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In alphabetical order
Richard M. Aborn

Richard M. Aborn is president of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City. Under Richard’s leadership, the commission has been instrumental in passage of several laws in New York including legislation to expand the use of DNA evidence to convict the guilty and exonerate the innocent, and a comprehensive gun violence reduction package, known as the NY SAFE Act. He also brought the NYPD and FBI together to establish a first-of-its-kind joint strike force tasked with preventing two of the fastest-growing crimes in the city: identity and high-end electronics thefts. Aborn began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney’s office. While serving as president of Handgun Control, Inc. from 1992 to 1996, he was one of the principal strategists behind the passage of the landmark Brady Bill mandating background checks on firearm purchasers and legislation banning assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines. In addition to his work at the Crime Commission, Aborn serves as president of CAAS LLC, which advises police departments, criminal justice agencies, corporations and other organizations in the United States, Latin America and Europe on criminal justice policy, violence reduction and Rule of Law issues. He is also one of the managing partners of the international law firm Constantine Cannon and serves on the Board of Directors of several non-profit organizations.

Margie Balfour

Margie Balfour, MD, Ph.D., is a psychiatrist and national leader in quality improvement and behavioral health crisis services. She is the Chief of Quality and Clinical Innovation at Connections Health Solutions, which provides 24/7 access to mental health and substance use care throughout Arizona, and an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Arizona. Dr. Balfour was named the Doctor of the Year by the National Council for Behavioral Health for her work at the Crisis Response Center in Tucson and received the Tucson Police Department’s medal of honor for her efforts to help law enforcement better serve the mentally ill population. She is a co-author of the book People with Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System: Answering a Cry for Help and has served on the board of directors of the American Association of Community Psychiatrists, The American Association for Emergency Psychiatry, and NAMI Southern Arizona. She received a BA in Biology at Johns Hopkins University, her MD and PhD in Neuroscience from the University of
Cincinnati, and completed residency and fellowship in Public Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

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, headquartered at the Heinz College.

Marissa Bluestine

Marissa Boyers Bluestine is an Assistant Director of the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Bluestine joined the Quattrone Center after a decade leading the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, a non-profit dedicated to securing exoneration for individuals wrongfully convicted of crimes. As Legal Director and then Executive Director, she built the organization into a statewide leader in criminal justice reform, spearheading successful efforts to reverse 14 wrongful convictions during her tenure. Under her leadership, the organization also worked with law enforcement throughout Pennsylvania to promote evidence-based techniques to prevent wrongful convictions. Bluestine has repeatedly been recognized for her important work, receiving the Andrew Hamilton Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Woman of Distinction Award from the Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer. At the
Quattrone Center, Bluestine focuses her time working with prosecutor offices around the country in beginning or revamping conviction review units.

Chesa Boudin

Chesa Boudin was elected District Attorney of San Francisco in January 2020. Personally impacted by parental incarceration and the failings of the criminal justice system, DA Boudin is focused on reforming the criminal justice system and making our communities safer by developing data-driven policies to expand alternatives to incarceration and treat the root causes of crime. In his first few months in office, DA Boudin ended the office's practice of asking for cash bail, eliminated status enhancements, implemented California's first diversion program for primary caregivers, and ended the prosecution of charges resulting from racist pre-textual traffic stops. He remains committed to additional reforms that promote justice and protect public safety.

