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CMCJ TEAM

In alphabetical order
**LONZO ANDERSON**

Lonzo Anderson, Executive Assistant Chief of the Dallas Police Department (DPD), grew up in Palestine, Texas, and always dreamed of being a police officer. Chief Anderson has spent all his 25 years in law enforcement with the DPD, moving through the ranks as a Patrol officer, an investigator, a City Manager liaison, and a Patrol lieutenant. After being promoted to Major, and then Deputy Chief, Chief Anderson was appointed Assistant Chief over the Patrol Bureau, which encompasses seven individual patrol stations and covers all 385 square miles of Dallas. In March 2021, Chief Anderson was promoted to his current rank of Executive Assistant Chief over the Patrol and Administrative Bureaus. A graduate of Tarleton State University, he holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and business and will complete his master’s in public administration in December of this year. A firm believer of evidence-based policing, Chief Anderson’s goal is to make Dallas the safest city in America through the implementation of research-driven methods of policing and community engagement.

**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.
JENNIFER BROBST
Jennifer Brobst joined the Southern Illinois School of Law faculty as an Assistant Professor in 2014. She is cross-appointed as a member of the faculty in the SIU School of Medicine Department of Medical Humanities. In 2018, she received the SIU Law Outstanding Scholar Award for faculty.

REBECCA BROWN
Rebecca Brown joined the Innocence Project in 2005 and directs its federal and state policy agenda, which seeks to prevent & reveal wrongful convictions and assure compensation for the wrongfully convicted upon release from prison. Previously, she served as a Policy Analyst for the Mayor's Office in New York City and as a Senior Planner at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES), where she conducted research, evaluation and planning work around its alternative to incarceration programs. Rebecca has presented at judicial conferences, state bar associations, and diverse criminal justice & academic conferences, and has been sought out as a subject matter expert by such high-profile media outlets as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, VICE, Slate, BBC, CBS News, Politico, NPR and the American Bar Association Journal.
MARY ALICE CONROY

Mary Alice Conroy, Ph.D., ABPP is the Clinic Director for the Sam Houston State University Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program, a program with strong emphasis on forensic psychology. She previously spent 20 years providing forensic services for the U. S. Bureau of Prisons. For three years she served on the American Psychological Association’s Committee on Legal Issues (COLI) and as the chair of the Forensic Specialty Council. She has presented numerous workshops on forensic issues for lawyers and judges, as well as for mental health professionals, both regionally and nationally. She was the recipient of the 2011 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Forensic Psychology from the American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP). She was named a Distinguished Professor of Psychology by Sam Houston State University. As Past President of AAFP she is Board Certified in Forensic Psychology. She has also served on the American Board of Professional Psychology and as a board examiner for prospective Diplomates. She remains active in supervising students in providing forensic evaluation services for the courts in the state of Texas.

SATANA DEBERRY

Satana Deberry serves as the elected District Attorney for Durham County. As District Attorney, she has prioritized the prosecution of serious offenses, implemented policies to reduce unnecessary pretrial incarceration and court involvement, and worked to improve trust and equity in the courts. Throughout her career, Deberry has worked to dismantle systems that restrict the lives of poor people, families, communities of color, and other marginalized and underrepresented groups. She brings to the office of District Attorney extensive experience, having served as a criminal defense attorney in her hometown of Hamlet, N.C., General Counsel for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and executive director of the nonprofit North Carolina Housing Coalition. Deberry is a recipient of the North Carolina Justice Center’s 2020 Defender of Justice Award for Litigation,
the Duke Law Alumni Association’s 2020 Charles S. Murphy Award for Civic Service, and Attorney General Josh Stein’s Dogwood Award. She received her AB in Sociology from Princeton University, her Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law and her master’s in Business Administration from Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business. She enjoys spending time with her active teenage daughters.

