

Trust and Transparency: NYC Symposium on Oversight of Law Enforcement

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Speaker Bios

Welcome & Opening Remarks



Daniel Stageman, Ph.D., Director of Research Operations, Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Daniel Stageman, Ph.D., joined the Office for the Advancement of Research in June of 2010, becoming the Director of Research Operations in January 2013. As Director of Research Operations, Dan manages all of the offices programming designed to enhance and support faculty scholarship, including internal funding, awards, events, professional development, promotions and social media communications, data collection and dissemination, among others.

He recently received his PhD in criminal justice at the CUNY Graduate Center. His academic work examines political economy and profit in the detention of American immigrants, and the economic context surrounding Federal-local immigration enforcement partnerships. Other research interests include correctional education, theories of punishment, prisoner reentry, and program evaluation. Dan has taught and directed theater programs in a variety of settings, including prisons, high schools, alternative to incarceration programs, and most recently as an adjunct in John Jay's sociology department.



Reverend Fred Davie, Chair, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board

Fred Davie serves as the Executive Vice President for the Union Theological Seminary located in New York City, which prepares students to serve the church and society. Additionally, he is a member of the Mayor's Clergy Advisory Council (CAC) and is co-convenor of their public safety committee, which is focused on building community safety and improving police-community relations.

Before working at Union Theological Seminary, Davie served as Interim Executive Director and Senior Director of the Social Justice and LGBT Programs at the Arcus Foundation, which funds organizations worldwide that advance an inclusive, progressive public policy agenda. Davie served on President Barack Obama's transition team and was later appointed to the White House Council of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Davie has served the City as Deputy Borough President of Manhattan and Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor for Community and Public Affairs.



Council Member Donovan Richards, Chair, City Council Public Safety Committee

Council Member Donovan Richards Jr., a lifelong resident of Southeast Queens and the Rockaways, was elected to the New York City Council in March 2013.

In January 2018, Richards started his second term by being named Chair of the Committee on Public Safety, which ties back to his initial motivation for getting into politics: losing a childhood friend to gun violence.

He started off his chairmanship with oversight hearings on the NYPD's crowd control and protest protocols, their marijuana enforcement strategies, and the Special Victims Division. In addition to his chairmanship, he secured the 40-year dream of a new police precinct in Southeast Queens when Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner O'Neill committed to creating the 116th Precinct in Rosedale.

Richards is also a member of the Committees on Economic Development; Environmental Protection; Land Use and Zoning; Public Housing; and Transportation. He sits on the Council's Leadership team and serves as a Board member for the Center for New York City Neighborhoods, Habitat for Humanity and has a seat on NYCHA's Smoking and Health Advisory Committee.

Agency Partnership: Working Together to Build Police Accountability

Moderator



Joo-Hyun Kang, Director, Communities United for Police Reform

Joo-Hyun Kang is the Director of Communities United for Police Reform (CPR) and the executive director of CPR's sister organization, the CPR Action Fund. CPR is a multi-strategy, multi-sector campaign to end discriminatory and abusive policing in New York. CPR works to build and redefine community safety in New York, strengthens community-based infrastructure to challenge police violence, and has organized coalitions of 200+ organizations to secure landmark policy and organizing victories, including passage of the Right to Know and Community Safety Acts in the NYC Council in 2017 and 2013, and

2015 gubernatorial executive order establishing a special prosecutor for police killings in New York state.

Joo-Hyun joined CPR with two decades of experience in social justice work as an organizer, trainer, and strategist with racial justice, LGBT rights, gender justice, immigrant rights, and police accountability projects. She has served in various positions including Director of Programs for the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, where she directed global and domestic LGBTI grantmaking; and the first Executive Director of The Audre Lorde Project, where she developed organizing programs for LGBTST communities of color.

She is a member of the Advisory Board of the National Resource Hub for Police Reform and John Jay College's Institute for Innovative Prosecution, and has served on boards of community organizations including CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities.