RaShall M. Brackney

Prior to her appointment as the Chief of Police in Charlottesville, Virginia, RaShall M. Brackney, Ph.D., retired after 30-years with Pittsburgh Bureau of Police. Additionally, she served as the Chief of Police for the George Washington University. Dr. Brackney is a recognized expert in the areas of harm reduction, procedural and restorative justice practices, and community-police relations. Additionally, as a result of her work in social and racial justice, Dr. Brackney was granted a fellowship to Carnegie-Mellon University’s Institute for Politics and Strategy where she specializes in the influence of race on politics and policy. Dr. Brackney earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Carnegie-Mellon University and a Ph.D. from Robert Morris University. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; the United States Secret Service Dignitary Protection course in Washington, D.C., and Leadership Pittsburgh XIX.
William J. Bratton

Bill Bratton, Executive Chairman of Teneo Risk, is one of the world’s most respected and trusted experts on risk and security issues. During a 46-year career in law enforcement, he instituted progressive change and achieved dramatic decreases in crime while leading six police departments, including seven years as Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department and two nonconsecutive terms as Police Commissioner of the City of New York. He is the only person to lead the police agencies of America’s two largest cities. Police Commissioner Bratton was named by Security magazine as one of 2010’s most influential people in the security industry. In 2009, for his collaborative efforts working with U.S. and British police forces, he was recognized by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with the honorary title Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE). A noted author, commentator and consultant, Police Commissioner Bratton has twice served as president of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and in 2009 served as president of the Major Cities Chiefs Association. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Secretary of Homeland Security’s Advisory Council. He has co-authored two books, Turnaround with Peter Knobler and Collaborate or Perish with Zachary Tumin. He is currently working on an untitled memoir of his career for Random House, to be published in 2021.

John T. Chisholm

John T. Chisholm has been Milwaukee County District Attorney since 2007. His achievements include a nationally recognized Community Prosecution program, a Child Protection Advocacy Unit, a Public Integrity Unit to focus on public corruption matters and a Witness Protection Unit to thwart attempts to intimidate victims and witnesses of crime. He helped start the drug treatment court and participated in Milwaukee County’s selection as a seed site for the National Institute of Corrections’ Evidence Based Decision Making framework. John, an Army veteran, worked with the Veterans’ Administration and collaborative partners to establish resources for veterans who encounter the criminal justice system in Milwaukee County, resulting in the opening of the Veterans Treatment Initiative and Treatment Court. He is past chair of the Milwaukee County Community Justice Council and currently chairs the Washington DC-based Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. John is a graduate of Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin Law School.
Jerry L. Clayton

Jerry L. Clayton is a 30-year Public Safety Services professional, currently serving his third term as the Sheriff of Washtenaw County. Sheriff Clayton leads an organization of approximately 420 staff, serving a population of over 358,000, covering a 720-square mile geographical area. During his career with the Sheriff’s Office, Jerry served as a front-line Corrections Officer, Deputy Sheriff and command officer. He was also appointed to the following executive positions; Corrections Commander, Police Services Commander and SWAT Team Commander).

Marshall Clement

Marshall Clement is deputy director of the Council of State Governments Justice Center, where he provides strategic leadership across the breadth of the CSG Justice Center’s policy and programmatic work to increase public safety and strengthen communities. Previously, Marshall led the growth and evolution of the Justice Reinvestment program, which assists policymakers seeking to reduce spending on corrections and reinvest these savings in strategies that lower recidivism rates and increase public safety. As part of this process, Marshall coordinated the work of a team of policy analysts and national experts to analyze corrections data and policy and develop policy options for policymakers in 27 states. He regularly facilitated meetings among judicial and state agency officials and testified before legislative committees in various states across the country; his findings have been used to inform policy initiatives that have enjoyed overwhelming bipartisan support.
Darcy Covert

Darcy Covert is a Staff Attorney at the King County Department of Public Defense in Seattle, Washington. She has also spent time at the San Francisco Public Defender’s Office and the Office of the Colorado State Public Defender. Her research lies at the intersection of criminal law and institutional power. Darcy has a B.S. in Quantitative Economics from Tufts University and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

Reagan Daly

Reagan Daly is the Research Director at the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance, where she develops and oversees a broad portfolio of research projects in criminal justice and other public policy areas, and manages the Institute’s growing research department. Prior to joining the Institute, she served as the Assistant Commissioner for Research and Planning at the New York City Department of Probation (DOP), where she helped advance data-driven decision-making by providing research and analytic support to departments and units across the agency. Prior to DOP, Reagan was an Associate Director at the Vera Institute of Justice, where she oversaw, among other projects, a two-year mixed methods research study of parole study of parole violations for the New York State Division of Parole and an evaluation of New York City’s first Social Impact Bond Initiative. Reagan received her Ph.D. in criminology from the University of Pennsylvania.
Alex del Carmen

