Roundtable on the Future of Justice Policy
Examining the History of Racial and Economic Inequality
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PARTICIPANT FACEBOOK

Arthur Rizer | Director of Criminal Justice and Security Policy, R Street Institute

Arthur is the Director of Criminal Justice and Security Policy for the R Street Institute, where he heads programs related to national security, crime, and policing. Arthur joined R Street in 2016, having previously served as an associate professor of law at West Virginia University’s College of Law and visiting professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center.

Before academia, Arthur served in the U.S. Department of Justice for nine years as a prosecutor and trial attorney. Before his legal career, he served as a civilian police officer and in 2014 he retired from the U.S. Army NG as a Lieutenant Colonel after commanding a military police battalion. In the Army he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and two Iraq Campaign medals.

Arthur earned his Master of Laws, with distinction, from Georgetown University Law Center, and his JD, magna cum laude, from Gonzaga University School of Law. He also graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps’ Command Staff College. Currently, Arthur is pursuing his PhD with a focus on criminology at Oxford University. While in England, he also a Visiting Lecturer at University College London.

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

Bruce is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Justice Lab and a Professor of Sociology at Columbia University. Before joining Columbia in the fall of 2018, Bruce was the faculty chair of the Program in Criminal Justice Policy at Harvard University.

He is the author of Homeward: Life in the Year After Prison (2018) and Punishment and Inequality in America (2006). In 2014, Bruce was the Vice-Chair on the National Academy of Science panel on high rates of incarceration in the United States, led by Jeremy Travis. From 2014 to 2017, Bruce chaired the Harvard Executive Session on Community Corrections.

Bruce is a Guggenheim Fellow, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
Dasheika Ruffin | Southern Regional Director, ACLU National Campaign for Smart Justice

Dasheika serves as the Southern Regional Director of the American Civil Liberties Union National Campaign for Smart Justice. The ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice is a 50-state campaign focused on ending mass incarceration in the United States, reducing the jail and prison population by 50 percent, and eliminating racial disparities in the criminal justice system.

Currently, Dasheika is managing a multi-state cash bail reform and electoral campaign. She is working with left-right coalitions, elected officials on both sides of the aisle, directly impacted communities, and grassroots organizations to end the United States’ two-tiered wealth-based justice system, which punishes the poor when they cannot afford to pay bail and rewards the rich by allowing them to purchase their freedom. Dasheika’s work has already led to major bail reforms in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Those states have reformed their bail practices and reallocated the cost savings to services aimed at keeping communities safer and reducing recidivism.

Dasheika is a graduate and Executive Board member of the New Leaders Council and a graduate of Leadership DeKalb. Additionally, Dasheika serves as a script consultant for Own Network’s television series Queen Sugar, where she consults on criminal justice issues.

Daryl V. Atkinson | Co-Founder and Co-Director, Forward Justice

Daryl is the Co-Director of Forward Justice, a law, policy, and strategy center dedicated to advancing racial, social, and economic justice in the U.S. South. Prior to joining Forward Justice, Daryl was the first Second Chance Fellow for U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). While at DOJ, he was an advisor to the Second Chance portfolio of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a member of the Federal Interagency Reentry Council, and a conduit to the broader justice-involved population.

Before serving at BJA, Daryl was the Senior Staff Attorney at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice (SCSJ) and before SCSJ, he served as a staff attorney at the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services (IDS).

In 2014, Daryl was recognized by the White House as a “Reentry and Employment Champion of Change” for his extraordinary work to facilitate employment opportunities for people with criminal records. He is a founding member of the North Carolina Second Chance Alliance and serves on the North Carolina Commission for Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System.

Daryl received a BA in Political Science from Benedict College, Columbia, SC and a JD from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN.
Derrick Harkins | Senior Vice President for Innovation in Public Programs, Union Theological Seminary

Derrick services as Senior Vice-President at Union Theological Seminary. Prior to this, he was a pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church in Washington, DC, where he led the congregation in initiatives ranging from providing health education and access, to international relief and development.