Panelists

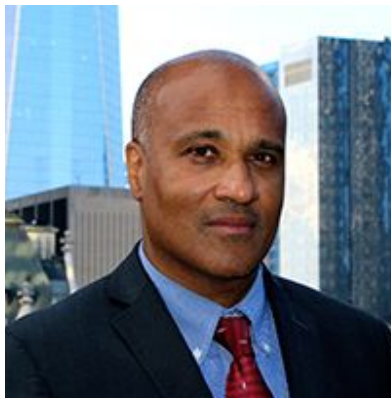


Jerika L. Richardson, Senior Advisor & Secretary to the Board, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board

Jerika Richardson is Senior Advisor & Secretary to the Board for New York City's Civilian Complaint Review Board. In this dual role, she serves as the Board's liaison and focuses on strategy, public education, and engagement for the agency—overseeing its Policy & Advocacy, Outreach & Intergovernmental Affairs, Communications, and Case Management units.

Previously, Ms. Richardson served as Chief of Staff in the Office of the Counsel to the Mayor of New York City and Special Advisor to the Mayor for media relations, criminal justice, and public safety planning. She has also worked as the Senior Spokesperson for Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara and a Field Producer & Off-Air Reporter for ABC News.

Ms. Richardson was named a New York City 40 Under 40 Rising Star by City & State Magazine. She holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and a B.A. in English from Spelman College.



Philip K. Eure, Inspector General for the NYPD, NYC Department of Investigation

Before Mr. Eure's appointment by NYC Department of Investigation Commissioner Mark G. Peters in 2014, he was the Executive Director of the District of Columbia's Office of Police Complaints, a role he held for nearly 14 years. While there, Mr. Eure developed and led the agency in investigating, adjudicating, and mediating complaints by the public, as well as issuing investigative reports and recommendations for improvements at Washington D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department.

A nationally-recognized expert in the field of independent police review, Mr. Eure served in 2008, 2009, and 2010 as President of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), a non-profit organization of law enforcement oversight agencies and practitioners that works to enhance accountability and transparency in policing and build community trust through independent police review. He has also been a panelist and presenter on police oversight issues nationally and in Puerto Rico, Brazil, and Canada. Prior to his leadership at Washington, D.C.'s police accountability agency,

Mr. Eure served for a decade in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, first as a Trial Attorney and later as a Senior Trial Attorney. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School and his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Stanford University.



**Joseph Reznick, Deputy Commissioner of Internal Affairs,
New York City Police Department**

Joseph J. Reznick is currently the Deputy Commissioner of Internal Affairs. Having joined the Police Department in December of 1973, he spent 40 years in uniform rising through the ranks from Police Officer to '3-star Chief.' Due to a mandatory retirement age for uniformed members of the Police Department, he was transitioned to the position of Deputy Commissioner in 2014. Most of his career has been spent doing investigations, both criminal and internal.

He is a New York City resident and has three sons, all of whom are employed by the New York City Fire Department.



**Rodney Harrison, Chief of Patrol, New York City Police
Department**

Chief of Patrol Rodney Harrison began his career with the New York City Police Department as a Cadet in June 1991. He was appointed to the rank of Police Officer in June 1992 and was assigned to the 114 Precinct. He was promoted to Detective in October 1995; Sergeant in June 2000; Lieutenant in January 2005; Captain in May 2007; Deputy Inspector in June 2009; Inspector in September 2011; Deputy Chief in November 2014; Assistant Chief in September 2016 and Chief in January 2018. He has served in the 28, 32, 47, 73, 79, and 114 Precincts; 71 and 73 Detective Squads; the Intelligence Division/Operations Analysis Section; the Narcotics Division; Patrol Borough Staten Island; Patrol Borough Brooklyn North; Brooklyn North Street Narcotics and Guns Unit; the Internal Affairs Bureau Special Operations; the Detective Borough Brooklyn North; and the Patrol Services Bureau.

Chief Harrison is currently serving as the Chief of Patrol. He has previously commanded the 28 and 32 Precincts and the Detective Borough Brooklyn North. He also served as Executive Officer of the 47 Precinct, Patrol Borough Staten Island, Patrol Borough Brooklyn North – Operations and the Patrol Services Bureau.

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Chief Harrison, a 2003 Police Combat Cross recipient, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts from Springfield College in Massachusetts. Chief Harrison has been married to his wife, Laprena, a retired NYPD Lieutenant, for 22 years, and they have three daughters: Amber, Tyra, and Kaia.



