

2023

SAFE &
JUST
COMMUNITIES
SUMMIT

John Jay College of Criminal Justice
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SUMMIT AGENDA

The Safe & Just Communities Summit provides a comprehensive, community centered framework for safe communities—communities that are Resourced, Just, Healthy, and Restored. Summit participants will learn from experts from around the country about the investments, programs and policies that support the elements of safe and just communities.

MONDAY, MAY 8

8:00 am–8:30 am

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Lynn and Jules Kroll Atrium, Lobby Level

8:30 am–12:00 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Gerald W. Lynch Theater, Lobby Level

The National Landscape on Public Safety

Armchair Conversation

The Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, *U.S. Representative (NY-08), House Democratic Leader*
Marc H. Morial, *President & CEO, National Urban League*

BREAK (15 MINS)

Panel Discussion: The National Landscape on Public Safety

Safe communities are well resourced, just, healthy, and restored. Advancing each of these principles requires collaboration across government and communities and deep engagement with people and places most impacted by crime and violence. This panel will highlight the experiences and insights of change-makers working to improve safety and justice across the country.

MODERATOR

Nick Turner, *President & Director, Vera Institute of Justice*

PANELISTS

Aswad Thomas, *Vice President, Alliance for Safety and Justice; National Director, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice*
Ben Horwitz, *Co-Founder, AH Datalytics*
Patrice Sulton, *Executive Director, DC Justice Lab*
Syrita Steib, *President & CEO, Operation Restoration*

Panel Discussion: Parsimony and Other Radical Ideas About Justice

The recently released book, *Parsimony and Other Radical Ideas About Justice* brings together leading activists, legal practitioners, and researchers, many of them justice-involved, to envision a justice system that applies a less-is-more framework to achieve the goal of public safety. A group of distinguished contributors to the book will discuss how a parsimonious approach to punishment, alongside a reckoning with racism and affirmation of human dignity, would fundamentally change how we respond to harm.

MODERATOR

Lawrence Bratley, *Publisher, The Marshall Project Inside*

PANELISTS

Bruce Western, *Co-Founder & Director, The Justice Lab, Columbia University*
Jeremy Travis, *Executive Vice President, Criminal Justice, Arnold Ventures*
Vivian Nixon, *Writer in Residence, The Square One Project*
Danielle Sered, *Executive Director, Common Justice*

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MONDAY, MAY 8 (CONTINUED)

12:00 pm–1:30 pm

LUNCH & NETWORKING

Student Dining Hall, New Building, 2nd Floor

1:30 pm–2:45 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1

*Safe Communities Principle: **RESOURCED**—Safe communities invest in community-based violence intervention programs and the government structures that support them, such as offices of violence prevention.*

Panel 1: Strategies to Address Community Violence

Lecture Hall L.63, Lobby Level

Each year, thousands of people are killed with guns and an even larger number of people are harmed by exposure to violence in their communities. This is a public health crisis that can only be solved if community members, and the organizations that represent them, are resourced to directly address and prevent violence. This panel will examine various community-based violence intervention and prevention models, the role of government in supporting them and the existing research on community-based violence interventions (CVIs).

MODERATOR

Amy Solomon, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

PANELISTS

Fatimah Loren Dreier, Executive Director, The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention
Sam Vaughn, Deputy Director of Community Services, Richmond Office of Neighborhood Safety
Sasha Cotton, Senior Strategy Director, National Network for Safe Communities
Jens Ludwig, Professor, University of Chicago
A.T. Mitchell, Founder & CEO, Man Up! Inc.

1:30 pm–2:45 pm

*Safe Communities Principle: **HEALTHY**—Safe communities prioritize treatment and services, rather than a criminal justice response, for people in crisis.*

Panel 2: Transforming Responses to Crisis Calls

Lecture Hall L.61, Lobby Level

Police have become the default first responders for a wide range of social issues, from mental illness to substance misuse to homelessness. However, there are community-based, health-centered responses that can lead to better outcomes for people facing these issues. This panel will highlight proven and promising examples of programs that drive needed resources to people in crisis and reduce pressures on police departments to respond to situations for which they may not have the appropriate training or expertise.

MODERATOR

Daniela Gilbert, Director, Redefining Public Safety, Vera Institute of Justice

PANELISTS

Freya Rigterink, Executive Director, NYU Policing Project
Anthony Holloway, Chief of Police, St. Petersburg, Florida Police Department
Moki Macias, Executive Director, Atlanta Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative (PAD)
Shannon Scully, Director, Justice Policy & Initiatives, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Ernie Stevens, Deputy Division Director of Behavioral Health, The Council of State Governments Justice Center

MONDAY, MAY 8 (CONTINUED)

1:30 pm–2:45 pm

*Safe Communities Principle: **JUST**—Safe communities ensure that police have the trust and confidence of the people they serve.*

Panel 3: Fair & Accountable Policing for Safe Communities

Moot Court, 6th Floor

For police to contribute to public safety, they must be viewed as effective and legitimate by their communities. Building trust between police and communities requires transparency, accountability and resources. This panel will discuss the challenges communities face in ensuring fairness and accountability in policing and the opportunities to improve policing to keep all of our communities safe.