Before beginning his pastorate at Nineteenth Street, Derrick served as the Senior Minister of the New Hope Baptist Church of Dallas Texas. There he served as President of the Greater Dallas Community of Churches and was a founding board member of The Dallas Leadership Foundation. In Dallas, Derrick was a leading voice in the efforts toward reconciliation between the African-American and Latino communities. During the 2012 presidential campaign, Derrick was named National Director of Faith Outreach for the Democratic National Committee and has advised the Obama Administration on a number of faith related issues.

Derrick was a contributing author for The Audacity of Faith: Christian Leaders Reflect on the Election of Barack Obama (Judson Press). Derrick earned a BS from Boston University, a MA from Union Theological Seminary and a PhD from United Seminary.

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

Elaine was named Interim Dean of North Carolina Central University School of Law in June of 2018. Elaine began serving as a North Carolina District Court Judge in 1994 and was elected to the Superior Court bench in 2011, where she served in the 14th district. She worked as a solo legal practitioner before being elected to her first judgeship and retired from the bench after 23 years of service in the judiciary.

Elaine is a former member of the North Carolina Central University School of Law Board of Visitors. Active in the community, Elaine has served as a board member or co-founder of a number of organizations, including Systems of Care, Gang Assessment Oversight Committee, Restoration Institute for Leaders, Women’s Recovery House, and Families First. She currently sits on the board of Made in Durham, Inc. She is also a former commissioner for the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies.

A native of Durham, Elaine earned her JD from NCCU School of Law. She has extensive continuing education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the National Judicial College, the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence and the North Carolina Drug Treatment Court Program.
Elizabeth Trosch | District Court Judge, 26th Judicial District, North Carolina

Elizabeth is the District Court Judge for the 26th Judicial District. She has presided over both Civil and Criminal District Courtrooms, with an emphasis on Juvenile Law, Domestic Violence, Drug Treatment Court and Child Support Enforcement. Elizabeth has also presided over the Mecklenburg County Youth Treatment Court and volunteers to hold truancy court at a local elementary school.

Elizabeth has served on the Mecklenburg County Domestic Violence Advisory Board and is former lead Domestic Violence Judge. She serves on the Race Matters for Juvenile Justice Leadership Team, the Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team, the Project No Rest Anti-Human Trafficking Executive Committee and co-chairs the Mecklenburg Equitable Justice Leadership Collaborative. Elizabeth is the Charlotte Model Court Lead Judge, working as a liaison between the Charlotte Model Court Collaborative and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, to carry out systems change that will positively impact outcomes in child welfare cases.

Elizabeth earned a BA in Philosophy and Social Psychology from Hollins College and a JD from Wake Forest University School of Law, where she was a recipient of the North Carolina State Bar Pro Bono Service Award.

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

Heather is a historian, professor, writer, and activist from Detroit. She is a member of the faculty of Afro-American and African Studies, History, and the Residential College at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Heather is the Pulitzer Prize and Bancroft Prize-winning author of Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy (Pantheon Books, 2016). Blood in the Water also won the Ridenhour Prize, the J. Willard Hurst Prize, the Public Information Award from the New York Bar Association, the Law and Literature Prize from the New York County Bar Association, the Media for a Just Society Award from the National Council for Crime and Delinquency, and the book received a rarely-given Honorable Mention for the Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association.

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

Jeremy is Vice President of Criminal Justice at the Laura and John Arnold Foundation where he heads the Foundation’s Criminal Justice Initiative (CJI). The CJI is developing and implementing a cross-cutting strategy focused on policing, pretrial justice, community supervision, prisons, and reintegration.

Jeremy joined the Arnold Foundation after serving for 13 years as president of John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York. Under his leadership, John Jay launched research centers on topics such as violence, prisoner reentry, juvenile justice, policing, race, cybercrime, terrorism, and the role of prosecutors. Prior to John Jay, Jeremy served as the director of the National Institute of Justice, where he established major initiatives to assess crime trends; evaluate federal anti-crime efforts; and foster community policing and new law enforcement technologies; advance forensic sciences; and bolster research on counter-terrorism strategies.