Michael F. Armstrong, Chair, New York City Commission to Combat Police Corruption

Michael F. Armstrong is Of Counsel at McLaughlin & Stern LLP, where he focuses on complex civil litigation, white-collar criminal and regulatory matters, and internal corporate investigations. Mr. Armstrong has served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York where he was Chief of the Securities Fraud Unit, Chief Counsel to the “Knapp Commission,” which investigated allegations of police corruption in the New York City Police Department, and District Attorney for Queens County, New York. He also has served as Counsel to the New York Urban League and Advisor to New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo regarding the investigation of

allegations of political influence in the State Police. Mr. Armstrong earned his LLB from Harvard Law School and his BA from Yale University.

One Block at a Time: How Oversight Agencies Can Work with Advocates and Underserved Communities

Moderator



Sasha Neha Ahuja, Chief of Staff, Girls for Gender Equity.

Sasha Neha Ahuja is a social worker, community organizer and advocate from New York City. Sasha got her start in progressive organizing at the NY Taxi Workers Alliance over a decade ago. Since then, Sasha has built her career anchoring racial and gender justice and facilitating community-driven policy change at organizations like the Urban Justice Center, Planned Parenthood of New York City, and the National Association of Social Workers.

Sasha currently is Chief of Staff at Girls for Gender Equity, which promotes the physical, psychological, social and economic well-being of girls, women and ultimately the entire community. Prior to this,

Sasha served as Deputy Director of the Policy & Innovation Division, within the Speaker’s Office at the NYC Council where she most notably drove Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito’s Young Women’s Initiative, the first-in-the-nation initiative dedicated to lifting up young women and girls of color. Sasha is also an Adjunct Instructor at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College and Touro Graduate School of Social Work where she teaches Social Policy and Power, Privilege & Oppression (respectively).

Sasha is also a trainer and facilitator with a range of progressive political training organizations and pipeline programs working with folks interested in deepening their racial justice analyses to engage in the work that drives them. In 2015, she was recognized as part of City & State’s Class of 2015 40 Under 40 New York City Rising Stars. Sasha holds a BA from Hunter College of the City University of New York (free CUNY!) and a MS in Social Work from Columbia University.

Panelists



Nikita Price, Executive Director, Picture the Homeless

Nikita Price is the Executive Director of Picture the Homeless. While navigating the NYC shelter system, Nikita joined Picture the Homeless in 2006, he (volunteered) as a member for over a year, and was later hired as a full-time organizer. He left Picture the Homeless to pursue other opportunities in social services. Upon returning to Picture the Homeless in 2012 and joining the HOA staff overseeing the HOA Wellness class, Nikita was asked to consider filling the Civil Rights Organizer position that had become available in 2014. As Civil Rights Organizer, Nikita focused on selective police enforcement and the Broken Windows Theory as it applies to the Homeless and the poor in

New York. He is presently raising two lovely daughters Nani and Naima Price as a single father and is passionate in the role of Father.



Sasha Alexander, Director of Membership, Sylvia Rivera Law Project

Sasha Alexander is a queer trans, black/south Asian, artist, educator, and healer. A former youth organizer, Sasha has been working at the intersections of LGBTQ, youth, media, economic, gender, and racial justice movements for almost 20 years. In 2013 Sasha was named one of the inaugural Trans 100 for their organizing and media-based work in trans communities of color. After teaching at the intersections of youth media and social justice for over a decade, and called to action by the murder of 21-year-old Islan Nettles in Harlem, Sasha launched Black Trans Media committed to addressing the intersections of racism and transphobia by shifting and reframing the value and

worth of black trans lives #blacktranseverything.

Sasha works as the Membership Director at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) in NYC, a legal and movement-based organization working for collective liberation; as the Membership Director and Co-Director of the Movement Building Team, Sasha works to strengthen the leadership of trans, gender non-conforming, and intersex (TGNCI) people, specifically low-income people, people with disabilities, formerly incarcerated people, people living with HIV, immigrants, and people of color. Sasha loves time on the land, decolonizing everything, trans reproductive futures, their cat Mumia Shakur, arts of all mediums, and movement history. Sasha uses the pronouns he/she/they and insists that you mix it up.



