Agenda

DAY 1 – Tuesday, June 18

8:00 – 9:00 AM   Registration and Breakfast
   Location: 59th St Entry Vestibule, Atrium

9:00 – 9:15 AM   Welcome Remarks: Karol Mason, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
   Location: Gerald W. Lynch Theater

9:15 – 10:00 AM  Keynote Remarks, “Toward a Science and Practice of Violence Prevention”:
   David Kennedy, Director, National Network of Safe Communities
   Location: Gerald W. Lynch Theater

Over the last decade, tremendous progress has been made in violence prevention. There is now a meaningful and growing body of evidence-based practice. There is also now an opportunity to build on that work in a way that goes beyond individual models; builds on empirical insight and effective practice; advances the field; and honors and supports the deep core strengths of affected communities.

10:00 – 11:30 AM  Opening Panel: Response to Keynote
   Location: Gerald W. Lynch Theater

Moderator: Jeremy Travis, Executive Vice President of Criminal Justice, Arnold Ventures

Panelists: DeVone Boggan, Founder & CEO, Advance Peace, Richmond, CA
           Jeffrey A. Butts, Ph.D., Director, Research and Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
           Vaughn Crandall, Policy Co-Director, California Partnership for Safe Communities, Oakland, CA
           Fatimah Muhammad, Executive Director, National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (NNHVIP), DC
           Eric L. Cumberbatch, Executive Director, NYC Mayor’s Office to Prevent Gun Violence

Leading figures in violence prevention reflect on the journey thus far, the state of the art, and how it can be advanced.

11:30 – 12:00 PM  Plenary: The Oakland Story
   Reygan Cunningham, Senior Partner, California Partnership for Safe Communities, Oakland, CA
   Location: Gerald W. Lynch Theater

The Oakland Story is an opportunity to share with the audience the audacious work of a coalition of city government, law enforcement and community stakeholders to turn the tide of violence in Oakland into one of partnership and hope.

12:00 – 12:45 PM  Lunch
   Location: Student Dining Hall (2nd Floor)

1:00 – 2:30 PM   Session 1

Panel 1: Shifting Perspectives: Identifying The Most Vulnerable People
   Location: Lecture Hall, L.61
Violence prevention thinking and practice has often operated in terms of large, broad, categories of “high-risk” neighborhoods and people. Research shows violence is in fact most commonly concentrated amongst a tiny number of exceptionally vulnerable people. The panel will explore a number of ways to identify those most likely to be victims or perpetrators of violence, setting the stage for a range of focused and effective interventions.

Panel 2: Impacted Voices
Location: Moot Court, 6th Floor

Moderator: Veronica N. Dunlap, Esq., MBA, Director, Strategic Initiatives at National Network for Safe Communities

Panelists: Garland Scott, Support and Outreach Manager, Sheriff’s Office, Jacksonville, FL
Gladys Muhammed, Associate Director, South Bend Heritage Foundation, IN
Quincy Smith, Community Organizer, Ceasefire Detroit, MI
Isaac Hunt, Jr., Group Violence Intervention Supervisor, Goodwill Industries of Michiana, Inc., South Bend, IN
Sheryl Jones, Director, Detroit Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, MI

Violence prevention is about, literally, lives lost and lives saved, and the families, loved ones, and communities also so deeply touched. Thoughts from those most affected.

Panel 3: Institutionalizing Violence Prevention in City Government
Location: Room 9.64, 9th Floor

Moderator: Paul David Smith, Director, Chicago Violence Reduction Strategy, National Network for Safe Communities

Panelists: Vanessa Garett Harley, Deputy Managing Director for Criminal Justice and Public Safety, City of Philadelphia, PA
Sasha R. Cotton, Director, Office Violence Prevention, City of Minneapolis, MN
Reygan Cunningham, Senior Partner, California Partnership for Safe Communities, Oakland, CA
Christian Clegg, Deputy City Manager, City of Stockton, CA
Walter Katz, Director of Professional Services, Benchmark Analytics, Chicago, IL

Cities are beginning to recognize the importance of violence prevention and how to in fact get it done. One development is an increasing number of city offices of violence prevention. What is the state of the field and where can and should it go?

