, Provost, John Jay College
Dan Wilhelm, President, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
Stephen Handelman, Director, Center on Media Crime and Justice at John Jay College (CMCJ)

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.  Opening Keynote:

Leann Bertsch
Chief, North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  Session 1
Discussion of Keynote: Can We Change the Culture of Incarceration?

Stanley Richards, Vice President, Fortune Society
Nick Turner, President, Vera Institute of Justice

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

11:00 a.m.-11:15 noon  BREAK

11:15 a.m.-12 noon  Session 2
Is America Ready for Reform?

Albert Reed, Social justice commentator, poet, former “lifer”
Jhody Polk, Founder, Florida Council for Incarcerated Women and Girls

Moderator: Katti Gray, Contributing Editor, The Crime Report
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Conversation: Life After Prison
Jeremiah Bourgeois, Columnist, The Crime Report

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Session 3
Who’s in Prison & Why?

Al Blumstein, J. Erik Jonsson University Professor of Urban Systems and Operations Research, Carnegie Mellon University
Richard Rosenfeld, Founders Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri - St. Louis
Thaddeus Johnson, Ph.D. Candidate, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University

Moderator: Stephen Handelman, Director CMCJ

2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Session 4
Reimagining Confinement: What Should a 21st Century Prison Look Like?

Michele Deitch, Senior Lecturer, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas-Austin
Marirosa Lamas, Superintendent, Chester State Correctional Institution, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
Jeff Mansfield, Design Director, Mass Design Group/ Restorative Justice Design Lab

Moderator: Mark Obbie, Contributing Editor, The Crime Report

4:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Session 5
Incarceration and Innovation: Creating “Humane” Prisons

Brian Dawe, National Director, COPTSD156 Coalition
Scott Erfe, Former Warden, Cheshire (CT) Correctional Institution, Director TRUE pilot project
Nancy LaVigne, Vice President for Justice Policy, Urban Institute
Jeremiah Mosteller, Criminal Justice Policy Liaison, Koch Institute
MODERATOR: Sebastian Johnson, Criminal Justice Manager, Arnold Ventures

Day Two: Friday, February 21

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Session 6
Reentry Ready? The Politics of Reform

Sen. Brian Benjamin, President Pro Tem, New York State Senate
Lamont Carey, Acting Executive Director, Mayor’s Office on Returning Citizen Affairs, Washington, DC
Rhett Covington, Assistant Secretary, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Vikrant Reddy, Senior Research Fellow, Charles Koch Institute

Moderator: Lawrence Bartley, Editor “Inside,” The Marshall Project

10:30 a.m.-10:45 am. BREAK

10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Session 7
Transforming the Culture of Community Supervision

Barbara Broderick, Former Chief Probation Officer, Maricopa County, Arizona
Tara Cobbins, Leader, Katal Center, Albany NY
Wes Huddleston, Vice President for Business Development, Nexus/SCRAM Systems
Vincent Schiraldi, Co-Founder, Justice Lab, Columbia University

Moderator: Michael Williams, Senior Manager for Adult Policy and Research, Pew Public Safety Performance Project,

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Luncheon Keynote
The Hon. James McGreevey, Chair, New Jersey Reentry Commission

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Session 8

The Fallible Detective
Changing Perspectives on Wrongful Arrests and Police Misconduct

Kim Rossmo, University Endowed Chair in Criminology and Director of the Center for Geospatial Intelligence and Investigation, Texas State University

Peter Moskos, Associate Professor, Department of Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College

Moderator: John Hollway, Director, Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice

3:00 pm-4:00 p.m.

REPORTERS’ NETWORKING SESSIONS

Quattrone Fellows

Guggenheim Fellows

4:00 pm-5:00 p.m

SESSION 9 STORY LAB

The Media and Facial Recognition Technology

Clare Garvie, Fellow, Georgetown University Center on Privacy and Technology

5:00 p.m.-5:30pm

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