Alex del Carmen, Ph.D, is considered an authority on the topic of race and crime with particular emphasis on racial profiling in law enforcement. Dr. del Carmen has trained thousands of police officers including all of the Texas Police Chiefs since 2001. In addition, he is responsible for creating the Texas racial profiling statistical template widely used by law enforcement agencies throughout the state. A Professor and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts and the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Strategic Studies at Tarleton State University, he has also been appointed as a Fulbright Specialist by the United States Department of State. He has served as a Federal Monitor for two of the most significant police reform cases in the United States. Currently, he is serving as a Special Master for the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, on the Puerto Rico Police reform case.

Steve Fletcher

Steve Fletcher was elected to the Minneapolis City Council for Ward 3 in 2017, winning a four-way race for an open seat. As Vice Chair of the City Council’s public safety and budget committees, Steve has led efforts to develop and implement non-police public safety strategies, including alternative responses to calls for service that don’t require armed officers and the creation and funding of an Office of Violence Prevention. He is co-author of a city charter amendment proposal to replace the city’s Police Department with a broader, more flexible Department of Public Safety that could better support a diverse array of services. A former technology professional, researcher, and community organizer, Steve was the founding executive director of MN Neighborhoods Organizing for Change – a local grassroots movement-building hub, and he also served as Executive Director of Minnesota 2020, a progressive think tank that helped to raise the state's minimum wage. His consulting firm, founded in 2014, provided technical, communications, and strategic campaign guidance to a range of business, non-profit, and union clients. A proud graduate of the University of Minnesota, Fletcher went on to earn a Masters at New York University.
Edgardo Garcia

Edgardo (Eddie) Garcia is the 30th police chief of the Dallas Police Department and is the first Latino to serve in this position in the Department’s 140-year history. He was appointed in 2021 to command the ninth largest police department in the country. Originally from Puerto Rico, Chief Garcia’s energetic hands-on leadership style, along with 21st Century Policing practices, has taken the criminal elements off the streets in an unbiased way and reduced crime while maintaining the support of his troops. Prior to his appointment as Dallas Chief, Garcia served as the Chief of Police for the San Jose Police Department, where he spent 29 years, moving up the ranks from officer to patrol sergeant, night detective and homicide investigator and eventually chief in 2016. Chief Garcia earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute and University. During Chief Garcia’s tenure, several policies, procedures, and initiatives were implemented which helped build community trust, increased transparency, as well as embraced fair and impartial constitutional policing while maintaining police proactivity. Among his programming successes, the department implemented basic Spanish in the police academy, Read to Succeed Program, launched a Spanish language Facebook page and significantly increased minority recruiting.

Brandon Garrett

Brandon L. Garrett is the L. Neil Williams Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law, where he has taught since 2018. Garrett is the founder and Director of the Wilson Center for Science and Justice at Duke. He was previously the Justice Thurgood Marshall Distinguished Professor of Law and White Burkett Miller Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Virginia School of Law. His research and teaching interests include criminal procedure, wrongful convictions, habeas corpus, corporate crime, scientific evidence, civil rights, and constitutional law. Garrett’s work, including six books, has been widely cited by courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, lower federal courts, state supreme courts, and courts in other countries. Garrett attended Columbia Law School, where he was an articles editor of the Columbia Law Review and a Kent Scholar. After graduating, he clerked for the Hon. Pierre N. Leval of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He then worked as an associate at Neufeld, Scheck & Brustin LLP in New York City. Garrett is on the leadership team of the Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic
Science (CSAFE). Beginning in 2019, Garrett serves as the court-appointed monitor for the federal misdemeanor bail reform consent decree in Harris County, Texas.

