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(In Alphabetical Order)

Carol Abrams

Carol Abrams is senior communications associate at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a national philanthropy focused on brighter futures for children. She directs the communications strategy to spur juvenile justice reform among decision makers, influencers and the wider public. She earned her BA cum laude from Yale and MS in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee. She lives outside of Washington, D.C.

Nate Balis

Nate Balis is director of the Juvenile Justice Strategy Group at the Annie E. Casey Foundation. His interests span the youth justice agenda, including reforms at the front end and deep ends of the system, probation transformation and ending the youth prison model. Balis leads JDAI®, a network of juvenile justice practitioners across the country. As director, Balis created JDAIconnect, an online community for mutual support, learning and resources to accelerate youth justice reform across and beyond the JDAI network. Prior to joining Casey, Balis was the Research and Evaluation Manager for Washington, D.C.’s Department of Rehabilitation Services. A native of Maryland, Balis earned a master’s degree in public policy from Georgetown and a bachelor’s degree in sociology and government from Franklin & Marshall College.

Hernán Carvente-Martinez

Hernán Carvente-Martinez is a Chicano social entrepreneur, community organizer, and leader in the fight to end youth incarceration. Currently, he works as the National Youth Partnership Strategist at the Youth First Initiative, a national campaign focused on closing youth prisons and reinvesting that money into community alternatives. Hernán is also the Founder & CEO of Healing Ninjas, a health and wellness company using tech to build and deepen community between people healing journeys. He is an advisor to the Credible Messenger Justice Center, serves on the board of Community Connection for Youth, and is a grant-making committee member for the New Youth Program of the Prospect Hill Foundation. Previously, he worked as a Program
Analyst at the Vera Institute of Justice, where he worked to ensure that youth and families were included in statewide policy reform efforts around the country. He was awarded the “Spirit of Youth Award” by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the “Next Generation Champion for Change” award by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. He has a B.S. from John Jay College.

Joe Domanick

Joe Domanick, Associate Director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice and West Coast Bureau Chief of The Crime Report, has served as journalism coordinator for the Center on Media Justice Juvenile Justice Reporting Fellowships since their inception in 2012. His most recent 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). From 1999-2012 he taught journalism at the School of Journalism at USC Annenberg’s School for Communication. Based in Los Angeles, Domanick holds graduate degrees in social science from Hunter College CUNY; in sociology/education from Columbia University; and in broadcast journalism from the USC Annenberg School. Before becoming a journalist, Domanick worked for 13 years as a public school teacher in the South Bronx and in Los Angeles.

Stephen Handelman

Stephen Handelman is director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice and editor-in-chief of The Crime Report. He is a prize-winning former columnist, foreign correspondent and senior writer/columnist for TIME magazine and The Toronto Star. He is author of “Comrade Criminal: Russia’s New Mafiya,” the first account of the rise of organized crime in post-Soviet Russia. In a follow-up book, “Biohazard,” he unraveled the Soviet bio-weapons program. Handelman is a frequent commentator and lecturer on criminal justice issues, transnational crime and organized crime; and has trained investigative journalists in Eastern Europe, Russia and Latin America. Handelman earned his master’s in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University. He is a member of the board of communications alumni of the City College of New York, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, and the Council on Foreign Relations.
Galit Lipa

Galit is a program director at Public Welfare Foundation, where she oversees the Foundation’s national juvenile justice work and directs criminal and juvenile justice grantmaking. Before joining the Foundation, Galit was a supervising attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. Previously, Galit was one of the original lawyers at the Three Strikes Project at Stanford Law School where she engaged in a multi-pronged campaign to end California’s punitive three strikes law. Galit concluded her time at Stanford by serving as Director of the law school’s Criminal Defense Clinic. Galit started her career as a lawyer at Georgetown University Law Center’s Prettyman Fellowship Program. She earned her B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, her J.D. from Yale Law School, and an L.L.M. from Georgetown University Law Center.

Iliana Pujols

As the current Director of Community Connections at the CT Juvenile Justice Alliance, Iliana Pujols serves as a powerful Latina youth justice advocate. Iliana is a 2017-2019 Youth First Initiative's Youth Leaders Network Alum, a 2019 CT Public Allies Justice Fellow Alum, and is currently a member of the Annie E Casey Foundation’s Youth Advisory Council. She is a frequent panelist for national organizations, speaking to her expertise around youth and young adult partnership and advocacy.

Emily Tow

Emily Tow is president of The Tow Foundation, a private family foundation. She joined the Foundation’s Board of Directors at its inception in 1988 and has led the organization since 1995. Under Emily’s leadership, the Foundation has developed and advanced its vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to enjoy a high quality of life and have a voice in their community. Emily oversees the strategic direction of the Foundation through cultivating its collaborative efforts, shaping major initiatives and setting long-term objectives. Emily is currently a trustee of New York Public Radio. She was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the New York State Juvenile
Justice Advisory Group and also serves on the Advisory Committee of the American Theatre Wing. She is also an active member of Grantmakers for Effective Organizations and Exponent Philanthropy, former chair of Philanthropy New York, and a former trustee of Barnard College. Emily speaks nationally and internationally about the Foundation’s work, its commitment to advocacy as a key to achieving social change and the value of family philanthropy. Emily earned her B.A. in History from Barnard College. She received an honorary Doctor of Criminal Justice degree from University of New Haven in 2017.

Tyler Williams

Tyler Williams is a community organizer with Progeny. He was born and raised in Cashion, Oklahoma and moved to Geary County, Kansas when he was 11 years old. He went into the Kansas Juvenile Justice system in July 2011 at the age of 13. He was released from the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex in March 2017, and has lived in Wichita ever since, using his story to encourage juvenile justice reform in Kansas.

