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PANELISTS, SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

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Margie Balfour
Margie Balfour, MD, 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. A psychiatrist and national leader in quality improvement and behavioral health crisis services, 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 a contributor to numerous SAMHSA and DOJ expert panels on crisis systems and police responses to people with mental health and substance use needs. She is a member of the American Psychiatric Association Council on Quality of Care 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.

Jon Gould
Jon Gould, Director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University, is an internationally known expert on justice policy, social change, and government reform. An author of four books and over 50 articles, he has written on such diverse subjects as erroneous convictions, indigent defense, prosecutorial innovation, police behavior, hate speech, sexual harassment, and international human rights. Prior to coming to ASU, he was inaugural director of the Washington Institute for Public Affairs Research and chair of the Department of Justice, Law and Criminology at American University. Most recently, Gould served as a Senior Policy Advisor in the U.S. Department of Justice during the Obama Administration and was director of the Law and Social Sciences Program at the National Science Foundation. His first book, *Speak No Evil: The Triumph of Hate Speech Regulation*, was a co-winner of the 2006 Herbert Jacob award for the best book in law and society.
Christopher Gulli
Lieutenant Chris Gulli is manager of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) at the Arapahoe County (Colorado) Sheriff’s Department, where he manages a team of 22 deputies and three sergeants. A 19-year veteran of law enforcement, he is a 2018 graduate of Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and a “verbal de-escalation trainer.” He was appointed a deputy sheriff in 2006, and prior to that served on the Tempe, Arizona police force. Chris is a board member of CITAC (Crisis Intervention Teams Across Colorado).

James Hamm
James J. Hamm, J.D., is a former life-term prisoner who earned a summa cum laude B.S. in Applied Sociology from Northern Arizona University while incarcerated. He entered prison in 1974 and was granted a Governor’s commutation of sentence in 1989. Due to political pressure, the Governor attempted to rescind the commutation, but James litigated the issue and was paroled in 1992. He graduated from Arizona State University College of Law in 1997, but was denied admission to the bar due to his felony conviction. While in prison, he met and married former lower court judge, Donna Leone, and they formed the non-profit prisoner advocacy organization, Middle Ground Prison Reform in 1983.

DeAnna Hoskins
DeAnna Hoskins is President of JustLeadershipUSA (JLUSA). Dedicated to cutting the US correctional population in #halfby2030, JLUSA empowers people most affected by incarceration to drive policy reform. Previously she served as the Senior Policy Advisor for Corrections and Reentry with the Department of Justice, where she oversaw the Second Chance Act portfolio of grants, The National Reentry Resource Center and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment programs. Designated as the Interim Deputy Director of the Federal Reentry Interagency Council by then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch, she holds a masters’ degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati, and a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work. She is a Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor, and is certified as an Offender Workforce Development Specialist, and is a JLUSA 2016 graduate. She has experienced the reentry system from all perspectives: she is herself a previously incarcerated individual who successfully transitioned back into the community, ultimately receiving a pardon from Gov. Ted Strickland.
Emily Kleeman

Emily Kleeman, LCSW, has been executive director of the Reentry Initiative since 2018. Under her leadership the organization has expanded to provide wrap-around comprehensive support and therapeutic services to returning citizens in one spot, reducing the barriers to reentry, and increasing dignity and respect in their ability to be successful post release. A practitioner in the mental health field for over 15 years, Kleeman is a graduate of Colorado State University and received her Master in Social Work from the University of Maryland in 2011. She successfully completed her requirements for a license in clinical social work in 2014.

The Hon. Ginger Lerner-Wren

Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren was elected Broward County Court Judge in 1997. Judge Lerner-Wren pioneered the first problem solving Mental Health Court in the United States, dedicated to the decriminalization and treatment of persons arrested with mental illness and co-occurring disorders. The Court is a national and international model. Judge Lerner-Wren speaks nationally and internationally and is an adjunct Professor for Nova Southeastern University, College of Psychology and Neuroscience. Judge Lerner-Wren is also an author, *A Court of Refuge: Stories from the Bench of America's First Mental Health Court*.

Erik Luna

Erik Luna is the Amelia D. Lewis Professor of Constitutional & Criminal Law and Faculty of Law. In 2000, he served as the senior Fulbright Scholar to New Zealand at Victoria University Law School (Wellington, NZ). In 2016-17, he was the Fulbright Distinguished Chair at the University of Birmingham (UK). Luna has also been a visiting scholar with the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law (Freiburg, DE), a visiting professor with the Cuban Society of Penal Sciences (Havana, a visiting professional in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (The Hague, NL), and a research fellow with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Bonn). Earlier, Luna served as a prosecutor in the San Diego District Attorney’s Office, and as a fellow and lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School.
Vikrant Reddy

