

**Occasional Series on Reentry Research**  
**Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

*A Natural Experiment on Residential Change and Recidivism:  
Lessons from Hurricane Katrina*

**Panelist Biographies**  
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**David S. Kirk** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and a Faculty Research Associate of the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin. From 2006 – 2009, Dr. Kirk was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland. Prior to earning his doctorate in Sociology at the University of Chicago, Dr. Kirk worked at the Urban Institute, where he researched issues related to incarceration and sentencing policy.

His current research explores the influence of social context and neighborhood change on criminal behavior. Dr. Kirk's recent research has appeared in a number of academic journals, including *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, and *Criminology*.

**Andrea W. Evans** was nominated as Chairwoman of the New York State Board of Parole by Governor David A. Paterson on May 22, 2009, and confirmed by the New York State Senate on June 8, 2009. Ms. Evans was most recently Director of the Division of Parole for Region II, an area encompassing Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. From 2000 to 2006, Ms. Evans served as Special Assistant to the Downstate Director of Operations. From 1997-2000, she worked as an Investigator in the Division of Parole's Office for Professional Responsibility, where she conducted investigations into allegations of professional misconduct. From 1994 to 1997, Ms. Evans was a Senior Parole Officer and served as Acting Supervisor in the Bronx Area Office. Ms. Evans began her career with the Division in 1986 as a Parole Officer.

Prior to joining the State Division of Parole, Ms. Evans worked for the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council from 1979 to 1986, a community-based family services and support organization dedicated to foster care prevention. Ms. Evans holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the City College of New York.

**Dorick Scarpelli** is the Program Director of the Bronx site of the NYC Justice Corps at Phipps Community Development Corporation. The NYC Justice Corps, funded by the New York City Center for Economic Opportunity, provides 18 to 24 year olds with criminal backgrounds opportunities for meaningful work experience, community service, and education. Mr. Scarpelli has been working with incarcerated youth and adults for ten years. He created and taught educational, theater and debate programs in juvenile detention facilities in Rhode Island.

Previously, Mr. Scarpelli served as a pioneer instructor for the Five Keys Charter School, an experimental high school that was structured around principals of restorative justice for adults incarcerated in the San Francisco, California County Jail System. In this capacity he edited the jail's first literary arts magazine for incarcerated individuals. Mr. Scarpelli earned his bachelor's degree from Brown University and his masters degree in interdisciplinary arts from Goddard College.