



# Roundtable on the Future of Justice Policy

## Examining the History of Racial and Economic Inequality Implications for Justice Policy and Practice

Co-hosted by the North Carolina Central University Juvenile Justice Institute, the Virtual Justice Project at the North Carolina Central University School of Law, and the Justice Lab at Columbia University

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### ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018**

**NCCU School of Law**

*640 Nelson Street, Durham, NC*

**11:00 AM CHECK-IN**

**12:30 PM WELCOME**

**Elaine O'Neal** | Interim Dean, North Carolina Central University School of Law

**Bruce Western** | Co-Founder, Square One Project; Co-Director, Justice Lab and Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

**Katharine Huffman** | Executive Director, Square One Project

**Jared Pone** | JD Candidate, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Class of 2020

**Elizabeth Trosch** | District Court Judge, 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, North Carolina

**Daryl Atkinson** | Founder and Co-Director, Forward Justice

**1:15 PM LAUNCH OF THE SQUARE ONE ROUNDTABLE**

**Jeremy Travis** | Co-Founder, Square One Project; Executive Vice President of Criminal Justice, Laura and John Arnold Foundation; President Emeritus, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**2:00 PM THE RACIAL HISTORY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA**

**Heather Ann Thompson** | Author; Cedric J. Robinson Professor of History and African American Studies, University of Michigan.

Recent and current policies and practices have the clear outcome of incarceration on an unprecedented scale. What is the relationship between our racialized history and our current policies? What does this mean for current justice system practice, and for reform efforts?

**3:30 PM BREAK**

**3:45PM POLICING IN AMERICAN HISTORY**

**Robert Brown** | Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, North Carolina Central University

In the United States, state-authorized law enforcement actors have always had a role in enforcing laws and community norms that have disadvantaged people of color - sometimes economically or psychologically, and sometimes with brutal or deadly consequences. How has this history of policing contributed to racial and economic inequity?

**5:15 PM THURSDAY WRAP-UP**

Please join us for our evening reception at **Beyù Caffè** at 341 West Main Street.

**6:00 PM RECEPTION AND YOUNG ADULT VISION SETTING**

During this reception there will be an award presentation for the Square One Student Paper Competition winner, Cameron R. Wiley, who will discuss his paper. Local young adult activists and organizations will speak about their priorities for the criminal justice system and what they want safety and justice to look like. We will also hear spoken word from Word of Mouth poets.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018**

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**9:00 AM WELCOMING REMARKS**

**Lorraine Taylor** | Executive Director, Juvenile Justice Institute, North Carolina Central University

**Debra Parker** | Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, North Carolina Central University

**9:30 AM THE PROGRESS OF BLACK CITIZENSHIP**

**Leah Wright Rigueur** | Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government

For at least four centuries, the history of American society has also included a significant history of captivity for black people and other people of color. What role has the lack of access to full civic and economic participation for people of color played in our collective inability to change this story? What role does it play now?

**10:45 AM BREAK**

**11:00 AM THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY: WITNESSES, VICTIMS, PERPETRATORS, REINTEGRATORS, AND STORYTELLERS**

**Monica Bell** | Associate Professor of Law, Yale Law School

As witnesses, victims, perpetrators, reintegrators, and storytellers, people play a critical role in empowering and legitimizing the justice system. Community members, both collectively and individually, are necessary partners for responding to and healing from crime and violence. What happens when certain people or communities are disconnected from these roles?

**12:15 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**1:30 PM JUSTICE IN DURHAM**

Durham in particular, and North Carolina in general, have decades and even centuries of relevant history on matters of justice. Incredible work has been happening recently around justice, public safety, and reform. During this special session of the Roundtable, we will be joined by local leaders and will take a closer look at Durham as a “case study” for the future of justice. How do we operationalize “square one thinking” at the local level?

**3:00 PM BREAK**

**3:15 PM POLITICS, RACE, AND CRIME**

**Kerry Haynie** | Director, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender; Associate Professor of Political Science and African & African American Studies, Duke University

Politics is the mechanism for producing justice policy and practice, and the history of American politics has always contained conflict over race and crime. What does this mean for current politics, crime policy, and efforts for reform?

**4:30 PM FRIDAY WRAP-UP**

Please join us for our evening reception at the Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris Street.

**6:30 PM KEYNOTE RECEPTION: REFLECTIONS ON THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF JUSTICE**

**Melissa Harris-Perry** | Maya Angelou Presidential Chair, Wake Forest University

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**9:00 AM REFLECTIONS FROM THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

**9:30 AM TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE POLICY AND PRACTICE**

**Martha Minow** | 300th Anniversary University Professor, Harvard Law School  
*Martha will not be present in-person for the Roundtable; she has prepared a paper to contribute to this discussion.*

Historically, the criminal justice system has focused primarily on punishment as a response to violence, often without consideration of the need for safety and healing that the individuals and communities harmed by violence really need. Are there policies and practices that could put us on a path to repair and healing?

**10:45 AM BREAK**

**11:15 AM MODELS AND ASPIRATIONS**

**Nancy La Vigne** | Vice President for Justice Policy, Urban Institute

Promising practices and solutions exist outside the bounds of the traditional justice system, often led by the communities most heavily impacted by the criminal justice system. What are some of these promising practices? What are their successes and their challenges? How can we learn from and amplify their work?

**12:45 PM CLOSING DISCUSSION**

**Bruce Western** | Co-Founder, Square One Project; Co-Director, Justice Lab and Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

**1:30 PM PROGRAM END**