This Seminar will provide the Committee on Law and Justice (CLAJ), invited guests, and others with a forum to explore and discuss Diverting Youth from the Justice System. We will hear from practitioners and researchers about the history of youth diversion, innovative practices, international approaches to diverting emerging adults, and the costs/benefits of youth diversion.

**OPEN SESSION**

1:00 – 1:15  Welcome  
*Robert Crutchfield, Chair, Committee on Law and Justice*

1:15 – 1:30 Opening Remarks  
*An Overview of Youth Diversion- History and Purpose*  
*Jeffrey Butts, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*

1:30 – 2:15 Truancy Prevention/Intervention as Diversion  
*Parents' Misbeliefs and Absenteeism*  
*Todd Rogers, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government*

2:15 – 3:00 Youth Diversion Programs – Panel Presentation

- Police School Diversion Program  
  *Kevin Bethel, Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab, Drexel University*

- Restorative Community Conferences  
  *Jenna Kress, Community Works and Sia Henry, Impact Justice*

- Choose 2 Change  
  *Jens Ludwig, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, Crime Lab*

3:00 – 3:30 Q and A for the Panel

3:30 – 3:45 Break

3:45 – 4:30 Young Adult/Emerging Adult Approaches  
*Young Adult Courts in the U.S. and Europe*  
*Lael Chester, Columbia University, Justice Lab*
4:30 – 5:00 Costs and Benefits of Diversion Programs
Cost Benefit Analysis of Youth Diversion Programs
Stephanie Lee, Washington State Institute of Public Policy

5:00 – 5:30 Discussion
Sally Simpson, Vice-Chair, Committee on Law and Justice

5:30 Adjourn for Celebration of The Growth of Incarceration in the United States
(To Be Held in the Atrium -- Third Floor of the Keck Center)