Adam Gelb

Adam Gelb, president and CEO of the Council on Criminal Justice, has been working for a more just and effective criminal justice system throughout a 32-year career as a journalist, congressional aide, senior state government official, and nonprofit executive. Before launching the Council, Gelb led the Pew Charitable Trusts’ criminal justice work, helping 35 states adopt sentencing and corrections reforms. He has staffed the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, led development of public safety initiatives for governors in Georgia and Maryland, and covered crime as a reporter in Atlanta.

Beverly Hauber

Beverly Hauber is the District Defender of the St. Louis County Public Defender’s office in Clayton, Missouri. The office consists of 22 dedicated attorneys who represent thousands of indigent clients every year. Since the summer of 2018, Beverly and her team have been zealously advocating for their clients in the weekly MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Jail Population Review Team. Beverly is a graduate of Boston University and The University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law.
John F. Hollway

John F. Hollway is Associate Dean and Executive Director of the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. The Quattrone Center is a national research and policy hub created to catalyze long-term structural improvements to the US criminal justice system. Hollway is the author of *Killing Time: An 18-Year Odyssey from Death Row to Freedom*, which covered the case of John Thompson, a Louisiana Death Row inmate who was exonerated and freed after 18 years in prison. Hollway graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992, and received his JD with honors from the George Washington University Law School.

Thaddeus L. Johnson

Thaddeus L. Johnson, Ph.D., a former ranking law enforcement official in Memphis, TN, is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Criminology at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. His current research focuses on police policy and innovations, urban violence, crime control, and racially disparate justice outcomes. In addition to having his research featured in national media outlets, he has written on police reform issues for the popular press and appeared on numerous broadcast radio and TV news programs in the US and Europe. He is a fellow at the Council on Criminal Justice.
Sydney Kamlager

California Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles) is Chair of the Select Committee on Incarcerated Women, and also sits on the Assembly Public Safety Committee and Speaker Rendon’s Select Committee on Police Reform. In 2020, Kamlager passed AB 1950, the most transformative probation reform legislation in the country. Kamlager also serves on Governor Newsom’s Penal Code Revision Committee, which studies and recommends ways to simplify and rationalize the substance and procedure of criminal law in California. Born and raised in Chicago, Kamlager moved to Los Angeles to attend the University of Southern California where she earned a Bachelor’s degree in political science and joined Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She earned her Master’s degree in arts management and public policy from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Kamlager lives in View Park with her husband, Austin Dove, her two step-children, their dog, Kush and cat Kisi Whitepaws.

Chad Kasmar

Chad Kasmar, Assistant Chief of the Tucson Police Department, is a native of Tucson Arizona. He graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, married his wife Dawn, and began his career at the Tucson Police Department in August of 2000. Kasmar has held a variety of assignments throughout his career, to include patrol officer, bicycle officer, motor officer, hostage negotiator, Community Response Team, Street Crime Interdiction Unit, Office of Professional Standards, and Chief of Staff. He served as the Deputy to Chief Chris Magnus, a position he held for over four years. In January, Kasmar was assigned as the Interim Director of the Public Safety Communications Department. He attended the University of Arizona Eller College of Management Southwest Leadership Program, the Police Executive Research Forum Senior Management Institute for Police, and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives in State and Local Government program. Kasmar has two sons, Deegan (10) and Chase (17). He is an avid cyclist, general outdoor enthusiast, and enjoys spending time away from work in the family 5th wheel.
Jesse Kelley

Jesse Kelley is responsible for managing state-level campaigns with the Clean Slate Initiative, an organization focused on expanding and automating the criminal record clearing process. Before focusing on expungement policy issues, Jesse served as Government Affairs Manager for Criminal Justice & Civil Liberties at the R Street Institute where she advocated, researched, and drafted policy papers relating to policing reform, juvenile justice, reintegration, post-conviction life, and related topics. Jesse previously served as legislative counsel at the Marijuana Policy Project where she led the development and implementation of state advocacy initiatives and saw decriminalization and legalization successes across the country. Earlier in her career, Jesse worked as a criminal defense attorney in Alabama. She also worked with the Mississippi Innocence Project on post-conviction issues, specifically investigating cases where convictions relied heavily on forensic evidence. Jesse has a bachelor’s degree in English literature from Troy University and a JD from the University of Mississippi, with a concentration in international law from Cambridge University.