Tarek Z. Ismail, Senior Staff Attorney, Creating Law Enforcement Accountability & Responsibility (CLEAR) Project, CUNY School of Law

Tarek Z. Ismail is the Senior Staff Attorney in the Creating Law Enforcement Accountability & Responsibility (CLEAR) project, which primarily aims to address the legal needs of Muslim, Arab, South Asian, and other communities in the New York City area that are particularly affected by national security and counterterrorism policies and practices deployed by various law enforcement agencies. CLEAR represents and advises community members as they respond to requests for voluntary FBI interviews, experience difficulties traveling, and otherwise face discriminatory scrutiny by law enforcement.

Prior to joining CLEAR, Tarek was a staff attorney in the Family Defense Practice at the Brooklyn Defender Services. From 2011-2013, Tarek also served as the Counterterrorism & Human Rights Fellow at Columbia Law School's Human Rights Institute. Tarek holds a law degree from Columbia Law School and is a graduate of the University of Virginia.



Loyda Colon, Co-Director, Justice Committee

Loyda Colon is a native New Yorker from the Lower East Side. Loyda has been a leader in the New York City social justice movement since 2000, when they graduated from the Audre Lorde Project's (ALP) youth leadership training program. Loyda became a youth leader at ALP before being hired to Coordinate the organization's first LGBT youth organizing program. In this position, Loyda later also began coordinating ALP's Police and State Violence Program and represented the organization in the Coalition Against Police Brutality. Since leaving ALP, Loyda has served as the Justice Committee's Director, the Coalition for Community Safety's Coordinator and Interim Campaign Coordinator at Communities United for Police Reform.

Keynote Speaker

Marilyn Mosby, Esq., Baltimore City State's Attorney



On January 8, 2015, Marilyn J. Mosby was sworn in as the 25th State's Attorney for Baltimore City, making her the youngest chief prosecutor of any major American city.

Mosby, an inner-city Boston native, witnessed first-hand the impact of trauma associated with crime when her honor-roll cousin was gunned down in broad daylight outside of Mosby's home due to mistaken identity. That horrific experience propelled Mosby to turn her pain into passion by becoming a first-generation college graduate, and pursuing her dreams of becoming an attorney and reforming the criminal justice system. Mosby received a Presidential Scholarship from Tuskegee University where she earned magna cum laude recognition and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. After leaving Tuskegee, Mosby was awarded the Council on Legal Educational Opportunity, Thurgood Marshall Scholarship, and subsequently earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Boston College Law School. While in law school, Marilyn proved to be an avid public servant, clerking at several highly-esteemed governmental agencies including the U.S. Attorney's Office in both Boston, MA and Washington D.C., and the Homicide Unit of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Boston.

Mosby is a member of the Association for Prosecuting Attorney's (APA), and was an integral contributor to the APA's reform proposals provided in the 21st Century Principles of Prosecution of Peace Officers. In 2016, Mosby revealed her own police accountability reform proposals with the APA's support.

Mosby has received numerous professional and community awards, accolades and recognition, some of which include receiving the prestigious 2016 Newsmaker of the Year Award by The National Newspaper Publishers Association; being named the 2015 Junius W. Williams Young Lawyer of the Year by the National Bar Association; and receiving the Woman of Courage Award by the National Women's Political Caucus. Additionally, Mosby was among the 2015 class of both The Root 100 and Ebony Magazine's Power 100. She was named as one of the Baltimore Sun's 50 Women to Watch twice, in 2013 and 2014; Baltimore Magazine's Top 40 under 40 in 2014; and one of the Daily Record's Leading Women in 2013.

Marilyn J. Mosby is married to Maryland State Delegate Nick J. Mosby, who represents the 40th Legislative District in the Maryland House of Delegates. They reside in West Baltimore and are the proud parents of two beautiful daughters. As a family, they worship at New Psalmist Baptist Church.

Care Behind the Wall: Oversight of Correctional Health and Mental Health

Moderator



Martha King, Executive Director, New York City Board of Corrections

Martha King is the Executive Director of the New York City Board of Correction, which conducts independent oversight and enacts regulations to support safer, fairer, smaller, and more humane jails. Its regulations address conditions of confinement and health and mental health care. During her tenure, the Board has more than doubled its budget and staff, issued its first new regulations in 25 years, and launched a data transparency initiative that included 23 reports in 2018, including the first public audits of jail conditions.

Prior to this, she was a criminal justice policy advisor to the First Deputy Mayor of New York City. Martha began her career at CASES, the largest alternative to incarceration program in New York City. She has dual master's degrees from the Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and a B.A. from Wesleyan University. Martha is a member of the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation Network.