Jeremy is author of *But They All Come Back: Facing the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry* and co-editor with Bruce Western and Steve Redburn of the National Academies report *The Growth of Incarceration in the United States: Exploring Causes and Consequences.*

Jeremy earned his JD and MPA from New York University and his BA from Yale College.

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

Jared is a JD candidate at North Carolina Central University School of Law. Jared has future aspirations of becoming a criminal defense attorney, and United States Senator.

Jared’s awards and recognitions include receiving the 2018 National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) Pipeline Diversity Scholarship, as well as the NAACP Legal Defense Fund Herbert Lehmann Scholarship. Jared is a former recipient of the City of Durham’s Diversity Change Agent Award and was recognized as one of the 40 under 40 influential young leaders in the Raleigh-Durham Metro.

Jared is a strong believer in vision and having a vision in every aspect of life personal and professional. He lives by his quote of “Dreams were made to be broken, while visions were made to be fulfilled.” His vision is to ignite the passion for future leaders to serve to the utmost of their abilities.

Jared is a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina. He earned both his MPA and BA degree in Political Science from NCCU with highest honors.
John Choi | County Attorney, Ramsey County, Minnesota

John made history on January 3, 2011, when he was sworn in as the first Korean-American chief prosecutor in the country. Since taking office, John has become a state and national leader in the fight against sex trafficking. John has also been a champion of engaging men to prevent violence against women and children; successfully advanced legislation to reunite families when it’s in foster children’s best interest; implemented new performance-based outcomes for juvenile diversion programs; developed the use of lethality assessment protocols and GPS technology to keep domestic violence victims safe; created pre-charge diversion for adults; and established a Veterans Court.

Throughout his public tenure, John has been innovative in reforming and finding efficiencies in the criminal justice system. In his previous capacity as Saint Paul City Attorney, John was recognized with the International Municipal Lawyers Association’s top award for distinguished public service. John holds a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Marquette University, a JD from Hamline University School of Law and was a Humphrey Fellow at the University of Minnesota.

Jordan Thomas | BA Candidate, Political Science with a Concentration in Theory and Pre-law, Accelerated JD Track, North Carolina Central University, Class of 2021

Jordan is a sophomore Honors pre-law student at North Carolina Central University. He serves as the Chief Justice of the Student Government Association, where he is responsible for the rights and disciplinary responsibilities of over 8,000 students. He is also a captain of the North Carolina Central University National Debate team. Jordan is also a member of the Institute for Responsible Citizenship, and he was a senior member of the Youth Justice Project.

Jordan regularly takes brazen steps toward making lasting impacts in different communities. He was integral in establishing the very first library book bank for the University Honors Program to help underprivileged students gain access to textbooks and has fought to compel the university to offer cheaper meal plans to students. He has proposed practical solutions to rectify the education system in Durham County and has even made proposals to both the Governor’s office and the office of Senator Thom Tillis. His most recent project will include work in the field of urban planning.

Jordan is a Newman Civic Fellow, a nationally ranked fellowship program. Jordan’s sense of justice and advocacy has stemmed from his parent’s constant reminder that “When you have the power to step up for those who can’t fight for themselves, then it’s your duty to do so.”
Katharine Huffman | Executive Director, Square One Project, Justice Lab, Columbia University; Founding Principal, The Raben Group, LLC

Katharine serves as the Executive Director of the Square One Project. She is a Founding Principal at The Raben Group, a national advocacy, strategy, and communications firm based in Washington DC. For over 14 years, her work at Raben has focused primarily on criminal justice reform, civil and human rights advocacy, and evidence-based policymaking.

Prior to joining Raben, Katharine was the Director of State Affairs at the Drug Policy Alliance, where she also opened the organization’s first state-based office in New Mexico. She began practicing law at the Southern Center for Human Rights as a Soros Justice Fellow where she represented incarcerated people in southeastern prisons.