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Stephen Bishop

Stephen Bishop is a senior associate with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Stephen has a Master’s of Science in Administration of Justice and has worked in juvenile justice for more than two decades, starting as a juvenile probation officer and supervisor in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and then working for more than a decade at the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission. Steve currently manages the Foundation’s efforts to transform juvenile probation nationally, which includes oversight for grantmaking, site-based technical assistance, research studies and publications related to juvenile probation. Pennsylvania’s governor has appointed Steve to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency’s Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee and the PennSERVE Advisory Board, which provides oversight to Pennsylvania’s Job Corp programs. He is also co-chair of the state’s Racial and Ethnic Disparities
Subcommittee and a past president of the Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections.

**Samantha Harvell**

*Samantha Harvell,* Ph.D., M.P.P. is a principal policy associate at the Urban Institute. She’s a developmental psychologist with more than 15 years of experience bridging research, policy and practice in juvenile and criminal justice. She studies what works to prevent and reduce justice system involvement and translates findings into accessible, actionable guidance for policymakers and practitioners. Sam has deep expertise in justice reinvestment and funding strategies to support community-based justice solutions. Prior to Urban, Sam was a research manager with The Pew Charitable Trusts where she managed research projects analyzing criminal and juvenile corrections trends and helped conceptualize and launch Pew’s juvenile justice initiative. Sam previously worked on education, early childhood, and juvenile justice policy at First Focus, a cross-sector advocacy organization, and as a congressional fellow in the Office of former US Senator Jeff Bingaman. She holds a Ph.D. in developmental psychology and an M.P.P. from Georgetown University and a B.A. in psychology from the University of Virginia.

**Stephen B. Kang**

*Stephen B. Kang* has worked as an Equal Justice Works Fellow, then a Detention Attorney, at IRP since 2013. Stephen’s practice focuses on the rights of noncitizens—including children, families, and individuals with mental disabilities—subject to detention and deportation. His significant cases include: *Ms. L. v. ICE*, the ACLU’s case challenging the government’s practice of separating asylum-seeking children from their parents at border, *C.J.L.G. v. Barr*, which recognized the rights of children to critical procedural protections in their immigration cases, *Saravia v. Sessions*, which opposed the unlawful arrest and detention of juveniles based on flawed or unfounded gang allegations, *Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder*, a landmark case that established the rights of detained noncitizens with severe mental disabilities to appointed counsel, and *Duchitanga v. Lloyd*, challenging widespread and severe delays in release of children in government custody due to fingerprinting backlogs. Stephen graduated from New York University School of Law in 2011 and clerked for the Hon. Kermit V. Lipez of the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Hon Margaret M. Morrow (ret.) of the U.S. District Court.
for the Central District of California. Before law school, Stephen worked for civil rights and social services organizations in New York City, and earned his A.B. from Amherst College.

Marcy Mistrett

As CEO at the Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ), Marcy Mistrett led this national initiative to an astounding win. Created to end the prosecution, sentencing and incarceration of youth (under 18) in the adult criminal justice system, CFYJ dropped the number of youth in the adult system by more than 70%. More than 100 laws were passed by 40 states and DC, making it more difficult to treat children as if they were adults. Trained in social work, Marcy began her career working in legal aid with court-involved youth, with a focus on youth tried as adults. In her first local leadership position, Marcy became the founding Director of the D.C. Posse Foundation, a national college success and youth leadership program. Marcy also was appointed to the D.C. Juvenile Justice Advisory Group from 2000-2006; was an Open Society New Executive Fellow (2015), and recently won the Board Leadership award at the National Network for Returning Citizens (2019). She earned her B.A. from American University and her A.M. in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago.

David Muhammad

David Muhammad is a leader in the fields of criminal justice, violence prevention, and youth development. Muhammad is executive director of the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR), which works to transform the juvenile and criminal justice systems. David has worked to implement positive youth development into youth justice systems around the country and was the primary author of NICJR’s seminal report – A Positive Youth Justice System. He has provided technical assistance and training for numerous probation departments throughout the country. NICJR is currently serving as a technical assistance provider to the City and County of San Francisco, working to reform its juvenile justice system and close its juvenile detention center. As a leader and consultant in the Ceasefire Gun Violence Reduction Strategy in Oakland and Stockton, Ca., Portland, Ore., and Indianapolis, he helped lead a partnership that achieved a 50% reduction in shootings and homicides in Oakland. He has been the federal court appointed monitor overseeing reforms in the Illinois juvenile justice system. Earlier, he served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Probation in New York City, and as Chief of Committed Services for Washington, DC’s, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS).
**Dominique D. Nong**

*Dominique D. Nong* is director of Youth Justice Policy at Children’s Defense Fund – California. Based in Los Angeles, Before joining CDF-CA, Dominique worked as an assistant public defender in the Baltimore City Juvenile Court Division of the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. Previously, as a Kenneth & Harle Montgomery Foundation Clinical Fellow in Northwestern Law School’s Bluhm Legal Clinic, Dominique co-taught a juvenile and criminal defense clinic before creating the Pretrial Representation and Corrections Policy Project. Previously, she was a staff attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center, where she engaged in litigation, legislative, community mobilization, government collaboration, and public education strategies to limit the transfer of youth to the adult criminal justice system, challenge the role and actions of police officers in schools, reform conditions of confinement in juvenile prisons, and address inadequate provision of special education services in urban school systems. She earned her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where she worked for two years in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Project of the Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, and earned the Clinical Education Program award in 2009. She graduated from Harvard College with honors and a Spanish language citation in 2005.

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