**BRIAN EGOLF JR.**

Brian Egolf is the 30th Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives. Speaker Egolf (D-47) was elected to the New Mexico House in 2008 and led the effort to regain the House majority in 2016, before being elected Speaker by acclamation in 2017. This year, Speaker Egolf championed passage of the New Mexico Civil Rights Act, which made New Mexico the first state in the nation to abolish qualified immunity for all government agencies and provide a path to justice for New Mexicans whose constitutional rights are violated. He has also been at the forefront of ensuring equal pay for women, guaranteeing marriage equality, creating a statewide independent ethics commission, and ending a decades-long policy that prohibited school districts with predominantly Native American student populations from keeping the federal funding they deserve. Speaker Egolf is a graduate of the Foreign Service School at Georgetown University and the University of New Mexico School of Law. Residing in Santa Fe with his wife Kelly and their two daughters, Egolf is committed to protecting the traditions of New Mexico and to creating a vibrant, sustainable community for future generations.

**MARK FONDACARO**

Mark Fondacaro, J.D., Ph.D. is a professor of psychology and former Director of the Doctoral Training Program in Psychology & Law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Center, CUNY. He is currently on sabbatical splitting his time between Vanderbilt and Yale Law Schools. Before joining the faculty at John Jay, he was an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Florida and an Associate Director of the Levin College of Law’s Center on Children and Families. Over the past 15 years, Prof. Fondacaro has applied his research on procedural justice and conflict resolution to the development and implement of training programs for the NYPD on managing situations involving emotionally disturbed persons including scenario based training with new recruits, newly promoted Sergeants, Lieutenants, and Captains, the Emergency Services Unit, and the
elite Hostage Negotiation Team. He also worked with a team of high level administrators from the NYPD and other John Jay faculty to develop a Crisis Intervention Training Program for police officers on patrol aimed at deescalating conflict.

KIMBERLY FOXX

Kimberly M. Foxx is the first African-American woman to lead the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office – the country’s second-largest prosecutor’s office. State’s Attorney Foxx was elected to her second term in November 2020. Her vision is to build the most just, equitable, and transparent prosecutor’s office in the country, by working proactively to make all communities safe while investing in policies to address the underlying drivers of contact with the criminal justice system. State’s Attorney Foxx has brought substantial progress in priority areas including wrongful convictions, bond reform, transparency, and gun violence. Born and raised in Cabrini Green on Chicago’s Near North Side, she is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, where she earned a B.A. in Political Science and a J.D. from the School of Law.

T. MARKUS FUNK

T. Markus Funk, Ph.D., a former federal prosecutor and past chair of Perkins Coie’s White Collar & Defense Practice. He has authored roughly a dozen law review and other scholarly articles about self-defense and related topics, as well as the 2021 book *Rethinking Self-Defence: The ‘Ancient Right’s’ Rationale Disentangled* (Hart Publishing). He earned his PhD (DPhil) in law from Oxford University, where he studied the moral foundations of self-defense law and began his career as a Lecturer in Law. During his time in public service, Markus and his team prosecuted "Operation Family Secrets," which National Public Radio lauded as "one of the most important criminal investigations . . . in American history" (the 1995 movie “Casino” was based on the charged mob activities).
EMILY GALVIN-ALMANZA

Emily Galvin Almanza is the co-founder and Executive Director of Partners for Justice (PFJ), a new model of collaborative public defense designed to empower public defenders nationwide. Launched in 2018, PFJ has now eliminated over 180 years of incarceration and grown from two sites to over 20 locations across 12 states. Prior to founding PFJ, Emily fought for clients inside the LA County Public Defender, Santa Clara County Public Defender, and Bronx Defenders, and also served as one of the first attorneys fighting for release of life-sentenced people with the Stanford Three Strikes Project. Emily clerked for the Honorable Thelton Henderson of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and is a graduate of Harvard University and Stanford Law School, where she earned the Deborah Rhode Prize for her work in the public interest. In 2017, she was named one of the American Bar Association's Top 40 Young Lawyers.

SHYTIERRA GASTON

Shytierra Gaston, Ph.D. is an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Georgia State University. Her research expertise centers on the interdisciplinary area of race, racism, crime, and criminal justice with emphases on policing, violence, punishment, and inequality. She uses quantitative and qualitative methodologies to investigate these issues. Her recent research has examined the sources of race disparities in policing, racialized causes and consequences of homicide, the impacts of incarceration and reentry on families, and the intergenerational harms of historical racist violence among families of lynching victims. Dr. Gaston is an active member of the American Society of Criminology and the Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network. She holds a Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dr. Gaston’s recent scholarship can be found in Criminology, Criminology & Public Policy, The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Crime & Delinquency, Criminal Justice & Behavior, Urban Affairs Review, and Homicide Studies.
ELIZABETH GLAZER