Miriam Krinsky

Miriam Aroni Krinsky is the Executive Director of Fair and Just Prosecution, a nonprofit that supports and interconnects recently elected leaders of prosecutors' offices committed to new thinking and innovation. Her career in public service, justice system reform and academia includes 15 years as a federal prosecutor -- both in Los Angeles and on a strike force in the Mid-Atlantic region. In 2012, Miriam served as the Executive Director of Los Angeles County’s Citizens’ Commission on Jail Violence. She has taught at the UCLA School of Public Policy and at Loyola and Southwestern Law Schools, served as a policy consultant on youth violence prevention, juvenile justice, and justice reform issues for The California Endowment and spent five years as the Executive Director of the Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles. She also served as President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission (serving as Commission President for three years), on the California Judicial Council and California State Bar Board of Trustees (by appointment of the California Supreme Court) and on the American Law Institute Sentencing Project Advisory group and the Principles of Policing Advisory Group.
Cristine Leonard

Christine Leonard has over 15 years of experience working in all three branches of the federal government - in addition to corporate and nonprofit experience. Currently, she is serving as a counsel with the Majority Staff on the Crime Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Previously, she was the director of the Office of Legislative Affairs for the U.S. Sentencing Commission. In 2015, she spearheaded the launch of the Coalition for Public Safety, an unprecedented alliance of progressive and conservative funders and national organizations working together on justice reform. Previously, Christine led the D.C. office of the Vera Institute for Justice. During the Obama Administration, she directed the Legislative Affairs Office for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Earlier in her career, Christine served on Capitol Hill on the staff of the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy as well as Congressmen Delahunt and McGovern.

David J. Mahoney

David Mahoney is currently serving his fourth term as Dane County (Wisconsin) Sheriff. A professional law enforcement officer for 41 years, David is recognized as a progressive law enforcement executive who has spent the past eight years moving the sheriff’s office from a rules-based organization to a values-based organization which emphasizes participatory management by his staff. He currently serves as President of the National Sheriff’s Association, and has represented the association on numerous committees, including the White House Committee on Labor/Management relations; the White House committee to study Police Body Cameras; Law Enforcement Executive Exchange programs with Israel in 2011, 2013 and 2014; and the National Sheriff’s Association Committee’s on Global Affairs, Domestic Violence and Training/Leadership.
Chad Marlow

Chad Marlow is a senior advocacy and policy counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union, where he principally focuses on privacy, surveillance, and technology issues. His work on issues ranging from net neutrality and police body cameras to government surveillance and student privacy has been a frequent subject of national and international media coverage. He is the author of eighteen ACLU model bills, has published dozens of ACLU blogs and op-eds, and directs both the ACLU’s nationwide #TakeCTRL and Community Control Over Police Surveillance (CCOPS) campaigns. Marlow holds a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and a B.A. in Government from Connecticut College.

