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**at John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

**Redemption in the Presence of Widespread Criminal Background Checks**  
**Panelist Biographies**  
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**Alfred Blumstein** is the J. Erik Jonsson Professor of Urban Systems and Operations Research and former Dean (from 1986 to 1993) at the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management of Carnegie Mellon University. His research over the past twenty years has covered many aspects of criminal-justice phenomena and policy, including crime measurement, criminal careers, sentencing, deterrence and incapacitation, prison population, demographic trends, juvenile violence, and drug policy. On the policy side, Dr. Blumstein served from 1979 to 1990 as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the state's criminal justice planning agency. He served on the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing from 1986-96, and was President of the Operations Research Society of America (ORSA) in 1977-1978. Dr. Blumstein is a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology, was the 1987 recipient of the Society's Sutherland Award for "contributions to research," and was the president of the Society in 1991-1992.

Dr. Blumstein's degrees from Cornell University include a Bachelor of Engineering Physics and a Ph.D. in Operations Research. Additionally, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and was awarded the 2007 Stockholm Prize in Criminology.

**Kiminori Nakamura** is a doctoral student at the Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University. His research interests include the dimensions of a criminal career, life-course/developmental criminology, recidivism, collateral consequences of criminal-history records, and quantitative methods including social network analysis. Mr. Nakamura's dissertation research focuses on the issue of redemption for those with old criminal records, and exploring when an individual's risk of recidivism declines to a level suggesting unlikely future involvement with the criminal justice system. His work on redemption has been partially funded by the National Institute of Justice and is also scheduled for publication in *Criminology* in 2009. He received his M.A. in Demographic & Social Analysis in 2005 and his B.A. in Criminology, Law & Society in 2004 from the University of California, Irvine.

**Carole Eady** serves as co-chair of Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH). Ms. Eady teaches at the College of New Rochelle and is an assistant coordinator for the Exodus Prison Project at Abyssinian Baptist Church. She serves on the board of directors for the Center for Community Alternatives and is vice-president of the board for JusticeWorks Community. Additionally, Ms. Eady has presented at the Heywood Burns Conference at CUNY Law School, Women's Health Conference at Southern Connecticut State University, NAACP Criminal Justice Conference at York College and Critical Resistance-10. Her article "One Mother's Experience with the Adoptions and Safe Families Act (ASFA)" was published by the Women's Rights Law Reporter Symposium of Rutgers University in 2008.

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