Elizabeth Glazer is the founder of Vital City, a non-profit dedicated to practical solutions for public safety problems. The first issue out this week is on gun violence. She has served as the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety to a New York Governor, overseeing nine criminal justice agencies, and as the director of the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice in New York City, focusing on reducing the jail population and creating community-led approaches to safety. Earlier in her career, she was a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of New York, specializing in combatting violent crime. She graduated from Columbia Law School and clerked for then-circuit judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

THE HON. NANCY GERTNER

After retiring as U.S. District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, where she served from 1994 to 2011, The Hon. Nancy Gertner became Senior Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. She has written and spoken widely on various legal issues and has appeared as a keynote speaker, panelist or lecturer concerning civil rights, civil liberties, employment, criminal justice and procedural issues, throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. Her autobiography, In Defense of Women: Memoirs of an Unrepentant Advocate, was released on April 26, 2011. Her book, The Law of Juries, co-authored with attorney Judith Mizner, was published in 1997 and is continuously updated. She has published articles and chapters on sentencing, discrimination, forensic evidence, women's rights, and the jury system. Gertner received her M.A. in Political Science at Yale University. She was the second woman to receive the Thurgood Marshall Award from the American Bar Association, Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities. (The late Justice Ginsburg was the first.)
DR. ERIC HICKEY

Dr. Eric Hickey is a senior core faculty member in Walden University’s Forensic Psychology doctoral program. His primary duties include serving on dissertation committees, mentoring doctoral students, attending residencies, conducting webinars, and program development. He consults with private agencies and testifies as an expert witness in both criminal and civil cases involving sex crimes against children and adults, criminal paraphilia, stalking, homicide, domestic violence, offender psychology, victim-offender relationships, and serial crimes. Dr. Hickey assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in training and investigations as well as assisting in the review of cold case files. His expertise is chronicled in dozens of television documentaries including appearances on History Channel, NPR, 20/20, A&E Bio, Oxygen, Reelz, GMA, CBC, TruTV, Discovery, TLC, Fox, and CNN. An international survey (2014) identified Dr. Hickey as one of the top 15 active forensic experts in the world.

JAMILA HODGE

Jamila Hodge, Executive Director became the second executive director of Equal Justice USA (EJUSA) in 2021, bringing more than 15 years of criminal justice experience as a prosecutor, policy advisor, and technical assistance provider. Her goal is to establish EJUSA as a leader in building solutions to violence outside of the criminal legal system by demonstrating the impact of EJUSA’s work and expanding its reach throughout the country. Previously she launched the Reshaping Prosecution Program at the Vera Institute of Justice, where she and her team worked with progressive prosecutors, community-based organizations, and people impacted by the system to develop policy and practice reforms to end mass incarceration and reduce racial disparities. Before Vera, Jami served 12 years as an Assistant US Attorney for the District of Columbia, and worked in the office of then-Vice President Joe Biden as an advisor on criminal justice and drug policies.
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.

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.
NANCY LA VIGNE

Nancy La Vigne is director of the Council on Criminal Justice Task Force on Policing. A nationally recognized criminal justice policy expert, she most recently served as vice president of justice policy at the Urban Institute. Over the course of a decade at Urban, La Vigne directed the institute’s Justice Policy Center, leading a staff of over 50 researchers and overseeing a research portfolio of more than three dozen active projects spanning a wide array of crime, justice, and public safety topics. From 2014 to 2016, La Vigne also served as executive director for the congressionally mandated bipartisan Charles Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections Reform. Prior to joining the Urban Institute, La Vigne was the founding director of the Crime Mapping Research Center. (La Vigne holds a bachelor’s degree from Smith College, a master’s in public affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas-Austin, and a doctorate from the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

ROSS MILLER

Ross M. Miller is the Assistant Director of the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. Prior to his work at the Quattrone Center, Ross was a trial attorney practicing in Federal and State courts as a criminal defense attorney and representing plaintiffs in civil rights cases. In addition to his private practice, he was appointed by the Eastern District of Pennsylvania as CJA counsel representing indigent defendants. Prior to entering private practice he was an Assistant Defender with the Defender Association of Philadelphia.
MICHAEL A. NUTTER