Katharine received her BA from Emory University, where she was a Robert W. Woodruff Scholar, and her JD from Yale Law School. She serves on the Boards of the Southern Center for Human Rights and the Justice Policy Institute and the D.C. Corrections Information Council; and is the 2017 recipient of the D.C. Human Rights Commission’s Cornelius “Neil” Alexander Humanitarian Award for contributions to advancing civil rights and commitment to criminal justice reform.

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

Kerry is Associate Professor of Political Science and African and African American Studies at Duke University. He is the Director of the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Social Sciences, and the Co-Director of the Duke Council on Race and Ethnicity (DCORE).

Kerry received his PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Among his publications are New Race Politics: Understanding Minority and Immigrant Voting (co-edited with Jane Junn), African American Legislators in the American States, and The Encyclopedia of Minorities in American Politics, Volumes I and II.
Leah Wright Rigueur | Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Leah is an Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Leah’s research interests include 20th Century United States political and social history, and modern African American history. Her work emphasizes race, civil rights, political ideology, the American two-party system and the presidency. At the Kennedy School, she teaches courses on race, riot and backlash in the United States, and the Civil Rights Movement, race and policy in Modern America.


A historian by training, Leah received her BA in History from Dartmouth College and her MA and PhD in History from Princeton University. Before joining the Kennedy School faculty, she was a professor at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

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

Lorraine is the Executive Director of North Carolina Central University’s Juvenile Justice Institute. In this role, she serves as a researcher, faculty member, and program developer. Her work is “guided by a risk and resilience perspective that focuses on promoting success for young people with limited economic and social resources.” Utilizing a “systems” perspective, Lorraine examines how institutional, community, family, and individual-level risk and protective factors operate in shaping outcomes for marginalized, underrepresented youth. Her published work includes topics such as academic socialization, parenting in the context of economic hardship, and promoting social and emotional competence for boys of color.

Currently, Lorraine is a Principal Investigator on a Misdemeanor Justice grant through the Arnold Foundation and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She also is Principal Investigator on a SAMSHA-funded grant focused on Campus and Community partnerships to prevent HIV and substance abuse. Lorraine serves on several community boards and is Chair of the DMC sub-committee of the State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice.

Lorraine earned a BS from Howard University and a MA and PhD in Developmental Psychology from the University of Virginia.
Marlon Peterson | Host, Decarcerated Podcast; Founder and Chief Re-Imaginator, The Precedential Group

Marlon is the host of the Decarcerated Podcast and is an inaugural Atlantic Fellow for Racial Equity. Ebony Magazine has named Marlon one of America's 100 most influential and inspiring leaders in the Black community. He is also an Aspen Ideas Festival Scholar, and Fall 2016 TED Resident. His TED Talk, *Am I not human? a call for criminal justice reform*, has over 1 million views. He is also the founder and chief re-imaginator of The Precedential Group, a social justice consulting firm, and a 2015 recipient of the prestigious Soros Justice Fellowship.

Marlon spent all of his 20s inside New York State prisons for his involvement in a crime as a teenager. He spent the last five years of his incarceration as the head of the Transitional Services Center where he created programming and curricula for men nearing release from incarceration. Marlon also spearheaded and designed an experiential workshop for incarcerated men and college students from Vassar College called, "Vassar & Otisville--Two Communities Bridging the Gap." Marlon's writing, programs, and community initiatives have focused on issues of gun violence, carceral conditions, and racial justice.

Based in Brooklyn, New York, Marlon is currently working on his first book, memoir. Marlon has an AA in Criminal Justice with Honors, and a BA in Organizational Behavior from New York University.

Michael Finley | Chief of Strategy and Implementation at W. Haywood Burns Institute

Michael is the Chief of Strategy and Implementation with the W. Haywood Burns Institute (BI). He joined BI in 2001 as a site manager working collaboratively with stakeholders to implement the BI process and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in local youth justice systems. Most recently, Michael served as the Director of Site Management where he supervised BI’s site-based work, trained new site managers and conducted hundreds of disparities related trainings around the country.