MODERATOR

Walter Katz, *Vice President of Criminal Justice, Arnold Ventures*

PANELISTS

Marquez (Marq) Claxton, *Director of Public Relations & Political Affairs, Black Law Enforcement Alliance*

Tiffany Crutcher, *Executive Director, Terence Crutcher Foundation*

Deborah Witzburg, *Inspector General, City of Chicago, Office of Inspector General*

Heather Warnken, *Executive Director Center for Criminal Justice Reform, University of Baltimore*

Sean Smoot, *Managing Partner, 21CP Solutions, LLC*

2:45 pm–3:00 pm

BREAK

3:00 pm–4:30 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2

*Safe Communities Principle: **RESOURCED**—Safe communities empower residents most impacted by crime and violence to identify and implement solutions with the support of government and other institutional partners.*

Panel 1: Best Practices for Community-Led Safety Initiatives

Lecture Hall L.63, Lobby Level

This session will highlight best practices/models, including results-based performance management standards for community-based safety interventions; Provide models for sharing power between communities/government/law enforcement and frameworks, stories, and lessons learned re: collaborative governance.

MODERATOR

Douglas Wood, *Director, Criminal Justice Reform Initiative, Aspen Institute*

PANELISTS

Alejandro Gimenez-Santana, *Executive Director, Newark Public Safety Collaborative*

LaTonya Tate, *Councilmember, City of Birmingham, Alabama*

Cory Miskell, *Colorado State Director, Latino Coalition for Community Leadership*

Anthony Smith, *Executive Director, Cities United*

James Brodick, *Chief Program Officer, Community Safety, Center for Justice Innovation*

MONDAY, MAY 8 (CONTINUED)

3:00 pm–4:30 pm

*Safe Communities Principle: **HEALTHY**—Safe communities are green, clean, and livable.*

Panel 2: The Role of Light, Blight & Green Space in Public Safety

Moot Court, 6th Floor

The physical environment of a community can shape safety for the better or worse. Green spaces and well-lit meeting places can support the cohesiveness of communities whereas abandoned lots can both result from and contribute to elevated rates of crime. This panel will highlight place-based public safety strategies that are associated with increased feelings of safety and sustainable reductions in gun violence and the research demonstrating their success.

MODERATOR

Jeff Butts, *Research Professor and Director, Research and Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*

PANELISTS

Charlie Branas, *Department Chair, Columbia University*

Michelle Kondo, *Research Social Scientist, USDA Forest Service*

Renita Francois, *Chief Strategy Officer, Tides Advocacy*

Alex Piquero, PhD, *Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice*

3:00 pm–4:30 pm

*Safe Communities Principle: **RESTORED**—Safe communities end cycles of perpetual punishment by restoring the rights and privileges of people with criminal records and returning from prison to their communities.*

Panel 3: Ending Cycles of Perpetual Punishment Through Rights Restoration

Lecture Hall L.61, Lobby Level

People with criminal records often face legal restrictions and societal stigma long after their criminal case is closed. This can negatively impact access to the necessary supports (e.g., employment, housing, etc.) that enable people to build a stable life for themselves and their families as well as increase the risk of repeat contacts with the criminal legal system. This panel will discuss effort across the country to roll back restrictions and stigma that undermine stability and dignity for people with criminal records as well as public safety broadly.

MODERATOR

Candice C. Jones, *President & CEO, Public Welfare Foundation*

PANELISTS

Sheena Meade, *CEO, Clean Slate Initiative*

Senator Liz Miranda, *State Senator Second Suffolk, Massachusetts*

Malik S. Nevels, *Chief Operating Officer, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)*

Whitley Carpenter, *Senior Criminal Justice Counsel, Forward Justice*

Terrell Blount, *Executive Director, Formerly Incarcerated College Graduates Network*

TUESDAY, MAY 9

8:30 am–9:30 am

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Lynn and Jules Kroll Atrium, Lobby Level

9:30 am–11:20 am

PLENARY SESSION

Gerald W. Lynch Theater, Lobby Level

Government Leadership in Safe & Just Communities

Armchair Conversation

Vanita Gupta, Associate Attorney General, USDOJ

Karol Mason, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Mayoral Roundtable on Public Safety

MODERATOR

Linsey Davis, Anchor, ABC News

PANELISTS

Mayor Tishaura Jones, City of St. Louis, Missouri

Mayor Sharon Weston Broome, City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Mayor Chokwe Lumumba, City of Jackson, Mississippi