Michael A. Nutter served as mayor of Philadelphia 2008-2014, and is a past President of the United States Conference of Mayors. During his tenure, he and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu launched Cities United, an initiative -- in affiliation with the National League of Cities -- dedicated to creating partnerships between cities, non-profits, and others to combat violence and crime among African-American men and boys. He is the David N. Dinkins Professor of Professional Practice in Urban and Public Affairs at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. He was educated at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. A member of the Board of Trustees of the Council on Criminal Justice, he has also served as a visiting fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School Institute of Politics.

ROBERT PETERS

Illinois State Senator Robert Peters has a deep passion for public service cultivated by numerous events throughout his life that left a profound impact on him and the people he cares about. He is a proud South Sider and an even prouder Chicagoan. Peters was born deaf in 1985, which caused a massive speech impediment. He faced struggles with health and environment in early childhood which led to difficulties, but his teachers and administrators at his public school supported and guided him. He gained full hearing ability by the time he was 8 and full speech capability by the time he was 12. His father’s work as a civil rights and criminal defense attorney, along with his biological mother’s struggles with addiction, inspired him to fight for criminal justice reform. In 2019, During his first year in the Senate, Peters passed 13 bills covering a wide range of subject matters. Peters was a major supporter of the monumental criminal justice reform package passed in early 2021, and was instrumental in moving the bill through the General Assembly. In the 102nd General Assembly, Senator Peters will serve as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee.
ALEX R. PIQUERO

Alex R. Piquero is Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology & Criminology and Arts & Sciences Distinguished Scholar at the University of Miami, and Professor of Criminology at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. He was Co-Editor of the Journal of Quantitative Criminology from 2008 to 2013 and currently serves as Editor of Justice Evaluation Journal. Prior to joining the University of Miami in August 2020, he was Ashbel Smith Professor of Criminology at The University of Texas at Dallas. He has published over 475 peer-reviewed articles in the areas of criminal careers, race/immigration and crime, crime prevention, criminological theory, and quantitative research methods, and has authored several books including Key Issues in Criminal Careers Research: New Analyses from the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development (Cambridge University Press, with David P. Farrington and Alfred Blumstein. A 2019 article in Plos Biology identified him as being included among the top 100,000 most-cited scientists in the world.

INSHA RAHMAN

Insha Rahman is the vice president of advocacy and partnerships at the Vera Institute of Justice, where she helps to incubate new work in the areas of prosecutorial reform, bail, and decarceration, with a focus on developing advocacy-related strategies and accountability. Having practiced as a public defender before coming to Vera, she is a nationally-recognized expert on bail and has developed bail legislation and policies, including recently passed reforms in New York State, and provided technical assistance and training to advocates, judges, defense attorneys, and prosecutors on bail reform, pretrial justice, and reducing jail incarceration. From 2016-2017, Insha served as staff to the Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice & Incarceration Reform, a blue-ribbon commission chaired by former Chief Justice Jonathan Lippman of the New York State Court of Appeals that developed a blueprint to close Rikers Island.

KRISTEN RAND

Kristen Rand serves as legislative director for the Violence Policy Center and is a leading expert on firearms regulation and product liability. Before joining the VPC in 1994, Ms. Rand served as
counsel with Consumers Union (publisher of Consumer Reports) where she was responsible for implementing CU’s legislative and regulatory agenda on product safety, product liability, and pesticide regulation. In 2008, Ms. Rand served in an individual and voluntary capacity on the Criminal Justice Policy Committee for the Obama campaign.

CINDY REDCROSS

Cindy Redcross is the Director of Strategic Planning and Analytics at the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office. In her role with the Bronx DA, Cindy runs the unit that provides data analytics, project development, research and evaluation to support the office’s application of evidence-based decision making. Prior to joining the Bronx District Attorney, Cindy spent over 20 years at MDRC, where she established and led the Center for Criminal Justice Research. Her expertise is in the use of data analytics to build evidence-informed solutions at the intersection of the criminal legal system and social services. Her focus is on the dual goals of effective policy and improving life outcomes for low income people with criminal justice system involvement. Over the past several years, Cindy has led impact evaluations of pretrial reform initiatives including New Jersey’s statewide bail reform, Mecklenburg County’s pretrial reforms that use the Public Safety Assessment, and New York City’s Supervised Release program. She has an MS in Sociology and Urban Affairs.

