2026 SJC Research Symposium Speaker Bios

- **Nida Abbasi** is a Program Officer on the Criminal Justice team at MacArthur Foundation, where she focuses on grantmaking to reduce incarceration and racial disparities in jails across the country. Prior to joining MacArthur, Nida was an Associate Director at the Center for Justice Innovation in New York City and guided several national technical assistance programs designed to transform justice system responses to gender-based violence.

- **Stephanie Akhter** is the director of the Council's 17-member Women's Justice Commission, and works to establish consensus on policies to safely reduce the number of women in the justice system and improve outcomes for women and their families. She also leads efforts to fill critical gaps in research and national discourse about the distinct challenges and outcomes experienced by justice-involved women.
  Akhter has spent her career advancing justice and safety within the direct service, policy, and philanthropic sectors. Prior to joining the Council, she was chief of staff of criminal justice at Arnold Ventures, a philanthropy dedicated to promoting evidence-based policy solutions for some of our nation's most intractable social problems. Earlier in her career, she led reentry and employment policy initiatives at the Council of State Governments Justice Center and provided direct services to people reentering society after incarceration. As part of her work, Akhter has delivered multiple presentations to a variety of government agencies and policy organizations, including the U.S. Departments of Justice and Labor, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Governors Association, the National League of Cities, and the American Probation and Parole Association.
  Akhter holds a Master of Social Work from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ramapo College of New Jersey.

- **Dr. James Austin** is the founder of the JFA Institute which he launched 2003. Prior to that, he was the Director of the Institute of Crime, Justice and Corrections at the George Washington University, and Executive Vice President for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. He began his career in corrections with the Illinois Department of Corrections at Stateville and Joliet Penitentiaries. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California at Davis.

  He has worked with a number of state and local adult and juvenile justice systems to develop population projections, risk assessment systems, prison and jail classification systems, violence reduction strategies and program evaluations. Most recently he has developed with his colleagues statistical models for projecting crime rates.

  He has received numerous awards including the American Correctional Association's Peter P. Lejin's Research Award, the Western Society of Criminology Paul Tappin award for outstanding contributions in the field of criminology, and the .American Society of Criminology's Marguerite Q. Warren And Ted B. Palmer Differential Intervention Award.

- A career evaluator, **Sanjeev Baidyaroy** has analyzed outcomes for various systems in the Pittsburgh region for over a decade. He serves as Deputy Director of Evaluation, for the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania's Criminal Division. In his role he assesses trends and program performance for Allegheny County Adult Probation and Parole, Allegheny County Pretrial Services, and Allegheny County Criminal Court. Sanjeev previously served as Adult Probation Manager/Criminal Court Research Manager and Data Analyst. Sanjeev has studied many areas in his current role, including incarceration trends, court processing, the impact of risk needs assessments, and community supervision dosage. Prior to joining the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Sanjeev served as a Data Analyst for Allegheny County Department of Human Services, focusing on understanding the impact of social services on educational outcomes as well as evaluating programs to expand foster parent recruitment. He has published work on foster parent recruitment, school student housing crises, and sports and civil rights. Sanjeev has previously partnered with various institutions and organizations including RAND Corporation, RTI International, Carnegie Mellon University, Harvard University, Rutgers University, and more.
  Sanjeev received his B.A. in History & Policy from Carnegie Mellon University, and his M.S. in Public Policy & Management from Carnegie Mellon's Heinz College. He holds a Certificate in School Justice Partnerships.

- **Nicolle Barton** is currently the Policy Manager for the Justice Innovation Team and leading the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in Harris County. Prior to coming to Harris County, she was the Executive Director for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the City of St. Louis, appointed by Mayor Tishaura Jones. In 2019, Nicolle was brought on as the Consent Decree Coordinator for the City of Ferguson where she was tasked with ensuring both Municipal Court and Police Department Compliance of federal oversight for the City of Ferguson. Nicolle worked closely with the United States Department of Justice and the Federal Monitoring Team to ensure court and police reform efforts meet the requirements of the Federal Court order. Previously she served as the Inaugural Commissioner for the St. Louis City Civilian Oversight Board. She earned her Master's Degree in Legal Studies from Webster University in St. Louis. She also has a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice. She has a background in both law enforcement and community engagement. She has led police reform efforts in the St. Louis region and around the country as a member and previous board member of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE). Nicolle has over 20 years of professional practice and experience in training, leadership, auditing, and operations. She has been recognized as a leader in "Eliminating Racism, Empowering Women". She has spoken at numerous conferences as a subject matter expert; including IACP, NACOLE, NOBLE, and NLC.