Cynthia Miller-Idriss

Cynthia Miller-Idriss, Ph.D. is a professor at the American University in Washington, DC, where she directs the Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL) in the Center for University Excellence (CUE). She has testified before the U.S. Congress, has briefed the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, and frequently serves as a keynote speaker and expert panelist on trends in white supremacist and far-right extremism to global academic and policy communities. She appears regularly in the media as an expert source and political commentator, including recent appearances on CNN with Fareed Zakaria, PBS News Hour, MSNBC Hardball with Chris Matthews, The Today Show, and Good Morning America as well as in global media outlets in over a dozen countries. Her most recent book is Hate in the Homeland: The New Global Far Right (Princeton University Press, 2020).
Vincent Montague

Sgt. Vincent Montague is the current President of the Black Shield Police Association in Cleveland, where he focuses on the recruitment and development police officers from diverse backgrounds, while ensuring the needs of the membership and Cleveland Police Department are addressed fair and equitably. A 12-year veteran of the Cleveland police force, Sgt. Montague obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Tuskegee University, and has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Walden University. He is a member of NOBLE, the National Black Police Association (NBPA), National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers (NABLEO), the Phi Alpha Alpha Honor Society, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Ecclesiastics Lodge #120. In his spare time, Vincent enjoys spending time with family, including his wife and two sons.

Mark Obbie

Mark Obbie is a freelance journalist whose work focuses on crime victims, violence prevention, policing, and criminal justice policy. His work has been published in The Atlantic, Longreads, The New York Times, Slate, The Trace, and many other publications. He is also the criminal justice specialist for Solutions Journalism Network, a contributor to The Crime Report, and a board member of Criminal Justice Journalists. He is the former executive editor of The American Lawyer magazine in New York, former editor of Texas Lawyer, and a former daily newspaper reporter in Houston and Warren, Ohio, covering cops and courts. He taught magazine journalism at Syracuse University's Newhouse School, where he co-founded the Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media and founded the Carnegie Legal Reporting Program. He was a 2014-15 Soros Justice Media Fellow and holds a master's from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He is based in New York's Finger Lakes region, near Rochester, and tweets about criminal justice journalism at @MarkObbie.
Jim Palmer

Jim Palmer is the executive director of the Wisconsin Professional Police Association, a full-service labor organization that represents more than 10,000 members. In addition to serving as the organization’s chief executive, he is also the WPPA’s spokesperson, chief legal counsel, and chief lobbyist. Palmer currently serves on the governing boards for the National Association of Police Organizations, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Inc., and the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, among others. He was appointed to Gov. Tony Evers’ Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Policy Advisory Council in 2018, and he currently serves on the Wisconsin Assembly Speaker’s Task Force on Racial Disparities.

Palmer is a frequent public speaker on a wide range of legal topics and public policy matters related to policing, as well as labor and employment law. His written commentaries have appeared in a variety of publications, including The San Francisco Chronicle, POLITICO Magazine, and The Crime Report.

Susan Radcliffe

Susan Radcliffe, LCSW-C, is a mental health clinician with the Dorchester County Health Department in Cambridge, Maryland. She provides mental health/trauma treatment to elementary aged students who have been impacted by incarceration, and facilitates programs for those who are incarcerated at the Dorchester County Detention Center. She earned a Master of Social Work degree from Yeshiva University in New York. She presents on the neuroscience of trauma to law enforcement and various justice related agencies. Susan received the 2019 Individual Innovations Award from the Maryland Department of Health for developing and implementing emotional trauma programs for the correctional officers and for those who are incarcerated.
Constance “Connie” Rice

Connie Rice, founder of the Advancement Project, is a lawyer, author and public intellectual renowned for fighting systemic injustice and advancing multiracial democracy. Her work has won over $10 billion in lawsuit damages and policy changes that expanded safety and opportunity for millions in poor neighborhoods of Los Angeles. Rice’s advocacy has earned over 50 major awards and prompted Los Angeles Magazine to call her “the voice for LA’s oppressed.” In her most important work outside of the courtroom, Rice galvanized the police, community and government to transform inner city policing and end a gang homicide epidemic. With former LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, who called Rice “the conscience of the City,” she pioneered the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), a UCLA-validated policing strategy that replaces mass incarceration enforcement with holistic guardian policing. In 2013, the Independent Sector awarded Rice the John W. Gardener Award for being “the indispensable architect of the transformation of…Los Angeles’ approach to both policing and to its longstanding gang epidemic.” President Barack Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing selected Rice as a member for her experience in transforming warrior policing. Rice grew up in the military, graduated from Harvard College in 1978 and attended NYU School of Law as a Root Tilden Scholar Her most prized credential, however, is earning her black belt in Tae Kwon Do from Suk Yung Chung.