Mayor Ras Baraka, City of Newark, New Jersey

11:20 am–11:30 am

BREAK

11:30 am–12:45 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS #3

*Safe Communities Principle: **RESOURCED**—Safe communities invest in programs and policies that reduce gun violence.*

Panel 1: Advancing Gun Violence Reduction Efforts

Moot Court, 6th Floor

In an average year, gun violence in America kills 40,000 people, wounds twice as many, and costs the nation \$557 billion. Firearm-related deaths have become the leading cause of death among young people and 648 mass shootings took place in 2022. This panel will address the barriers to gun violence reduction, including the Supreme Court’s recent Bruen decision, and the opportunities for meaningful legal and policy reforms at the local, state and federal levels.

MODERATOR

Jonathan Capehart, Associate Editor, The Washington Post; Anchor, MSNBC

PANELISTS

Alvin Bragg, Manhattan District Attorney, New York County

Greg Jackson, Executive Director, Community Justice Action Fund

Representative Harold Love, Jr., Tennessee House of Representatives

Nick Suplina, Senior Vice President for Law & Policy, Everytown for Gun Safety

TUESDAY, MAY 9 (CONTINUED)

11:30 am–12:45 pm

*Safe Communities Principle: **JUST**—Safe communities ensure that all residents are protected from all forms of violence, including gender-based and domestic violence.*

Panel 2: No Justice Without Gender Justice

Lecture Hall L.61, Lobby Level

The prevalence of gender-based and intimate partner violence in communities across the nation undermines public safety, particularly for women, BIPOC people, lesbian, gay, transgender, and gender non-conforming people. Traditional public safety approaches, such as policing and prosecution, are often ill-equipped to address the root causes of this type of violence and meet the needs of survivors. In this session, experts will discuss the drivers of gender-based and intimate partner violence as well as evidence-based and promising approaches to disrupting these forms of violence.

MODERATOR

Bea Hanson, *Senior Advisor, NYC Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence*

PANELISTS

Bernadine Waller, *Research Fellow, Columbia University*

Annita Lucchesi, *Founder, Sovereign Body Institute*

Juan Carlos Areán, *Program Director, Children and Youth Program, Futures Without Violence*

Michelle Kaminsky, *Chief, Gender Based Violence Division, Kings County District Attorney's Office*

11:30 am–12:45 pm

*Safe Communities Principle: **HEALTHY**—Safe communities respond to substance use and misuse with education, treatment and regulation that addresses historical racial disparities in enforcement and healthcare.*

Panel 3: From the War on Drugs to Harm Reduction: Recent Transformations in Drug Policy

Student Dining Hall, New Building, 2nd Floor

Across the nation, there have been significant shifts in the public discourse, law and policy with regards to drug use and drug markets. An increasing number of states have decriminalized and/or legalized marijuana and Oregon recently became the first state to decriminalize possession of small amounts of other drugs (e.g., heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine). Many communities have responded to the opioid crisis by adopting programs and policies that encourage treatment over punishment. This panel will discuss successes and challenges associated with recent reforms related to legalization, decriminalization, harm reduction, and changing federal drug scheduling.

MODERATOR

Jasmine Tyler, *Executive Director, Policy Innovation Lab, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy*

PANELISTS

Christopher Alexander, *Executive Director, New York Office of Cannabis Management*

Kassandra Frederique, *Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance*

Karen Freeman-Wilson, *President & CEO, Chicago Urban League*

Alex Kral, PhD, *Distinguished Fellow, Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice, RTI International*

John Hudak, PhD, *Director, Maine's Office of Cannabis Policy*

TUESDAY, MAY 9 (CONTINUED)

11:30 am–12:45 pm

*Safe Communities Principle: **RESTORED**—Safe communities acknowledge and address the racial disparities impacting Black, brown, and tribal communities that suffer from state violence and discrimination.*

Panel 4: Addressing Racial Disparities in the Criminal Legal System

Conference Room 9.64, 9th Floor

Well-documented racial inequities in the criminal legal system reflect the socioeconomic challenges faced by communities of color as well as broader issues of racism in our society. This panel will discuss the role that race plays in our existing systems of public safety. It will also highlight the policies, programs and investments that are necessary to address racial inequities and heal communities of color, including through racial reconciliation, criminal legal system reforms and community investment.

MODERATOR

Ed Chung, *Vice President of Initiatives, Vera Institute of Justice*

PANELISTS

Khalil G. Muhammad, *Ford Foundation Professor of History, Race, and Public Policy, Harvard University*

Jamila Hodge, *Executive Director, Equal Justice USA*

Arva Rice, *President & CEO, New York Urban League, Inc.*

Frankie Guzman, *Senior Director, Youth Justice, National Center for Youth Law*



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