ERIC REINHART

Eric Reinhart is an anthropologist of policing, prisons, and public health, psychoanalyst, and resident physician at Northwestern University. He is also the Lead Health and Justice Systems Researcher in the Data and Evidence for Justice Reform (DE JURE) program at The World Bank Research Group.
MICHAEL REMPEL

Michael Rempel is Director of the Data Collaborative for Justice at John Jay College. He previously served as Director of Jail Reform at the Center for Court Innovation and, before that, spent many years as the Center’s Research Director. His interests and recent publications concern efforts to safely reduce New York City’s jail population; bail and discovery reform; racial disparities in prosecution; felony case delay; and jail trends since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. He previously served as staff to the Lippman Commission and coauthor of its 2017 report calling for the closure of the infamous Rikers Island jails; and in 2021 coauthored a second report with the Commission offering a data-driven roadmap for minimizing the city’s future reliance on jail. In the past, he has studied adult drug courts, prosecutor-led diversion, court responses to intimate partner violence, and formal risk assessments. He has long been interested in bridging the gap between the worlds of research and policy and, in his earlier research work, participated in evidence-based training and technical assistance initiatives in New York, nationally, and internationally (the latter in partnership with the Organization of American States).

JOSEPH RICHARDSON, Jr.

Joseph Richardson, Ph.D., is the Joel and Kim Feller Professor of African-American Studies and Medical Anthropology at the University of Maryland and one of eight scholars selected as an inaugural University of Maryland MPower Professor. MPower is a collaboration between the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, College Park to strengthen Maryland’s innovation economy, advance interdisciplinary research, and solve important problems for the people of Maryland and the nation. Dr. Richardson is the Lead Epidemiologist for the Center for Injury Prevention and Policy at the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center where he investigates gun violence, violent injury, community trauma and the effectiveness of violence prevention/intervention programs. He is the Executive Director of the Transformative Research and Applied Violence Intervention Lab a multidisciplinary gun violence research lab at the University of Maryland College Park. Dr. Richardson is the Executive Producer and Director of the award-winning digital storytelling project Life After the Gunshot which explores the lives of 10 young Black male survivors of violent firearm injury in Washington DC.
ROSIE RIVERA

Rosie Rivera was sworn in as Sheriff of Salt Lake County, Utah in 2017, becoming the first female sheriff elected in the State of Utah, and currently serves as CEO of the Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake. During her decades long career, Rivera ascended from officer to detective, sergeant, lieutenant, deputy chief and ultimately sheriff. She has served in many capacities during her tenure, including patrol, community policing, gang detective, investigations, narcotics, administration, and as department spokeswoman. She is passionate about finding alternatives to incarceration by supporting programs such as drug addiction treatment, mental health treatment, and additional housing for the homeless. As sheriff she has put these passions into action by building a more diverse team, bringing Medically Assisted Treatment into the jail, supporting, and implementing pretrial release programs, and creating a transparent and fiscally responsible approach to the budget process. She has advocated for victims and survivors of domestic violence throughout her career and remains actively involved in mentoring gang-involved youth. Among her many honors, Sheriff Rivera received the 2019 American Society of Public Administration Distinguished Service Award, the 2020 Rosa Parks Award and 2021 (SAAM) Sexual Assault Awareness Award. Sheriff Rivera is the mother of three children and grandmother to six.

JULIA SCHLEIMER

Julia Schleimer is a Research Data Analyst at the University of California, Davis Violence Prevention Research Program and a Ph.D. student in epidemiology at the University of Washington. She received her MPH in epidemiology from Columbia University. Julia studies the causes, consequences, and prevention of violence and has particular interest in understanding the role of social and environmental contexts in shaping risk for violence and evaluating programs and policies for violence prevention.
ELSIE SCOTT

Elsie Scott, Ph.D., is the Director of the Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy at Howard University, where she is recently completed a Justice Department-funded project on engaging African American college students in 21st Century law enforcement. After writing her dissertation on the politics of the police, she served as executive director of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), deputy commissioner of training for the New York City Police Department, senior executive with the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, DC, and training director for the Detroit Police Department. She has also served as a consultant for projects on community policing, police training and hate violence and has served on the Board of the National Police Foundation. She received her B.A. degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, M.A. from the University of Iowa, and Ph.D. from Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University), all in political science.