- **Deanne Benos** is *the Executive Director & Co-Founder of The Women's Justice Institute (WJI),* a dynamic Chicago-based, national "think and do tank" that collaborates and consults with a wide-range of stakeholders to build transformational justice across sectors with-and-for system-impacted women, their children and families with the goal of ending women's mass incarceration, reducing harm and improving health, well-being and outcomes.

With an extensive history of leadership in public policy, communications, government and public affairs and public sector management consulting, she has held key posts and the national, state and local levels. She previously served as the first woman to be Senate-confirmed as Assistant Director of the $1.2 billion Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), and as the Associate Director for Crime & Gun Safety at the White House Domestic Policy Council under the Clinton Administration. She is currently the Co-Chair of the *American Probation & Parole Association (APPA) Women & Girls Committee and serves as an* Expert Advisor to the *Women's Justice Commission of the national Council on Criminal Justice (CCJ).*

Throughout her career, much of her work has centered on architecting sustainable, data-driven strategies and policies designed to end mass incarceration and the advancement of innovative culture change initiatives. These include, but are not limited to authoring the WJI's Cut 50%+ and Beyond Women's Decarceration Matrix in collaboration with Loyola University, and serving as Executive Producer of the "Redefining the Narrative" public awareness campaign and video project.

She is a proud graduate of the Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism and member of the Northwestern University Council of 100.

- **Elaine Borakove** is the president of JMI, serving in the role since 2010. Prior to JMI, she was the Director of Research and Evaluation at the American Prosecutors Research Institute, Elaine Borakove became president in 2010.

- **Fred Butcher** is a Principal Research Associate with the Center for Justice Innovation. He has over a decade of experience in research around program evaluation, diversion, and measurement, bridging research and practice. Prior to his role at the Center, he was a research assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University with a focus on youth justice diversion and the development and validation of justice-based assessments. He holds a PhD in Political Science from Kent State University.

- **Reagan Daly** is the Research Director at CUNY ISLG, where she sets the strategic direction of the Research Department and develops and oversees a broad portfolio of action-oriented research projects. Reagan has almost 20 years of experience developing and managing criminal legal and other research in applied settings. Under her leadership, CUNY ISLG has helped government partners in more than 50 jurisdictions around the country grow local data capacity and develop data-informed policy and practice solutions, built an array of local and national data resources, and served as the research intermediary for multiple national initiatives.

  Prior to joining the Institute, Reagan served as the Assistant Commissioner for Research and Planning at the New York City Department of Probation and was an Associate Research Director in criminal and juvenile justice at the Vera Institute of Justice. She received her Ph.D. in criminology from the University of Pennsylvania.

- **Renee Danser** is the Associate Director of Research and Strategic Partnerships at the Access to Justice Lab at Harvard Law School, www.a2jlab.org. After a career as a lawyer and court administrator, Ms. Danser now draws on her knowledge of justice

system operations and the pressures on the justice system, to incorporate rigorous research into improving access to justice. Ms. Danser believes that for our research to be impactful, we must recognize the strengths and weaknesses of the communities incorporating it. Using her court management and non-profit leadership experience, Ms. Danser encourages courts and the justice community to think about their needs and the needs of their users and how to successfully balance those interests. Reach Ms. Danser at rdanser@law.harvard.edu.

- **NeAngela Dixon** is an attorney with a demonstrated passion for women's and children's advocacy and criminal justice reform. She has served in various roles across the fields of domestic violence, child protection, and juvenile justice. Currently, she is a Senior Program Officer on the Criminal Justice team of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The Foundation's major Criminal Justice initiative, the Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC), aims to address America's problem of mass incarceration through a focus on the misuse and overuse of jails. Previously, she served as General Counsel for the State of Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. When she is not working or volunteering, she enjoys spending time with family.