Michael began his legal career as a Soros Justice Postgraduate Fellow with the Youth Law Center in Washington, D.C, a non-profit public interest law firm. At the Youth Law Center, he was involved in reform litigation and policy work focused on improving the conditions of confinement for children in state custody and racial and ethnic disparities in the youth justice system.

Michael is the recipient of the National Juvenile Detention Association’s Service Award, the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Child Advocacy Award and the Frederick Abramson Memorial Foundation Fellowship for his advocacy on behalf of children. Michael has a BA from Morehouse College and a JD from George Washington University School of Law.
Michael McBride | National Director, Urban Strategies/LIVE FREE Campaign

Michael known as “Pastor Mike” is a native of San Francisco and has been active in ministry for over 20 years. Throughout the years, Michael’s commitment to holistic ministry can be seen through his leadership roles in both the church and community organizations. Michael planted The Way Christian Center in West Berkeley, where he presently serves as the Lead Pastor.

In March 2012, he became the National Director for Urban Strategies/LIVE FREE Campaign with the PICO National Network, a campaign led by hundreds of faith congregations throughout the United States committed to addressing gun violence and mass incarceration of young people of color. In 2013, Michael was selected as the #9 Top Clergy Leader to Watch in the US by the Center for American Progress.

Michael has served on a number of local and national task forces with the White House and Department of Justice regarding gun violence prevention, boys and men of color and police-community relationships. He is a regular guest on MSNBC, CNN and Al-Jazeera programs providing commentary for issues related to faith and racial justice. Michael is a graduate of Duke University’s Divinity School, with an emphasis in Ethics and Public Policy.

Monica Bell | Associate Professor of Law, Yale Law School

Monica is an Associate Professor of Law at Yale University and a trained sociologist. Her areas of research include criminal justice, poverty, welfare law, constitutional law, housing, and race and the law. Some of her recent scholarship has been published in The Yale Law Journal, Law & Society Review, Social Service Review, and the Annual Review of Law & Social Science. She has also published work in popular outlets such as the Los Angeles Review of Books and the Washington Post.

Before entering the academy, Monica served as a fellow at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, where she worked on matters related to cash assistance to families and disabled adults, child support, unemployment insurance, homeless services, healthcare, and other legal and policy issues affecting low-income women and families. Monica clerked for the Honorable Cameron McGowan Currie of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, and before that worked several campaign cycles as a political operative on state and local races.
Nancy La Vigne | Vice President for Justice Policy, The Urban Institute

Nancy is Vice President for Justice Policy at the Urban Institute. She publishes research on prisoner reentry, criminal justice technologies, crime prevention, policing, and the spatial analysis of crime and criminal behavior. Her work appears in scholarly journals and practitioner publications and has made her a sought-after spokesperson on related subjects.

Prior to joining Urban, Nancy was founding director of the Crime Mapping Research Center at the National Institute of Justice. She later was special assistant to the assistant attorney general for the Office of Justice Programs within the US Department of Justice.

Nancy was executive director for the bipartisan Charles Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections Reform and was founding chair of the Crime and Justice Research Alliance. She served on the board of directors for the Consortium of Social Science Associations from 2015 through 2018. She has testified before Congress and has been featured on NPR and in the *Atlantic, New York Times, Washington Post*, and *Chicago Tribune*.

Nancy holds a BA in government and economics from Smith College, an MA in public affairs from the LBJ School at the University of Texas at Austin, and a PhD in criminal justice from Rutgers University.

Robert A. Brown | Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice; North Carolina Central University

Robert is Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at North Carolina Central University. He is an investigator (with Dr. Lorraine Taylor) on the Durham (NC) site for the Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice, which operates under the direction of the *Misdemeanor Justice Project* at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City and is funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. He also serves as the program evaluator for the Cumberland County (NC) Veterans Treatment Court, and as the evaluator for the Fayetteville (NC) Police Department's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program.