Arthur Rizer

Arthur Rizer is the Vice President of Tech, Justice and Civil Liberties at the Lincoln Network. Before joining Lincoln, Arthur was founding director of the R Street Institute’s program on criminal justice and civil liberties. Arthur joined R Street in 2016, having previously served as an associate professor of law at West Virginia University’s College of Law and visiting professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center. Previously, Arthur served in the U.S. Department of Justice for nine years as a prosecutor and trial attorney. He served as a civilian police officer and in 2014 he retired from the U.S. Army NG as a Lieutenant Colonel after commanding a military police battalion. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and two Iraq Campaign medals. Arthur earned his Master of Laws, with distinction, from Georgetown University Law Center, and his JD, magna cum laude, from Gonzaga University School of Law. He also graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps’ Command Staff College. Currently, Arthur is pursuing his PhD with a focus on criminology at Oxford University.
Richard Rosenfeld

Richard Rosenfeld is the Curators' Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. His research focuses on crime trends and crime control policy. Dr. Rosenfeld is a Fellow and former President of the American Society of Criminology.

Terry Schuster

Terry Schuster is an attorney and criminal justice policy analyst. He manages a technical assistance team at The Pew Charitable Trusts that supported the bipartisan Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration, an effort that led to the passage of 20 jail reform bills in the state’s 2020 legislative session. He has also provided consultation and technical assistance on jail and prison reform efforts in Utah, Arkansas, Alaska, and Louisiana.

Tarra Simmons

Tarra Simmons, a Democrat, represents the 23rd District in the Washington state legislature, which includes East Bremerton, Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, and the north Kitsap Peninsula. Elected in November, 2020 as the first formerly incarcerated person to sit in her state legislature, Tarra is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and the Seattle University School of Law. A fierce advocate for formerly incarcerated people she is the co-founder and director of the Civil Survival Project. She serves on the Public Safety, Civil Rights & Judiciary, and Health Care & Wellness committees where she advocates for fairer and more equitable
Tonya R. Strozier

Tonya R. Strozier M.Ed. has served as a school administrator in Tucson for over 17 years in both the public and charter sectors. An educational consultant and school principal, Strozier drove improvements in low-performing schools, and is the founding president of the Tucson Alliance of Black School Educators. A member of the Mayor’s Racial Equity and Justice Advisory Council, her commitment to her community is evident in her work with the Tucson Police Department’s Sentinel Event Review Board (SERB). Strozier earned a BA from the University of Arizona in Family Studies, a Masters in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University, and is completing a Ph.D. in Psychology, Learning, and Technology at Grand Canyon University.

Stephen Tausend

Stephen Tausend serves as Legislative Director for Senator John Cornyn (R-TX). He manages all policy operations for the Senator, including his roles as Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Finance Subcommittee on International Trade, and the Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. Stephen previously served as Senior Counsel to Senator Cornyn on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he advised the Senator on immigration, border security, and criminal justice issues. He is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law (J.D.) and East Carolina University (B.A.), where he served as a team captain of the Track and Cross Country teams.
Tracy Velázquez

Tracy Velázquez leads research activities for Pew’s public safety performance project. Her team produces and publishes analyses of jail, community supervision, and juvenile justice systems, and provides ongoing research assistance to help achieve all of the project’s goals. Before joining Pew, Velázquez served in research and policy positions for several national and state criminal justice reform and health policy organizations and as a consultant to local, state, and federal governments. She holds a bachelor’s degree with honors in social studies from Harvard University, a master’s degree in justice, law, and criminology from American University, and a master of public administration from Montana State University.

