



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted from Illinois journalists to attend an advanced Chicago seminar on covering criminal justice policy as special Reporting Fellows. The seminar, entitled “The Future of Sentencing, Corrections and Crime Reduction in Illinois: A Conversation among Journalists, Policy Makers and Criminal Justice Professionals,” will be held in the Tribune Tower in downtown Chicago on Sept. 25-26, 2009. Sponsored by the John Jay College Center on Media, Crime and Justice and the Public Safety Performance Project of the Pew Center on the States,\* the fellowship is open to reporters, editors, news directors, editorial page writers and columnists from all media platforms, including community and ethnic outlets. The seminar will focus on new developments in the state and nation in the areas of sentencing, corrections and re-entry; and place these developments in historical context.

*\*Additional co-sponsors include the Chicago Tribune, DePaul University College of Law, Metropolis 2020, the Vera Institute of Justice, and the John Howard Association of Illinois.*

### **The Fellowship includes:**

- Travel and accommodation in Chicago and relevant expenses to cover the day-and-a half of sessions
- Reserved seat at the seminar: “The Future of Sentencing, Corrections and Crime Reduction in Illinois: A Conversation between Journalists, Policy Makers and Criminal Justice Professionals”
- Hands-on skills workshops in interpreting statistics and research data
- Access to top Illinois and national policy experts, jurists and politicians
- Networking opportunities with fellow journalists
- Newly developed Criminal Justice Reporting Guide and other resource handouts
- Certificate of completion

**Requirements:** Prospective fellows must submit a brief letter detailing their professional background and special interest in the criminal justice, policy-making or state political beats (please include recent or planned stories in those or related areas), and a short supporting letter from an editor or professional reference.

**To apply:** Please visit the **Upcoming Events** section of our website: [www.jjay.cuny.edu/cmj](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/cmj).

**Applications are due by Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.** Winners will be announced on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about the Center on Media, Crime and Justice and previous advanced reporting seminars on criminal justice, please visit: [www.jjay.cuny.edu/cmj](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/cmj) or [www.thecrimereport.org](http://www.thecrimereport.org)