- **Branden DuPont -** is the Chief of the Data Analytics & Research Team at the New York City Criminal Justice Agency (CJA), where he leads efforts to turn justice system data into insights that inform policy and practice. Previously, he served as Director of Analytics at the Loyola Chicago Center for Criminal Justice, evaluating major reforms including Illinois' end of cash bail and building a systemwide dashboard for Cook County. Over his career, Branden has developed 25 public prosecutor dashboards, conducted 14 racial disparity analyses, and worked with more than 40 District Attorney offices across 12 states. He has also partnered with prosecutors in Queens and Manhattan and held roles with a public defender's office and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Branden holds a Master of Science in Urban Data Science from New York University.

- **Doug Evans** is a Senior Research Associate who researches legal system issues in collaboration with local practitioners and policymakers. His role includes using data to examine how individuals move through the legal system and to identify problems within each phase to inform equitable solutions to address these issues. In addition to his work to support policies that automatically clear certain criminal records, he is a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and teaches in prisons in New York and New Jersey. Prior to joining CUNY ISLG, he was a project director at the Research and Evaluation Center at John Jay College where he managed research projects focused on data capacity building, program assessment, juvenile justice policy, and gun courts in New York City.

- **Jennifer Ferone** is Deputy Research Director at ISLG, with nearly 15 years of experience in applied criminal justice research. She leads efforts to build data and analytic capacity across criminal legal system agencies—particularly in prosecution—and manages a pretrial justice research consortium tied to the Safety and Justice Challenge.

Previously, Jennifer worked on bail reform, decision-making disparities, and prison conditions, and led juvenile justice research at the Vera Institute of Justice. She holds two master's degrees in criminal justice and is ABD at Rutgers University.

- **Judge Toria J. Finch** was elected to the bench of Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 9 on November 6, 2018. Judge Finch has served as both the Presiding Judge and the Local Administrative Judge for the Harris County Courts at Law. Judge Finch is an Adjunct Professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas; Adjunct Professor in the Paralegal Studies Program at Alvin Community College in Alvin, Texas and a former Adjunct Professor in the Juvenile Law Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas; and current Chairwoman of the Advisory Committee for the Paralegal Studies Program at Alvin Community College in Alvin, Texas. Judge Finch is a proud alumnus of Alabama A&M University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Marketing. Immediately thereafter, she continued her education and received a Paralegal Certificate from Southeastern Paralegal Institute in Nashville, TN. Judge Finch decided to pursue a career as an attorney by moving away from her hometown of Nashville, TN to Houston, Texas where she attended Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) at Texas Southern University where she earned her J.D. Prior to Judge Finch's election, she litigated numerous legal matters on both sides of the bar. She was an Assistant Juvenile Public Defender with the Travis County Juvenile Public Defender's Office located in Austin, Texas, where she acquired Board Certification in Juvenile Law awarded by the Texas Board of Legal Specializations; an Assistant District Attorney at the Harris County District Attorney's Office; and founder of The Finch Law Firm, PLLC . While a practitioner, Judge Finch handled matters in both the Federal and State Courts. The cornerstone of Judge Finch's foundation is rooted in Faith, Family, and Community. In addition to devoting time and attention to her work, Judge Finch equally devotes time to engage in community service programs.

- **Jocelyn Fontaine** is the inaugural Executive Director of the Black and Brown Collective for Community Solutions to Gun Violence. She champions rigorous, community-engaged, and equitable research that can inform policies and practices that advance community safety and wellbeing. She has extensive experience as an executive leader, strategist, and researcher. Additionally, as Vice President for Strategic Program Development at the Urban Institute, she provides strategic direction and garners support for Urban's research and policy initiatives. Formerly Vice President for Criminal Justice Research at Arnold Ventures, she directed impactful investment strategies and oversaw the development of research agendas and research projects on community safety, pretrial justice, and corrections that use rigorous social science methods to advance justice reform and racial equity. Fontaine previously worked at the Urban Institute leading multimethod research and evaluation projects on gun violence and community safety initiatives, policing reforms, and issues related to corrections and reentry. She has also held roles at the Pew Charitable Trusts and the National Institute of Justice. Fontaine received her bachelor's degree in sociology and criminology from Villanova University and her doctoral degree in justice and public policy from American University.