Vikrant Reddy is a senior fellow at the Charles Koch Institute, specializing in the area of criminal justice reform. Reddy previously served as a senior policy analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF), where he managed the launch of TPPF’s national Right on Crime initiative in 2010. He has worked as a research assistant at the Cato Institute, as a judicial clerk to the Hon. Gina M. Benavides in Texas, and as an attorney in private practice. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and he serves on the Executive Committee of the Criminal Law Practice Group of the Federalist Society. He is also an appointee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Texas State Advisory Committee. Reddy’s research and scholarly opinions have appeared in a range of national media outlets, including *USA Today*, *National Review*, *The Federalist*, and others. Reddy earned his law degree from the Southern Methodist University School of Law. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Addie Rolnick

Addie C. Rolnick is William S. Boyd School of Law Professor at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, where she researches indigenous rights, juvenile and criminal law, and racial justice. In the latter, she focuses on Native people’s encounters with tribal, federal and state justice systems. She teaches federal Indian, criminal and civil rights law; critical race theory; and a tribal law practicum. For winter/spring 2021, she also is a University of Washington School of Law visiting professor. Rolnick is a UNLV Race, Gender & Policing program board member and a member of the National Academy of Sciences Ad Hoc Committee on Reducing Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System. Before joining UNLV, she was the inaugural Critical Race Studies Law Fellow at UCLA School of Law. Before that fellowship, she lawyered and lobbied for tribal governments in Washington, D.C.
Khalil Rushdan

Khalil Rushdan is the Smart Justice Community Partnership Coordinator for the ACLU of Arizona. Khalil served 15 years before his conviction for Felony Murder was overturned for vindictive prosecution. Since his exoneration, Khalil has been an advocate and a mentor for formerly incarcerated Arizonians. At the ACLU, Khalil creates partnerships with the leaders of targeted community groups with a special emphasis on organizations that work directly with those directly impacted by the criminal justice system and communities traditionally not involved in criminal justice work.

Christopher Slobogin

Christopher Slobogin, J.D., LL.M., is the Milton Underwood Professor of Law and an Affiliate Professor of Psychiatry at Vanderbilt University. He is a co-author of the leading casebook and the leading treatise on mental health law, and has written dozens of articles on issues relating to the insanity defense, competency to stand trial, the death penalty, civil and criminal commitment, and the admissibility of psychiatric testimony. He is also author of Minding Justice: Laws that Deprive People with Mental Disability of Life and Liberty (Harvard University Press) and Proving the Unprovable: The Role of Law, Science and Speculation in Adjudication Culpability and Dangerousness (Oxford University Press).
Alfred Lopez Urbina

Fred Urbina, a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, currently serves as the Attorney General for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. He was recently an Associate Judge for the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court and an Assistant Attorney General for the Tohono O’odham Nation, and previously served as the Deputy Associate Director of Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services, at the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs. A U.S. Army veteran and a former Arizona State police officer, he led successful efforts at the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to implement the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), expanding the tribe’s jurisdiction to prosecute non-Native offenders of domestic violence. Fred has been appointed to Arizona’s Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Arizona Rogers College of Law, and is admitted to practice law in the State of Arizona, the United States District Court of Arizona, the Courts of the Tohono O’odham Nation, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Courts. He was awarded the prestigious 2017 Bonnie Heavy Runner Victim Advocacy Award and the 2020 Judge Learned Hand Rising Star Award in recognition of his work to increase access to justice for domestic violence victims.

Lauren van Schilfgaarde

Lauren van Schilfgaarde (Cochiti Pueblo) is the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Tribal Legal Development Clinic Director at UCLA School of Law. She supervises live-client projects concerning tribal governance and justice systems, ethics, cultural resource protection, voting, child welfare, and more. Previously, she served as the Tribal Law Specialist at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) in West Hollywood, where she worked with over 80 tribal nations on various legal infrastructure projects. She currently serves as a board member for the National Native American Bar Association, as Vice-Chair for the Native American Concerns Committee of the American Bar Association, as a Commissioner for the Lawyers Network Commission of the Center for Reproductive Rights, and as a Board Member of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Child Well-being Program. She received her undergraduate degree at Colorado College and her law degree from UCLA School of Law.
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Stephen Handelman

Stephen Handelman is director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice and editor-in-chief of The Crime Report. A former prize-winning former columnist, foreign correspondent and senior writer/columnist for TIME magazine and The Toronto Star, he is the 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. A frequent commentator and lecturer on criminal justice issues, transnational crime and organized crime, he 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.

Katti Gray

Katti Gray is the journalism coordinator for the Justice in the Southwest Webinar series. A contributing editor for The Crime Report, the Center on Media, Crime and Justice’s national news & resources site, she specializes mainly in health and criminal justice news. Her work also has been published by The Washington Post, Reuters, Pulitzers, New York Newsday, Los Angeles Times, Health Affairs, dailyRX, CNN, Chicago Tribune, CBS, ABC News and AARP, among others. Among other prizes, she shares a Pulitzer with a Newsday team. She has been a fellow of, among others, the Association of Health Care Journalists (where she is the mental health topics leader), Fund for Investigative Journalism, National Institutes of Health Medicine in Media, National Press Foundation and Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Journalism programs. She runs New York University’s Urban Journalism Workshop.
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.

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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