HANNA H. SHOSHANY

Hanna H. Shoshany is a New York based criminal defense attorney. Hanna completed her Juris Doctorate at Pace University School of Law. She focuses her practice on criminal defense in areas ranging from Sex Crimes, DWI’s, Drug Offenses, Burglary and Robbery Offenses, Weapons Offenses, and Homicides. Additionally, Hanna has practiced in the areas of civil litigation and civil rights in both state and federal courts. When she is not zealously defending her clients, Hanna works as a Mock Trial Coach at Pace University School of Law, where she mentors students by preparing them for national mock trial competitions.
JOHN WETZEL

John Wetzel, the former Pennsylvania Secretary of Corrections, began his career in corrections in 1989 as an officer at the Lebanon County Correctional Facility. He transferred to the Berks County Prison, where he was a correctional officer, treatment counselor, supervisor of treatment services and training academic director until becoming warden of the Franklin County Jail in 2002. He is the CEO of Phronema Justice Strategies, LLC, and will shortly launch a Non Profit focusing on PA county criminal justice programs and national reform work. Wetzel was appointed as the state Board of Pardons’ corrections expert in June 2007 and confirmed as secretary of corrections in 2011, and retired in 2021 as the longest serving Sec of Corrections in the history of PA. He is the father of four daughters and a graduate of Bloomsburg University.

CHUCK WEXLER

Chuck Wexler is Executive Director of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), a research organization of law enforcement officials and others dedicated to improving the professionalism of policing. A native of Boston, Wexler held a number of key positions in the Boston Police Department. Prior to joining PERF, Wexler worked as an assistant to the nation’s first Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Working with police chiefs and other experts, PERF produced a set of 30 guiding principles on use of force and produced a training program to implement the guiding principles. PERF also produced 100 daily reports on other issues in policing, including the demonstrations across the nation following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. In February 2006, Wexler was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) for his extensive work with British and American police agencies. In 2016, Politico Magazine named Wexler one of the “Politico 50,” which the magazine describes as its “guide to the thinkers, doers, and visionaries transforming American politics.” In 2021, Wexler was chosen as one of Washingtonian magazine’s “250 Most Influential People.”
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.

TENISHA YANCEY

Michigan State Rep. Tenisha Yancey is serving her third full term representing the 1st House District, which is comprised of the cities of Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods, and parts of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores and Detroit. She is vice chair of the Committee on Tax Policy and serves on the Judiciary and Regulatory Reform committees. She is committed to serve as a voice for some of Michigan’s most vulnerable populations, including advocacy for equitable criminal justice reform for adults and juveniles, expanding access to high-quality, affordable health care, and protecting seniors from fraud and abuse. Yancey graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree from Eastern Michigan University. While working full time for Wayne County, she attended law school and graduated, receiving her law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 2013. She worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office. Yancey is the mother of one son and lives in Harper Woods.
PATRICIA A. ZAPF

Patricia A. Zapf, Ph.D. is a forensic and clinical psychologist specializing in criminal forensic psychological evaluation, consultation, and expert testimony. A past President of the American Psychology-Law Society, she has published over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles, chapters, books, and manuals, Dr. Zapf currently serves as Vice President for Continuing & Professional Studies at Palo Alto University. Prior to her current appointment, she was a Professor in the Department of Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York, a member of the Mental Health Law and Psychology Institute at Simon Fraser University, and a member of the Psychology and Law faculty at the University of Alabama. Dr. Zapf provides professional training to mental health and legal professionals, both nationally and internationally, and works with state and forensic mental health organizations to develop standardized professional training for their service providers.

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.

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.

Maurice Possley

Maurice Possley is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of four nonfiction books. Possley is the senior researcher for The National Registry of Exonerations, a database of more than 2,800 wrongful convictions maintained by the University of California Irvine Newkirk Center for Science & Society, University of Michigan Law School and Michigan State University College of Law.
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.