Panelists



Robert L. Cohen, MD, Physician and Board Member, New York City Board of Corrections

Bobby Cohen has worked as physician, administrator, and expert in the care of prisoners and persons with HIV infection. After graduation from Princeton he was a community organizer in Kensington, Philadelphia. He attended Rush Medical College in Chicago and trained in Internal Medicine at Cook County Hospital. Dr. Cohen was Director of the Montefiore Rikers Island Health Services from 1981 through 1986. He served as Vice President for Medical Operations of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation and as Director of the AIDS Center of St. Vincent's Hospital. Dr. Cohen represented the American

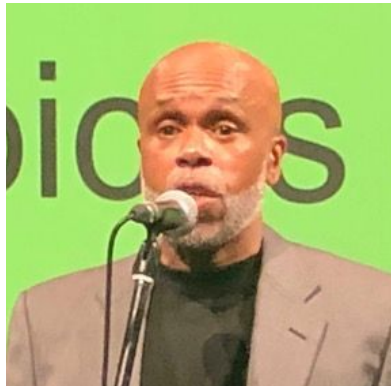
Public Health Association on the National Commission for Correctional Health Care for 17 years. He served as a Federal Court Monitor overseeing efforts to improve medical care for prisoners in Florida, Ohio, New York State, Michigan, and Connecticut. Since 2009 he has been a member of the New York City Board of Correction.



Esther Lim, Director of Monitoring and Policy, Correctional Association of New York

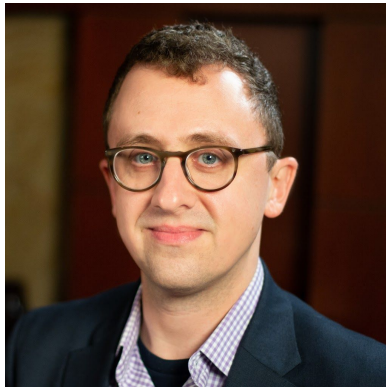
For more than 15 years, Esther has advocated for the reformation of the criminal justice system, humane and just treatment of people who are incarcerated, and ending mass incarceration. She is currently the Correctional Association of New York's Director of Monitoring and Policy in which she and her team monitors the NYS prison system. Prior to her new role, she was the Jails Project Director for the ACLU of Southern California. In that role, she defended the civil rights of incarcerated individuals in Los Angeles (the largest jail system in the country), Orange, and Santa Barbara county jails. She has vast experience monitoring conditions of confinement with specific focus on staff excessive use of force and matters related to correctional mental health; she has testified in open court and has worked with federal agencies regarding incidents she personally witnessed. She has also relaunched a successful voter education and registration program (Unlock the Vote) in the LA and OC jails working with community and government partners and with multi-hyphenated rapper and actor, Common.

Esther is also an adjunct lecturer at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Social Work, teaching management and organizational development to master level students. She has a degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Social Work.



Alejo Rodriguez, Community Liaison and Assistant Program Developer, Exodus Transitional Community

Alejo Rodriguez is the Assistant Program Developer and Community Liaison at Exodus Transitional Community in East Harlem and former Mentor and Alumni Coordinator for the Prisoner Reentry Institute's College Initiative at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Alejo's social justice advocate for reclaiming the human dignities denied to people who have been impacted by discriminatory practices of the justice system. Alejo is an executive board member of the Parole Preparation Project and Network Support Services. He is a public speaker, a published poet, an event's organizer, and screenwriter. Alejo's educational background includes a Masters of Professional Studies degree from New York Theological Seminary and a Bachelors of Liberal Arts degree from Syracuse University. In February 2019 CUNY Law Review will publish Alejo's work entitled The Obscure Legacy of Mass Incarceration.



Joshua Rosenthal, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights New York

Josh Rosenthal is a staff attorney at Disability Rights New York in the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Program. Josh advocates for the rights of people with disabilities across the state, including by monitoring conditions in jails, prisons, and juvenile detention facilities. He is currently counsel on a federal lawsuit that challenges the prolonged incarceration of people with mental illness in New York State prisons. Prior to joining DRNY, Josh was an attorney at Children's Rights, where he litigated class action lawsuits on behalf of youth in foster care and juvenile justice systems. He previously clerked at the U.S. Court of International Trade and was a visiting attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights. Josh is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison and New York University School of Law.