- **Bria Gillum** works with the Criminal Justice team and is focused on improving local justice systems and developing alternatives to jail incarceration. Bria joined the Foundation after serving as a Senior Attorney Advisor for the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. As a legal and policy advisor to the Chair and the Commissioners, Bria was responsible for developing policy initiatives focused on equal pay and religious discrimination and conducted outreach on Equal Employment Opportunity laws. She previously served in President Barack Obama's White House Domestic Policy Council and helped implement the Administration's policies on criminal justice reform, equal pay, and Native American affairs. She leveraged her law and social policy expertise to coordinate with federal agencies, academics, and the private and philanthropic sectors on some of the Administration's key civil rights initiatives, including convenings on reentry and employment and school discipline, organizing the White House Tribal Nations Conference, and administering executive actions on equal pay. Prior to the Obama Administration, Bria served as a law clerk to Judge Eric L. Clay of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Bria received a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University, a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, where she served as Editor-in-Chief for the Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy, and JD from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

- **Patrick Griffin** is the Deputy Director of Policy and Communications at Loyola University-Chicago's Center for Criminal Justice. Prior to joining the Center, he was a Senior Program Officer with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, where he managed a diverse portfolio of grants aimed at stimulating and supporting justice reform and system improvement nationwide. He has a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School and a Bachelors in English from the University of Michigan.

- **David Hafetz** is a Senior Consultant at Bennett Midland, a civic consulting firm. At Bennett Midland, David helps lead the firm's work on criminal justice initiatives, including the team supporting the MacArthur Foundation's Safety & Justice Challenge. A lawyer and former journalist, David previously led alternative-to-incarceration and supervised release programs in New York City for the Center for Court Innovation. He also served as the executive director of the Crime Lab New York, a University of Chicago-affiliated research organization that designs and tests programs to reduce violence and address public health issues. David holds a Juris Doctorate from Columbia Law School and a Bachelor's degree in Religion from Princeton University. He was a U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Santiago, Chile.

- **Alysha Hall** is the Principal at the Center for Justice Innovation. She provides research translation and training and technical assistance to jurisdictions around the country on a wide range of criminal legal system reform efforts, with a focus on front-end systems change. She also served as the Interim Project Director and Director of Court Operations and Compliance at Brooklyn Justice Initiatives, a Center project site, where she managed data-driven development and implementation of one of New York City's largest pretrial supervised release and alternative to incarceration programs. In joining the Center, Alysha brought her previous experience as the Director of Law-Related Education at

Legal Outreach, Inc., a competitive, New York City-based, law-focused college readiness program, and as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, New York. Alysha received her Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law and Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Alysha is passionate about criminal legal system reform, racial justice and equity, gender justice, and serving youth from historically underserved communities.

- **Bryn Hill** is a Senior Research Associate who works on research and data capacity building efforts that support policymakers, practitioners, and communities across the country. Her role supports the use of research and data to address social policy challenges equitably, transforming cultures, and designing effective and innovative solutions to real-world problems.
  Before joining CUNY ISLG, she worked at the American Board of Internal Medicine as a Senior Manager for Innovation, implementing strategies to ensure examinations for medical certification better reflected day-to-day practice for physicians. Prior to that, she worked as an evaluation manager for the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, managing research on innovative interventions for vulnerable populations, and as a senior research associate at the Center for Court Innovation focusing on reentry and tribal justice research. Bryn holds a B.A. in psychology and sociology from New York University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in criminal justice from Rutgers University-Newark.

- **Beth M. Huebner** is Director and Watts Professor of Community Safety in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University. She is a nationally recognized scholar whose research focuses on punishment, corrections, and community safety, with particular attention to jail and prison practices, monetary sanctions, community supervision, and racial and socioeconomic inequality in the criminal legal system. She earned her Ph.D. and M.S. in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.
  Dr. Huebner's work is deeply engaged with policy and practice. She has led or co-led numerous large-scale, community-engaged research projects funded by organizations such as the MacArthur Foundation, Arnold Ventures, the National Institute of Justice, and state agencies. Her scholarship appears in leading journals including Criminology, Criminology & Public Policy, Justice Quarterly, and Criminal Justice and Behavior, and she has authored or edited several influential books on sentencing, punishment, and corrections
  A Fellow of the American Society of Criminology, Dr. Huebner has received multiple national awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Division on Corrections and Sentencing. She is widely sought as a policy advisor, public speaker, and collaborator committed to advancing equitable and evidence-based approaches to community safety.