Robert has worked as a sentencing mitigation specialist for the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives (NCIA) coordinating offender-specific rehabilitation and supervision plans for offenders at the state and federal levels. His research surrounds interactions between police officers and citizens at the street-level (e.g., citation, arrest, use of force), the influence of race and gender (of officials and offenders) on criminal justice processing, and the impact of intermediate sanctions and problem-solving courts on rehabilitation and criminal justice processing.
Ron Davis | Principal Consultant, 21CP Solutions

Ronald L. Davis was appointed by United States Attorney General Eric Holder in November 2013 as the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). The COPS Office is responsible for advancing community policing nationwide and supporting the community policing activities of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

In December 2014, President Obama appointed Ron to serve as the Executive Director of the newly created President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. President Barack Obama charged Director Davis and the Task Force with developing concrete recommendations to improve community trust in the police while enhancing public safety.

Prior to serving as COPS Director, Ron had a distinguished career in law enforcement serving 8 years as Chief of Police of East Palo Alto (CA) and 20 years with the Oakland (CA) Police Department. Ron was recognized for his innovative community policing efforts and for working collaboratively with the community to dramatically reduce crime and violence in a city once named as the murder capital of the United States.

Susan Glisson | Co-Founder and Partner, Sustainable Equity, LLC

Susan is Co-Founder and Partner of Sustainable Equity, LLC. Offering years of practice-based evidence in community building, advocacy and public policy, Susan works with organizations seeking to make the greatest collective impact in creating inclusive and humane work and social environments and to develop the capacity to form sustainable community trust. This work includes workshops, retreats, research as a basis for building networks and communities of practice to increase individual learning and collective action for social justice.

As founding director of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, Susan cultivated lasting partnerships with organizations promoting reconciliation and improved community relations both across the United States and in Belfast, Northern Ireland (with YouthLink) and in South Africa (with the Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, the Centre for the Advancement of Non-Racialism & Democracy, and The Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice).

As an advocate for social justice, Susan helped create and served the Tallahatchie County Emmett Till Memorial Commission in 2007, which offered an apology in the miscarriage of justice in the Emmett Till case in 1955. Susan has a BA in religion and in history from Mercer University, a MA in Southern Studies from the University of Mississippi, and a PhD in American Studies from the College of William and Mary.
Vivian is the Executive Director of College and Community Fellowship (CCF), an organization committed to removing individual and structural barriers to higher education for women with criminal record histories and their families. As a formerly incarcerated woman and prior CCF program participant, Vivian is uniquely positioned to lead the charge to help justice-involved women and their families have a better future. While incarcerated, Vivian spent time as a peer educator for the adult basic education program at Albion State Correctional Facility in New York. Following her release, she was ordained by the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) and currently serves as an associate minister at Mt. Zion AMEC in New York City.

Vivian is a Columbia University Community Scholar and a recipient of the John Jay Medal for Justice, the Ascend Fellowship at the Aspen Institute, the Soros Justice Fellowship, and the Petra Foundation Fellowship. She is a co-founder of the Education from the Inside Out Coalition (EIO), a collaborative effort to increase access to higher education for justice-involved students and chairs the board of directors of JustLeadershipUSA. Vivian is currently a creative non-fiction MFA candidate at Columbia University and holds a BS from the State University of New York Empire College.
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JUSTICE IN DURHAM PARTICIPANT FACEBOOK

Amanda Maris | District Court Judge, 14th Judicial District, North Carolina

Amanda serves the 14th Judicial District of Durham County as one of seven District Court Judges. Amanda is a Family Court Judge and presides regularly in district criminal and traffic court, child support and domestic violence court. Amanda is a gubernatorial appointee to the bench, selected in July 2017 by Governor Roy Cooper.

As an Assistant Public Defender, Amanda participated in the first Misdemeanor Diversion Program in the state designed to assist young offenders (ages 16-21) with keeping their records clean and offering treatment and services. She was a Board Member and President of the Durham County Teen Court & Restitution Program and a Board member of Rebound-Alternatives for Youth, an innovative program that allows students to continue their studies during suspensions.