Cassandra Ramdath, Ph.D., Senior Research Consultant at the Research and Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Cassandra Ramdath is a Senior Research Consultant at the John Jay College Research and Evaluation Center where she identifies best practices for improved corrections policies. Previously, she was the Senior Research Director at the NYC Board of Correction, leading research and policy to eliminate sexual abuse in New York City Jails (PREA), and a Senior Research Associate at the Center for Court Innovation overseeing mixed-methods studies on: neighborhood-based probation models; prosecutor-led diversion; illegal firearm ownership among youth; and perceptions of procedural justice. She completed her Doctoral dissertation on traumatic brain injuries among adolescents in Rikers Island, and Masters thesis on therapeutic alternatives to incarceration in Australia. Her primary research interests focus on the intersection of health and justice to promote fair and humane correctional practices.

Oversight Transparency: Using Information to Change the Conversation

Moderator



Harya Tarekegn, Esq., Senior Counsel of Policy and Advocacy, New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board

Harya Tarekegn is currently Senior Counsel for Policy and Advocacy for the nation's largest independent police oversight agency, the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB). In this role, Ms. Tarekegn focuses on analyzing New York City Police Department misconduct data, generating policy reports, and issuing recommendations to improve police-community relations. She also connects with community advocates and elected officials to develop strategies for improving the Agency's connection to the public and advancing a legislative agenda.

Ms. Tarekegn's commitment to public service extends beyond her work with the CCRB. Ms. Tarekegn is a Founder and Strategy Director for Rising Leaders, Inc. a non-profit providing low-income or underserved students with high-quality mentorship and leadership development training. In 2015-2016 she mentored with America Needs You and continues to work with the organization.

Ms. Tarekegn holds a Juris Doctor from the New York University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Stanford University.

Panelists



Nicole Napolitano, Ph.D., Director of Policy and Advocacy, New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board

Nicole Napolitano is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), the nation's largest independent police oversight agency. Dr. Napolitano manages the operations of the CCRB Policy Unit, which analyzes and publishes data, reports, and policy recommendations related to misconduct in the New York City Police Department (NYPD). She also connects with community advocates and elected officials to develop strategies to advance the CCRB's oversight and public education mandates.

Before working at the CCRB, Dr. Napolitano has been a Senior Policy Manager at the Department of Investigation's Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD (OIG-NYPD) and an adjunct faculty member and researcher at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, studying the connection between politics, public opinion, and crime control policy.

Mike Tobin, Executive Director, Washington DC Office of Police Complaints



Mike Tobin is the executive director of the Washington D.C. Office of Police Complaints. The agency investigates police misconduct complaints arising in the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington D.C. Prior to joining the agency, he was the executive director of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, the agency that oversees all aspects of police and fire department operations including conducting independent investigations of officer-involved shootings, deaths in custody, and misconduct allegations. He began his career as a Milwaukee police officer and upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin law school joined the Milwaukee City Attorney's office where he was a police legal advisor, guided internal affairs investigations, prosecuted police employees for misconduct, and represented the city's interests in police department litigation. In

2005 as an Army National Guard Colonel he was appointed Rule of Law Officer to manage the U.S. military program to reconstruct the civilian justice system nation-wide for the country of Afghanistan.



Cynthia Conti-Cook, Staff Attorney, Special Litigation Unit, The Legal Aid Society

Cynthia Conti-Cook is a staff attorney at the New York City's Legal Aid Society, Special Litigation Unit, where she oversees the Cop Accountability Project and Database, leads impact litigation and law reform projects on issues involving policing, data collection, risk assessment instruments and the criminal justice system generally as well as supporting our staff in the trial offices on their cases. She has presented as a panelist and trainer at several national, state and city venues on topics of police accountability. She has also published several law review articles about transparency of police misconduct information. Prior to joining Legal Aid, Cynthia was a civil rights

litigator for seven years at a small Brooklyn law firm, where she brought over 100 civil rights lawsuits against police and correction officers in New York City and State.