- **Mark Johnson** is an Associate at Bennett Midland, a civic consulting firm. In addition to providing project management and strategic support for the Safety and Justice Challenge, Mark works with non-profit, public, and philanthropic organizations to design new initiatives and maximize their impact. Prior to joining Bennett Midland, Mark supported communications strategy, policy research, and development for a range of national

mission-driven organizations in the United States. He holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Studies from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

- **Judge Timothy Kuhlman** has been dedicated to criminal justice reform as a Judge of Toledo Municipal Court, in Lucas County Ohio for 20 years. His advocacy ranges from past leadership on the local Domestic Violence Task Force to ensure fair access to the Court for victims, to the Local Re-Entry Coalition to give returning citizens a real chance for success after release. He was part of the Lucas County MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Team that implemented the Arnold Ventures Public Safety Assessment bond tool, a persistent offender diversion program and other reforms that greatly reduced the local pretrial and sentenced jail populations. Judge Kuhlman can be reached at tim.kuhlman@tmcourt.org.

- **Nancy La Vigne** is dean of the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice and former director of the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice. She previously served as executive director of the Council of Criminal Justice's Task Force on Policing and before that was vice president of justice policy at the Urban Institute, where she led a research team and conducted her own studies on various criminal justice reforms and technologies. La Vigne holds a PhD in criminal justice from her alma mater, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's degree in government from Smith College.

- **Richard Littlehale** is an attorney and technical investigator who serves as Assistant Director for Technology and Innovation at the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, where he has worked since 1995. A self-proclaimed accidental technologist, AD Littlehale has spent three decades at the intersection of criminal investigations and emerging technology, from homicide trials to Congressional hearing rooms to the evolving questions around artificial intelligence and public safety. He is responsible for TBI's information technology infrastructure and investigative technology programs statewide, as well as the agents, analysts, and specialists conducting TBI's online child exploitation, criminal intelligence, cyber, digital forensics, and electronic surveillance investigations.

  AD Littlehale is currently focused on the opportunities and risks that artificial intelligence presents for public safety. He is a member of the Tennessee Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council, co-chairs the International Association of Chiefs of Police AI Working Group, and contributes to AI policy initiatives across multiple public safety organizations. Much of his career as a technical investigator centered on developing and using technology-based evidence in criminal cases, and he has testified as an expert witness on such evidence in homicide and violent crime trials. He also serves as an instructor on pre-trial criminal procedure and electronic surveillance law. He brings a practitioner's perspective to policy forums such as Congress, the Tennessee General Assembly, and expert bodies such as the National Academies, where he represents the interests of state and local law enforcement on access to digital evidence.

  He chairs the Police Investigative Operations Committee of the IACP and the FBI Lawful Access and Emerging Technologies Intergovernmental Committee, and co-chairs the Technology and Digital Evidence Committee of the Association of State Criminal

Investigative Agencies. He received his bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College and his law degree from Vanderbilt University.

- **Brian Lovins, Ph.D.,** is President of Justice System Partners. He earned his PhD in Criminology from the University of Cincinnati School of Criminal Justice, and he is a past-President for the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA). Prior to JSP, Dr. Lovins was Assistant Director for Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) where he was tasked with developing and implementing agency wide change plans to drive increased successful completion rates.

  Dr. Lovins has been instrumental in helping the criminal and juvenile justice system create programs that align with best practices for over 30 years. Dr. Lovins routinely consults with agencies regarding their implementation of the Coach Referee Model for Change within the context of evidenced-based interventions,the development and implementation of assessments, and the use of emerging technologies. He works closely with communities to develop effective strategies to improve the outcomes for individuals impacted by the system.

  Dr. Lovins has received the 2020 Edward J. Latessa Practitioner Research Award from the American Society of Criminology-Division on Corrections and Sentencing for his continued body of work in helping community corrections move forward. He has also been honored with the Dr. Simon Dinitz Public Service Award for his work and dedication in helping correctional agencies adopt evidence-based programs and the David Dillingham Award, as well as a being recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus from the University of Cincinnati. His publications include articles on risk assessment, justice involved youth, people who use violence and are adjudicated of sexual offenses, effective interventions, and cognitive-behavioral interventions.

- **Cecilia Low-Weiner** is a Senior Research Associate focused on criminal legal system research, process and outcome evaluation, and strengthening data and analytic capacity within criminal legal agencies. Her work aims to support agencies in using data more effectively to inform decision-making and promote equitable outcomes. Her role brings together data analysis, policy, and practice, to ensure that research is applied in ways that are actionable, community-driven, aligned with justice reform goals and implemented with an equity lens. Prior to joining ISLG, Cecilia worked with multiple non-profits dedicated to criminal legal research and advocacy. She holds a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.S. in Social Research from Hunter College.