2:30 – 2:45 PM Break
2:45 – 4:15 PM Session 2
Panel 1: Strong Medicine: Refining and Minimizing Law Enforcement  
**Location:** Lecture Hall, L.61  
**Moderator:** Laurie A. Grieco, Senior Field Advisor, Group Violence Intervention, National for Safe Communities  
**Panelists:**  
Derek F. Oberlander, Superintendent, SCI Forest – Pennsylvania Department of Corrections  
Lt. Matthew Hammer, Unit Commander, Place Based Investigations of Violent Offender Territories (P.I.V.O.T), Unit Commander, Cincinnati Police Department, OH  
Karl Jacobson, Lieutenant, New Haven Police Department, Office In Charge - Criminal Intelligence Unit, CT  
Achilles (Archie) Generoso, Retired Assistant Chief in Command of Detectives, New Haven Police Department, CT  
Isabel Rojas, Project Manager GVI, District Attorney’s Office, Orange County, NY

Law enforcement in violence prevention should be as effective and as minimal as possible. Practitioners reflect on their roles and evolution, on how to replace enforcement with deterrence, and on how to reduce the footprint of what enforcement is necessary.

Panel 2: Changing the Street Dynamic  
**Location:** Moot Court, 6th Floor  
**Moderator:** Jorja Leap, Ph.D., Professor and Executive Director, UCLA Social Justice Research Partnership  
**Panelists:**  
Fatma Zahra, Associate Director, Intimate Partner Violence Intervention, National Network for Safe Communities, NY  
Quincy Smith, Community Organizer, Ceasefire Detroit, MI  
Damon Bacote, Statewide Training Director, SNEG Street Outreach, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, NY  
Sheldon Smith, Resource Room Coordinator, Safer Foundation, Chicago, IL

Interrupting and undercutting the street dynamic – group processes, norms, vendetta, retaliation – that drives violence.

Panel 3: Taking Care of Our Own: Respecting and Addressing Trauma  
**Location:** Room 9.64, 9th Floor  
**Moderator:** Bishop Darryl Harris, Faith Based Coordinator for Ceasefire and Founder of the Faith Based Coalition, Detroit, MI  
**Panelists:**  
T. Marie King, Activist and PJ3 Community Trainer, Birmingham, AL  
Toni McNeil, Elder and Organizer, Faith in the Valley, San Joaquin, CA  
Tashante McCoy, Chapter & Membership Development Manager, Alliance for Safety & Justice, Stockton, CA  
Shatara Murphy, Assistant Director, Community Affairs, Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety, PA

Those most at risk of violence are saturated in trauma, as can be their families, loved ones, and communities. So also can be those who are dedicated to preventing violence. How can we understand and address these profound needs?
6:00 – 9:00 PM

10th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Reception

**Location:** Student Dining Room / Jay Walk (2nd Floor)

Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

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**DAY 2 – Wednesday, June 19**

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Registration and Breakfast

**Location:** 59th St Entry Vestibule, Atrium

9:00 – 9:30 AM

**Plenary: Police Legitimacy & Reconciliation**

Myesha Braden, *Director, Criminal Justice Project, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*

**Location:** Gerald W. Lynch Theater

A presentation on the role of history in present-day mistrust between police and communities, the importance of acknowledging harm, and the necessity of police-community trust-building as a vital element of a unified vision of public safety.

9:30 – 11:00 AM

**Opening Panel: Respecting and Understanding Affected Communities**

**Moderator:** David Kennedy, *Director, National Network for Safe Communities*

**Panelists:**

- Jesse Janetta, *Senior Policy Fellow, Justice Policy Center at Urban Institute, DC*
- Tashante McCoy, *Chapter & Membership Development Manager, Alliance for Safety & Justice, Stockton, CA*
- Toni McNeil, *Elder and Organizer, Faith in the Valley, San Joaquin, CA*
- Gladys Muhammed, *Associate Director, South Bend Heritage Foundation, IN*

“Dangerous” communities are in fact communities that have experienced extraordinary historical and recent harm, reject violence and respect the law, and do most of the work of creating public safety. There is important work to do in replacing common misconceptions with a deeper understanding of and respect for what is real.

11:00 – 11:15AM

**Break**

11:15 – 12:45 PM

**Session 1**

**Panel 1: Outreach and Support: Meeting Those At-Risk Where They Are**

**Location:** Lecture Hall, L.61

**Moderator:** Garland Scott, *Support and Outreach Manager, Sheriff’s Office, Jacksonville, FL*

**Panelists:**

- Debie M. Coble, *President & CEO, Goodwill Industries of Michiana, Inc., South Bend, IN*
- Erika Mendelsohn, LCSW, *Statewide Social Work Director, SNUG Street Outreach, New York Division of Criminal Justice Services, NY*
- Rev. Maurice Winley, *Executive Director, Living Redemption Youth Opportunity Hub, NY*
- Keith L. Bennett, *Director, Community Initiatives (Former Director, Flip the Script), Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, MI*
- Harold Dimbo, *Program Director, Bridgeport Project Longevity, CT*
Service providers have long aspired to meeting those at high risk for violence “where they are.” Great strides are being made in actually doing so. Those at forefront of this work speak to the challenge and how to meet it.