Amanda values a justice system that provides equal access to justice to all and addresses the underlying issues impacting those who come through the court system. Amanda has a JD from North Carolina Central University School of Law and a BA in Communications and Music Performance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel.

David Addison | Captain, Durham Police Department

David is a captain at the Durham Police Department, and an adjunct professor at St. Augustine’s University. David has twenty years of law enforcement experience and earned his JD through evening school at North Carolina Central University while he was positioned as a District Commander for the Durham PD. David is a North Carolina State Bar member and has served on the board of the North Carolina Inmate’s Dispute Resolution Board and the Minorities in the Profession Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association.

David has served 130 hours at the Legal Aid of North Carolina, at which he received the North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society Award in 2017. Additional awards include the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from both the State of North Carolina and Durham County; the Louis J. Carver Citizenship Award, presented to officers who display dedication to community service; and the Making a Difference for Durham Families Award in May of 2018.
Magan Gonzales-Smith | Co-President, Durham People’s Alliance

Magan is Co-President at Durham People’s Alliance. Magan is a public education advocate and her work in education includes recruiting teachers for high-poverty schools, mentoring youth in a college access program, and managing teacher grants for the Asheville City Schools Foundation.

Magan is currently the Associate Director of Insights & Impact for The Hill Center where she builds research partnerships focused on strategies for students with learning differences and supports Durham public schools with delivering literacy interventions for struggling readers. Magan is also a founding board member of the Durham Public Schools Foundation which champions public education and empowers students, educators and families to bring innovative and equitable strategies to our public schools.

After receiving her BA in Political Science from the George Washington University, Magan worked for a campaign consulting firm to get progressive candidates elected to state and national office. In 2014, she received her MPP from Duke’s Sanford School of Public Policy.

Marcia Morey | Member, North Carolina General Assembly, District 30 (Durham County)

Marcia is a Democratic member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, representing District 30 in Durham County. She was appointed on April 5, 2017. During the 2017 legislative session, Marcia was an honorary co-sponsor of House Bill 280, which raises the age of juvenile jurisdiction from 16 to 18. She has been a key player in a bi-partisan effort to make this happen. She currently serves on the Finance, Environment, Judiciary III, State & Local Government, and Pensions Committees. She served the 14th Judicial District Court as a district court judge for 18 years, five of which were as Chief District Court Judge.

Marcia worked with law enforcement, defense attorneys, and prosecutors to develop new ways to deal with 16 and 17 year-olds who had been charged with a crime. She spearheaded a program, called the "Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP)," that diverts these youths to education and community service programs that allows the teens to avoid a criminal record which enables them to find jobs and receive financial aid for college. She previously served as an assistant district attorney in Durham and created the first diversionary program in the state (and second in the nation) for first-time youthful offenders charged with misdemeanors. Marcia earned her BA from Millikin University, her MA in education from Reed College, and her JD from Northwestern University Law School.
Marion Johnson | Co-President, Durham People’s Alliance

Marion is the Co-President of Durham’s People’s Alliance. She got involved with Durham People's Alliance PA shortly after moving to Durham. She has never lived anywhere where she felt this level of effective community engagement before and therefore fell in love with the city and its passionate activist community right away.

She currently provides direction and guidance to clients in the non-profit sector to enhance their impact as a Consultant at Frontline Solutions. Previously, Marion served as a Policy Advocate at North Carolina Justice Center’s Budget and Tax Center, and as a Policy analyst at Think NC First.

As a research assistant for Scholars Strategy Network, Marion wrote papers on how Great Recession disproportionately affected women of color, and how North Carolina's new voter ID laws will discourage minority and youth voter participation.

Marion earned an MPP from Duke University in 2014.

Omar Beasley | Chairman, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People

Omar is Chairman at the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, a civil rights organization established in 1935. He also owns Omar Beasley’s Bail Agency, where he leverages 25 years in the Bail Industry to reunite loved ones in a time of need.