- **Olive Lu** is an Associate Director of Research at the Data Collaborative for Justice. She contributes largely to shaping DCJ's research agenda, assisting the executive director with funding and future research ideas, disseminating reports, engaging with system and community stakeholders on research findings, collaborating with fellow researchers from within and outside DCJ, as well as conducting independent research. Olive's work at DCJ has spanned across topics including misdemeanor and low-level enforcement, criminal

case processing, and jail admissions in New York and other jurisdictions across the US. Her recent work centers around the impact of recent New York State criminal justice reform laws on release decisions, lower-level enforcement practices, and criminal convictions. Olive hails from Auckland, New Zealand, and holds a BA in Psychology from New York University, an MS in Criminology from the University of Pennsylvania, and a PhD in Criminal Justice from the CUNY Graduate Center.

- **Shannon Magnuson, PhD** is the Director of Influence & Storytelling at Justice System Partners, where she works at the intersection of research, practice, and narrative to help justice systems translate evidence into real-world change. Her work integrates applied research, strategic communications, and field engagement to examine and improve key areas of the justice system, including pretrial decision-making, probation reform, prosecutor-led diversion, and the role of officer-client relationships in community supervision. Shannon helps design and support research initiatives while ensuring findings are accessible and actionable for practitioners, policymakers, and communities. She specializes in bridging data and lived experience, turning complex research insights into compelling stories, practical tools, and field-shaping conversations that help agencies rethink how justice systems operate and build approaches that are more effective, humane, and grounded in public safety.

- **Guisela Marroquín** is the Executive Director of the Pretrial Justice Institute (PJI), bringing over 15 years of experience advancing racial equity, policy reform, and community-driven solutions. Before leading PJI, she served on its board as Board Chair. Her prior work includes leading statewide campaigns on bail reform, solitary confinement, and police accountability at the New York Civil Liberties Union, directing advocacy training for grassroots organizers at the Advocacy Institute, and overseeing multi-million-dollar criminal justice reform grantmaking at The New York Women's Foundation with a gender and racial equity focus. A proud Guatemalan immigrant and first-generation college graduate, Guisela's leadership is rooted in lived experience, a fierce commitment to collaborative approaches and movement-building to reimagine justice and safety beyond incarceration. Guisela holds a Master's in Social Work with a concentration in Community Organizing, Planning and Development from CUNY Hunter's Silberman School of Social Work, and a B.S. in Behavioral Sciences from Mercy University.

- **Brandon Martinez** a Senior Research Associate who works across ISLG's research projects to support data management and analysis efforts, work with partners to develop research tools, and synthesize analytic and evaluation findings for stakeholders across policy, program, and research audiences. During his time at ISLG, Brandon has supported community based organizations to understand their programming and participants, and managed various evaluation teams' analytic, writing, and presentation efforts. Prior to joining ISLG, Brandon's research supported projects with the ACLU of Florida and on court-assisted reentry and pretrial detention. Brandon earned his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Miami, where his research examined racial-ethnic inequalities in the criminal legal system and the housing market.

- **Holly Matthews** is the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is a unit of local government that provides an integrated criminal justice information system, criminal history record checks, and management of federal grant dollars to Lucas County and Northwest Ohio. Ms. Matthews has worked for the CJCC since 2001. In her current role, she oversees a staff of 45 and a budget of $4.1 million. Under her leadership, CJCC has adopted a focus on reentry and the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice. Through her leadership, CJCC has received more than $4 million in federal funding to enhance Lucas County criminal justice reform initiatives. Ms. Matthews has collaborated on numerous reports and serves on Toledo/Lucas County criminal justice related committees. Ms. Matthews earned her J.D. from the University of Toledo, and her B.A. from The College of Wooster. She is admitted to the Ohio Bar. Ms. Matthews received the Toledo 20 under 40 Leadership Award in 2016 and the Henry B. Herschel Commitment Award in 2022.