Panel 2: Violence Across Borders
Location: Moot Court, 6th Floor

Moderator: Adrienne Klein, Field Associate, Group Violence Intervention and International Interventions, National Network for Safe Communities

Panelists:
Jeremy Biddle, Founder & Executive Director, MetroPEACE, DC
Isaéél González Goodman, Director of Ranchero Pandillero, Center for Adolescents of San Miguel de Allende, MX
Rachel Locke, Head of Research, Grand Challenge on 16.1, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies at the Center on International Cooperation, New York University
Glenn L. Burt, Jr., Multi-Strategy Project Coordinator - Supervisor, Community Navigator Unit, Minneapolis Police Department, MN
Rory Geoghegan, Head of Criminal Justice, The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), UK

Cities and countries have borders; violence dynamics often don’t. And violence prevention that has been developed in one setting is increasingly being applied in settings that are both new and different but share underlying fundamentals. The shape of the problems on the ground and how to address them.

Panel 3: Moving Forward Together: Legitimacy, Procedural Justice, Reconciliation
Location: Room 9.64, 9th Floor

Moderator: Danneile Davis, Field Advisor, Intimate Partner Violence Intervention, National Network for Safe Communities

Panelists:
Monica Bell, Associate Professor of Law and Sociology, Yale University
Michael Sierra-Arévalo, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University
Anthony Titus, Training Supervisor, Gary Police Department, IN
Louis M. Dekmar, Chief of Police, LaGrange, GA
Benjamin B. Tucker, First Deputy Commissioner, New York City Police Department

Law enforcement relations with marginalized communities are tainted by both historic and present-day harms. Recognizing the depth and seriousness of the issues, and promising approaches to changing practice and repairing the damage done.

12:00 – 3:00 PM  Job Expo
Location: Hound Square

12:45 – 1:30 PM  Lunch
Location: Student Dining Hall (2nd Floor)

1:45 – 3:15 PM  Session 2

Panel 1: Data, Research & Evaluation
Location: Lecture Hall, L.61
Moderator: Jesse Janetta, Senior Policy Fellow, Justice Policy Center at Urban Institute, DC

Panelists: Kyle J. Ott, Data Analyst, National Network for Safe Communities
Thomas Abt, Senior Research Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School of Government
Clair Marie White, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology, University of Wyoming
Jeffrey A. Butts, PhD, Director, Research and Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, NY

Major developments in the social science of violence, communities, and violence prevention.

Panel 2: Government and Evidence-Based Violence Prevention
Location: Moot Court, 6th Floor
Moderator: Meaghan McDonald, Senior Advisor, Group Violence Intervention, National Network for Safe Communities

Panelists: Michael C. Green, Executive Deputy Commissioner, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
Michael McLively, Urban Gun Violence Initiative Director, Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, San Francisco, CA
Trisha Stein, Director of Administrative Operations, Detroit Police Department, MI
Michael-Sean Spence, Director of Policy & Implementation, Everytown for Gun Safety, NY

The history of violence prevention is that it has not been taken seriously enough by government, even where and when it has been successful. Leading figures in a growing movement to change that speak to their efforts and experience at the local, state, and national levels.

Panel 3: The Power of Community Action
Location: Room 9.64, 9th Floor
Moderator: Talib Hudson, Field Advisor, Group Violence Intervention, National Network for Safe Communities

Panelists: Donna Hall, Not Only My Son
Bishop Daryl Harris, Faith Based Coordinator for Ceasefire and Founder of the Faith Based Coalition, Detroit, MI
Stacy R. Spell, Project Manager, Project Longevity-New Haven, CT
Paul R. Soglin, Former Mayor, Madison, WI

Most of the work of violence prevention is done by communities themselves. Communities are developing innovative and powerful strategies to enhance their own role and effectiveness. Leading national and international practitioners present their thinking and work.

3:30 – 5:00PM\nClosing Conversation
Jeremy Travis, Executive Vice President of Criminal Justice, Arnold Ventures
Ed Chung, Vice President of Criminal Justice, Center for American Progress, DC

Location: Gerald W. Lynch Theater