Marie Pryor, Ph.D., Project Director, Data and Policy Division, Center for Policing Equity

Marie Pryor is the Project Director of the Data Policy Division at the Center for Policing Equity, where she manages a grant to help California police departments comply with state legislation requiring data collection on stops, arrests, perceptions of race and gender, as well as use of force. Marie is also working on a national guidebook for police departments to standardize and reform data collection around stops, arrests and use of force.

Marie has over ten years of experience researching initiatives related to criminal justice policy and offender reentry. Prior to joining CPE, Marie worked as the Chief Program Analyst for a statewide employment-based reentry program that provides supportive services to the formerly incarcerated in New Jersey.

Marie holds a Ph.D. in Public Affairs from the University of Central Florida and an M.A. in Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where she specialized in correctional administration.



Kendall Taggart, Investigative Reporter, BuzzFeed News

Kendall Taggart is a reporter on the investigations team at BuzzFeed News. Prior to joining BuzzFeed News in 2014, she was a reporter at the Center for Investigative Reporting/Reveal, a nonprofit news organization in California. In 2018, she was the lead reporter on a series that broke open one of the most closely guarded secrets in American policing: how the NYPD, the largest department in the country, disciplines its officers.

Accountability Through the Courts: Prosecution, Consent Decrees, and Court-Ordered Monitorship

Moderator



Chris Dunn, Legal Director, New York Civil Liberties Union

Christopher Dunn is the Legal Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, having been an ACLU lawyer for over 30 years. Dunn led the NYCLU's challenges to the death penalty in the mid-1990s, its wave of First Amendment litigation against the Giuliani administration in the late 1990s, the NYCLU's stop-and-frisk work during the Bloomberg years, and most recently its litigation against the Trump administration's attack on immigrants. He also has led the NYCLU's work with the CCRB for over 15 years.

Dunn has extensive experience litigating institutional-reform cases, including police-reform ones. Since 1987 he has been deeply involved in negotiating, monitoring, and enforcing consent decrees.

Dunn holds a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a B.A. from the University of Virginia. Prior to starting at the ACLU, he clerked for the Honorable John J. Gibbons of the United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit.

Panelists



Christy Lopez, Distinguished Visitor from Practice, Georgetown University Law Center, Former Deputy Chief, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Christy E. Lopez is a professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where she teaches courses on policing and criminal justice. She also co-leads Georgetown's Program on Innovative Policing.

From 2010-2017, Professor Lopez served as a Deputy Chief in the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. While with the U.S. Department of Justice, Ms.

Lopez led civil rights investigations of many law enforcement agencies, including the Ferguson Police Department. She co-authored the Ferguson Report and negotiated the Ferguson consent decree. She also led investigations of the Chicago Police Department, the New Orleans Police Department, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, the Newark (New Jersey) Police Department, and the Missoula, Montana police department, campus police, and prosecutor's office.

Professor Lopez received her J.D. from Yale Law School and her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Riverside.



Alvin Bragg, Visiting Professor of Law and Co-Director, Racial Justice Project at New York Law School

Alvin Bragg joined NYLS in January 2019 as a Visiting Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Racial Justice Project. Prior to NYLS, he served as Chief Deputy Attorney General in the New York State Office of the Attorney General. In that role, he reported directly to the Attorney General, helped set the office's investigation and litigation priorities, and oversaw the work of the Criminal Justice and Social Justice Divisions.

Professor Bragg also previously served at the Attorney General's Office as the Chief of the Special Investigations and Prosecutions Unit (SIPU) and the Executive Deputy Attorney General (EDAG) for Social Justice. As the Chief of SIPU, he oversaw investigations of law enforcement conduct resulting in the death of civilians and an investigation of a District Attorney's handling of a shooting of a civilian by a police officer.

Prior to the Attorney General's Office, Professor Bragg was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Earlier in his career, Professor Bragg worked as Chief of Litigation and Investigations for the New York City Council. Professor Bragg also was an Assistant Attorney General at the New York State Attorney General's Office, an associate at Morvillo Abramowitz Grand Iason & Anello PC, and a law clerk to the Honorable Robert P. Patterson Jr., U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York. Professor Bragg earned his A.B. in Government from Harvard University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.