Alex S. Vitale

Alex S. Vitale is an author and professor of sociology at Brooklyn College. He is also the coordinator of the Policing and Social Justice Project at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. His writing has appeared in the New York Times, The Nation, The Appeal, and other media outlets. Vitale is the author of The End of Policing (2017), which argues for the abolition of police. Originally from Houston, Texas, he received his Bachelor’s in Urban Anthropology from Hampshire College. From 1990-93, he served on the staff of the Coalition on Homelessness in San Francisco, where he directed civil rights policy for the organization. He also worked on health care programs and social services programs.

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, Wilhelm was a Senior Fellow at the Vera Institute of Justice, a nongovernmental 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 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. Wilhelm is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, Harvard Divinity School, and the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

Michael Williams

Michael Williams is a senior manager with Pew’s Public Safety Performance Project, which advances data-driven, fiscally sound policies and practices that protect public safety, ensure accountability, and control costs in the adult and juvenile justice systems. In this role, he oversees juvenile policy and leads the jail and community supervision portfolios, supporting justice reform efforts in several states, including Michigan, Arizona, Utah, and Pennsylvania. Before coming to Pew, Williams was the deputy associate director for operations at the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia, where he was responsible for overseeing risk assessment, supervision, and treatment operations. In his two-decade career in government, Williams developed numerous program and system enhancements to improve public safety in the District of Columbia. Williams holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and a master’s in public administration from American University.

Alysse Wurcel

Alysse Wurcel, M.D., is the infectious diseases liaison for the Massachusetts Sheriff’s Association and co-founder of the Covid Prison Project. She is an assistant professor of community medicine and public health at the Tufts University School of Medicine’s Department of Geographic Medicine and Infectious Diseases, where she also treats patients. Wurcel has been named to the Tufts Institute of Innovation Affiliates. She is the co-investigator of the Tufts REACTs (Responds to the Epidemic of hepatitis C Together) Study and primary investigator on a Bristol-Myers Squibb study in a clinical trial of HIV medication. She earned a doctor of medicine from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and a master’s degree in clinical research from Tuft’s Sacker School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences.
OUR TEAM

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. Steve earned his Masters 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.
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 LAPD 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*. From 1999-2012 he taught journalism at the School of Journalism at USC Annenberg’s School for Communication. Before becoming a journalist, Domanick worked for 13 years as a public school teacher in the South Bronx and in Los Angeles.

Christopher Graham

Christopher Graham is the producer of the CMCJ’s fall-winter series of programs on criminal justice. He serves as technology coordinator and web designer for the International Thriller Writers (ThrillerWriters.org), Evil Eye Concepts (1001DarkNights.com), and several bestselling authors. He consults for a wide variety of companies and organizations that require technical, design, programming and various other IT services. He is the former founder of Backspace, LLC, and co-host of the Backspace Writers Conferences in New York City and the Bahamas, as well as online workshops and classes, and a subscription-based online discussion forum with over 2,000 members.
Emily Riley

Emily Riley is a junior at the University of Maryland, College Park pursuing a double-major in multi-platform journalism and criminology and criminal justice. On campus, she is the Vice President for UMD’s chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and writes for the campus publication *Stories Beneath the Shell*. Over the summer, Emily worked with UMD on Rostros Físicos, a video project that tells the stories and struggles of representation in the STEM field for Hispanic and Latin Americans. Emily hopes to pursue a career that combines her passion for journalism and criminal justice issues.

Michael Gelb

Michael Gelb is a rising senior at Cornell University, where he majors in Human Development and double minors in Law & Society and Inequality Studies. On campus, he is a member of a research lab that codes jury selections of death penalty cases to determine if and what effect the demographics of jurors have on the outcome of the case. He is co-president of a club that mentors incarcerated youth. In 2019, Michael interned for the Rockland County District Attorney’s Office. Most recently, he conducted a mixed-methods research study on self-censorship in Rwandan media. Michael is focused on the intersection of media and law.

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