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**The Criminal Justice System and Social Exclusion:
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender**

500 5th Street, NW
Keck Center - Room 100
Washington, DC
April 3 – April 4, 2018

WORKSHOP AGENDA

This workshop will address the following:

- What research tells us about the criminal justice system's impact on social exclusion and inclusion in relation to race, ethnicity, and gender; and,
- How research informs programs, laws, policies, and practices being developed and implemented at the federal, state and local levels throughout the country.

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome/Introductions/Workshop Goals**

Kathi L. Grasso (Board Director, Committee on Law and Justice)

Ruth D. Peterson (Chair, Workshop Planning Committee, Professor Emerita, Sociology, Ohio State University)

Robert D. Crutchfield (Chair, Committee on Law and Justice, Professor Emeritus, Sociology, University of Washington)

Loren Harris (Vice President of Programs, The Nathan Cummings Foundation)

9:30 – 11:00 **Perspectives on Criminal Justice's Role in Social Exclusion**

Orienting Questions:

- Why examine criminal justice and social exclusion?
- What is the nature of the relationship between the criminal justice system and social exclusion?
- How is this relationship impacted by, and how might it exacerbate, disparities across racial, ethnic, and gender lines?

Panelists: *Bruce Western* (Professor of Sociology, Harvard University, Visiting Professor, Columbia University, and Distinguished Visiting Research Professor, University of Queensland)

Delores Jones-Brown (Professor of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York)

Moderator: *Kimberlé Crenshaw* (Distinguished Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, and Professor of Law, Columbia University)

11:00 – 11:15 **Break**

11:15 – 12:45 **Illustrative Patterns of Inequality in Criminal Justice**

Orienting Questions:

- What is the evidence for disparities across gender/race/ethnicity at different stages in the criminal justice system?
- What mechanisms may help to explain gender, race, and ethnicity differences in case processing outcomes?
- How do such disparities put people at differential risk for exposure to collateral consequences of criminal justice system involvement, broadly defined?

Panelists: *Marc Mauer* (Executive Director, The Sentencing Project)

Mona Lynch (Professor of Criminology, Law, and Society, University of California, Irvine)

Jeffrey A. Fagan (Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law, Columbia Law School)

Moderator: *Steven Raphael* (Professor and James D. Marver Chair in Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley)

12:45 – 1:45 **Lunch Break**

1:45 – 3:15 **Inequality, the Criminal Justice System, and Social Exclusion**

Orienting Questions:

- What are ways in which criminal justice system entities and processes (policing, sentencing, prison policies, policies about felony convictions) contribute to social exclusion of individual offenders or communities?
- How are the consequences of criminal justice system involvement experienced differently across racial/gendered/ethnic lines?

Panelists: *Christopher Uggen* (Regents Professor and Distinguished McKnight Professor of Sociology and Law, University of Minnesota)

Nancy G. La Vigne (Vice President, Justice Policy, Urban Institute)

Andrea James (Founder and Executive Director of the National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls)

Amada Armenta (Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania)

Moderator: *Nicole D. Porter* (Director of Advocacy, The Sentencing Project)

3:15 – 3:30 **Break**

3:30 – 5:00 **Youth and Young Adult Populations: Special Concerns**

Orienting Questions:

- What are social exclusion concerns that relate specifically, or more saliently, to the experiences of youth and young adults within the criminal justice system?
- To what extent do the social exclusion concerns discussed previously in the workshop also affect youth and young adults?

Panelists: *Vera Lopez* (Associate Professor of Justice and Social Inquiry, Arizona State University)

Marlon D. Peterson (Executive Producer of the Decarcerated Podcast & Atlantic Fellow for Racial Equity)

Lael Chester (Director, Emerging Adult Project at Justice Lab, Columbia University)

Aaron Kupchik (Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware)

Moderator: *Reginald Dwayne Betts* (Ph.D. in Law Candidate, Yale University)

5:00 – 5:30 **Day One Wrap – Up/Plans for Day Two**

Ruth D. Peterson (Chair, Workshop Planning Committee, Professor Emerita, Sociology, Ohio State University)

Kathi L. Grasso (Board Director, Committee on Law and Justice)

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

9:00 – 9:15 **Introduction to Day 2**

Ruth D. Peterson (Chair, Workshop Planning Committee, Professor Emerita, Sociology, Ohio State University)

9:15 – 10:45 **Innovations, Policies, and Practices with Implications for Social Inclusion**

Orienting Questions:

- What types of policies or practices have emerged that may reduce the likelihood of social exclusion, or increase the likelihood of social inclusion, due to criminal justice system involvement?
- Are such policies capable of reducing disparities across groups in criminal justice processing?
- What are the tradeoffs in positive and negative consequences of such policies?

Panelists: *Alexes Harris* (Professor of Sociology, University of Washington)

Amanda Agan (Assistant Professor of Economics, Rutgers University)

Steven Raphael (Professor and James D. Marver Chair in Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley)

Marshall Clement (Director, Justice Center's State Initiatives, Division, Council of State Governments)

Moderator: *Kareem Jordan* (Associate Professor of Justice, Law, and Criminology, American University)

10:45 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **Next Steps for Research, Policy, and Practice (Session I)**

Orienting Questions:

- Given evidence that aspects of social exclusion may be created or exacerbated by criminal justice system activities, what issues still need to be examined?
- What additional aspirational policies and practices may help to reduce the negative consequences stemming from criminal justice activities?
- How can the criminal justice system increase social inclusion?

Panelists: *Edward A. Hailes, Jr.* (General Counsel and Managing Director, Advancement Project)

John H. Laub (Distinguished University Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland)

Candice C. Jones (President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Welfare Foundation, Washington, DC)

Clarence E. Cox, III (President, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives)

Delores Jones-Brown (Professor of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York)

Moderator: *Robert D. Crutchfield* (Chair, Committee on Law and Justice, Professor Emeritus, Sociology, University of Washington)

12:00 - 1:00 **Next Steps for Research, Policy, and Practice (Session II)**

Panelists: *Nancy G. La Vigne* (Vice President, Justice Policy, Urban Institute)

Reginald Dwayne Betts (Ph.D. in Law Candidate, Yale University)

Marc Mauer (Executive Director, The Sentencing Project)

Bruce Western (Professor of Sociology, Harvard University, Visiting Professor, Columbia University, and Distinguished Visiting Research Professor, University of Queensland)

Moderator: *Jeremy Travis* (Executive Vice President, Criminal Justice, The Laura and John Arnold Foundation)

1:00-1:30 **Closing Remarks and Acknowledgments**

Rachel Fagiano (Program Associate, The Nathan Cummings Foundation)

Robert D. Crutchfield (Chair, Committee on Law and Justice, Professor Emeritus, Sociology, University of Washington)

Ruth D. Peterson (Chair, Workshop Planning Committee, Professor Emerita, Sociology, Ohio State University)

Workshop Adjourned

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