Omar has served on a number of boards and commissions and other organizations including the Durham Crime Cabinet, North Carolina Bail Agents, Durham Recreation Advisory Committee and the Durham County Memorial Stadium Authority. Omar also serves as chairman of the board and coach for the Bull City Express Track Club.
Orlando F. Hudson | Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, 14th Judicial District, North Carolina

Orlando is currently serving the Durham legal community as the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for the Fourteenth Judicial District. Prior to his service on the Superior Court bench, Orlando was a District Court Judge for five years, served as an Assistant District Attorney in Durham, served as an Assistant Public Defender in Fayetteville, and practiced law with a private law firm.

Orlando served as a Resident Superior Court Judge from 1989 until 1995, when he became the Senior Resident Superior Court judge for the Fourteenth Judicial District. Orlando was elected President of the Conference of Superior Court Judges of North Carolina for 2010-11. In 2016, he was presented with the North Carolina Advocates for Justice Outstanding Trial Judge Award.

Over Orlando’s 34-year career on the bench, he has presided over many criminal and civil trials, many of which have been high profile cases. He has a reputation for treating everyone fairly and with respect. Orlando received his BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and JD from the University Of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill.

Peggy Nicholson | Co-Director, Youth Justice Project, Southern Coalition for Social Justice

Peggy is Co-Director of the Youth Justice Project, which works to ensure equity, fairness, and justice for North Carolina youth in high-quality education, juvenile, and criminal systems.

During law school, Peggy participated in the Child Advocacy and Criminal Justice Clinics and was President of the Public Interest Law Association. After law school but prior to joining SCSJ, Peggy was Supervising Attorney of Advocates for Children’s Services of Legal Aid of North Carolina, where she provided legal assistance to students and parents experiencing school push-out, conducted community education and outreach on school-to-prison pipeline issues, and collaborated with other education justice advocates across the state.

Peggy graduated from the University of North Carolina with a BA in Political Science and African Studies and earned her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2011.
Satana Deberry | Executive Director, North Carolina Housing Coalition; Candidate, District Attorney of Durham

Satana is the current leading candidate for the Durham District Attorney position. After a brief stint practicing law in Washington, DC, Santana returned to North Carolina to practice with her childhood friend and NC Central grad, Stephany Hand Biggs. Santana practiced criminal defense law for several years before going to work at Self-Help. Currently, she works on issues of affordable housing and community economic development as Executive Director of the NC Housing Coalition.

Santana has an extensive and varied professional background that has included legal work, finance, and nonprofit management – working with institutions like TROSA and Habitat for Humanity. However, the one thing that has remained consistent throughout her career is her commitment to dismantling the systems that restrict the lives of poor people, families, communities of color and other marginalized and underrepresented groups. She has worked throughout her career to help expand access to resources in the community for people with serious, sometimes life-threatening, personal and legal issues – whether it is criminal justice, access to housing, food and medicine, childcare or legal services. She deeply believes that every person deserves the right to succeed – to “bloom where they are planted.”

Santana has a JD from Duke Law School and a BA from Princeton University.

Scott Holmes | Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Supervising Attorney at Civil Litigation Clinic

Scott is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Law at North Carolina Central University School of Law and the Supervising Attorney at the Civil Litigation Clinic. Scott clerked at the North Carolina Court of Appeals for Chief Judge John Martin and worked as a Public Defender in Durham before moving to private practice. He has worked as a trial lawyer in civil rights and criminal defense cases, representing Moral Monday protesters, panhandlers, Dream Team activists, and Occupy Protesters.

Scott’s research focuses on racially contested interactions with the police which lead to police misconduct, excessive force, and wrongful death. He also researches restorative justice models as an alternative to adversarial criminal justice interventions. Scott is concerned with the way our justice system harms poor and vulnerable members of our community including children, immigrants, and the mentally ill. He also works to challenge racial disparities in law enforcement, criminal justice, and housing practices. Having represented protesters, preachers, and panhandlers, Scott works to empower and amplify marginalized voices in our community.

Scott has a JD from University North Carolina Law School and is a recipient of the Friday Fellowship for Human Relations.