Darius Charney, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights

Darius Charney is a Senior Staff Attorney who works on CCR's government misconduct and racial justice cases. He is lead counsel on *Floyd v. City of New York*, CCR's landmark federal civil rights class action lawsuit that found the New York City Police Department's stop-and-frisk practices racially discriminatory and otherwise unconstitutional. He is also counsel in *Vulcan Society Inc. v. the City of New York*, a Title VII class action lawsuit on behalf of African-American applicants to the New York City Fire Department that successfully challenged the racially discriminatory hiring practices of the FDNY, and *Bellant v. Snyder*, a case challenging Michigan's "emergency manager" law.

Prior to coming to CCR in 2008, Darius spent two and a half years as an associate at the New York law firm of Lansner & Kubitschek, where he litigated federal civil rights cases challenging various aspects of New York City and New York State's child welfare and foster care systems. Darius received his J.D. and M.S.W. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley in 2001. From 2003-2005, he was law clerk to the Honorable Deborah A. Batts, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Closing Remarks



Jonathan Darche, Executive Director, New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board

After serving as the Civilian Complaint Review Board's (CCRB) Chief Prosecutor, Jonathan Darche was appointed Executive Director in May 2017. Mr. Darche has been serving as Acting Executive Director since November 2016. He joined in 2013 as the CCRB's first Deputy Chief Prosecutor helping establish the Agency's Administrative Prosecution Unit (APU)—the only division of its kind among the nation's civilian police oversight entities. The APU prosecutes the most serious cases of police misconduct against members of the NYPD. Mr. Darche also previously served as Acting Chief of Investigations, guiding the Agency's hundred civilian investigators. During that time, the Investigative Division eliminated a large backlog of cases and reduced the average time to investigate a complaint by more than 200%. Prior to joining the CCRB, Mr. Darche worked as an Assistant District Attorney at the Queens County District Attorney's Office. Darche began his career in public service working as a staffer for New York's Senior Senator Chuck Schumer. Mr. Darche is a graduate of Empire State College and received his law degree from the City University of New York School of Law.

Networking Reception



John Siegal, Partner, BakerHostetler; Board Member, New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board

John Siegal is a partner at BakerHostetler, a national business law firm, where he handles litigations, arbitrations, and appeals for clients in the financial services, media, and real estate industries. Siegal's practice also includes constitutional, civil rights, Article 78, and other cases against government agencies. He has been admitted to practice law in New York since 1987. Siegal's public service experience includes working as an Assistant to Mayor David N. Dinkins and as a Capitol Hill staff aide to Senator (then Congressman) Charles E. Schumer. Throughout his legal career, Siegal has been active in New York civic, community, and political affairs. Siegal is a mayoral designee to the Board appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio. J.D., New York University School of Law; B.A., Columbia College



Jumaane Williams, Public Advocate-Elect, City of New York

Jumaane is a first-generation Brooklynite of Grenadian heritage. He was diagnosed with Tourette's and ADHD at an early age, but made it through the public school system from pre-school to master's. He attended Philippa Schuyler Middle School for the Gifted and Talented and Brooklyn Technical High School, then earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Brooklyn College. After graduating, Jumaane began his career as a community organizer by serving as the assistant director for the Greater Flatbush Beacon School, then later as the executive director of New York State Tenants & Neighbors, where he fought for truly affordable, income targeted housing across the city and state. In 2009, he began his career as an activist elected official in the New York City Council.

During his time at City Hall, Jumaane has championed landmark legislation that has resulted in transformational change. In his first term, Jumaane aimed to end the abuse of the NYPD's use of stop, question and frisk by sponsoring the Community Safety Act. The legislation passed despite a veto from then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and reformed the city's police department by putting an end to unlawful practices typically used in communities of more color, while creating the NYPD's Office of Inspector General, charged with investigating unlawful or unethical practices within the department.

As Co-Chair of the Council's Task Force to Combat Gun Violence, he helped create New York's Crisis Management System, which funds Cure Violence Groups that work to reduce shootings through a multi-pronged approach. Since then, New York has become the safest city it has been in more than 50 years. As Chairman of the Council's Housing and Buildings Committee, he challenged the de Blasio Administration's affordable housing plan by advocating for more deeply targeted affordable housing to help prevent communities from being priced out of the five boroughs.

Throughout his three terms, Jumaane has stood shoulder to shoulder with marginalized communities fighting for justice and equity for all, and has proven that he is not afraid to get arrested in the process. In fact, he has been arrested more than any other sitting elected official, fighting for women's rights, immigration rights, housing rights, police injustices and more.