- **Sean McNulty** is the Chief Public Defender for the Toledo Legal Aid Society (TLAS) in Lucas County, Ohio. Sean began working for TLAS in 1994 and was named the Chief Public Defender in 2014. Under his leadership, TLAS has been nationally recognized for its innovative and holistic approach to providing legal services to indigent clients. Client-centered programs at TLAS include the Opportunity Project; the Population Review Team; Expedited Case Resolution; and the Operator's License Program. Among other awards, TLAS received the first Clara Shortridge Foltz award from the Ohio Public Defender. In 2020, the American Bar Association bestowed the prestigious Hodson Award upon TLAS for sustained outstanding service to their clients.

- **Kevin Miller** is the Director of Microsoft's Tech for Society initiative. In this capacity, Kevin leads the Justice and Community Safety and Responsible Business Practices teams which work to extend the benefits of AI, mitigate potential harms, and respect human rights throughout Microsoft's value chain through transparent and responsible business practices. Kevin has held several roles in the social impact space at Microsoft over the past decade focused on criminal justice reform, civic technology, and community engagement. Before joining Microsoft in 2016, Kevin held a variety of public sector and nonprofit roles working at the intersection of technology and public policy.

- **Sharone Mitchell**
Cook County Public Defender Sharone R. Mitchell, Jr., is a passionate advocate for the rights of everyone represented by the Public Defender's office and for reform to increase justice in the legal system and to keep communities safe.
Public Defender Mitchell began his legal career in the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender, first working as a clerk in law school and later as an assistant public defender with assignments in the Civil, First Municipal, and Felony Trial Divisions. In 2016, Mitchell joined the Illinois Justice Project (ILJP), a policy reform organization dedicated to supporting people, programs, and policies that can reduce inappropriate incarceration, improve community safety outcomes, reduce recidivism and increase justice in the legal system.

Mitchell became Director of ILJP in 2019 and solidified its reputation as one of the state's leading criminal justice reform non-profits.

During his tenure as Director, ILJP helped lead the Coalition to End Money Bond's successful effort to outlaw wealth-based pretrial incarceration in Illinois. ILJP also worked with the Building a Safe Chicago Coalition and others to convince state leaders to direct 25 percent of cannabis tax revenues towards treating the root causes of harm in objectively identified areas of the state through the R3 (Restore, Renew and Reinvest) grant program. An advocate of alternative approaches to public safety and helping men and women re-enter their communities, Mitchell has fought against proposals to make the Illinois sentencing system more barbaric and ineffective.

His dedication to systems change and reducing community harm was recognized with the Safer Foundation Visionary Award in 2020 and the Barbara Jordan Award for Excellence in Judicial Advocacy and Education from Judicial Accountability PAC in 2019.

- **Mary Moriarty** is the elected Hennepin County Attorney. Moriarty was elected in 2022 and previously served as the Hennepin County Chief Public Defender for 6 years (2014 – 2020). As the County Attorney, Moriarty serves as the chief executive of Minnesota's largest public law office.

- **Michael Mrozinski** is the Chief of Community-Focused Initiatives and Policy at the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA). His work focuses on policy and systems change to improve the delivery of public defense and civil legal aid services, as well as case and life outcomes for individuals and communities who receive those services. He supports the work of public defenders nationwide and improvements to public defense systems through research, policy, training and technical assistance, and development of resources and toolkits to assist defenders and their clients. Prior to joining NLADA, he was a legal consultant at the National Juvenile Defender Center (now The Gault Center). His experience also spans a broad range of other topic areas, including human rights, women's rights, international law, racial and ethnic discrimination, LGBTQ+ rights, labor rights, and workers' compensation and personal injury law. Michael received his BA degrees in Political Science and Linguistics from the University of Chicago and his JD and Certificate in Transnational Law from Georgetown University Law Center.

- **Michael Navin** is a Principal Court Management Consultant at the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), where he leads technology-driven initiatives within the Technology, Architecture, Planning, and Security Division. With over two decades of experience in court administration, Mr. Navin specializes in aligning emerging technologies—particularly artificial intelligence—with judicial operations to enhance efficiency, access to justice, and public trust.

  Since joining NCSC in 2023, he has directed national AI strategy, roadmap, and readiness projects for state courts, developed governance frameworks, and advised on scalable "AI First" initiatives. He moderates the NCSC's Court AI Implementers Forum and presents regularly on AI integration, process innovation, and change management in court environments.

Mr. Navin also provides expert consultation on technology assessments, organizational restructuring, performance analytics, and business process mapping. His prior leadership in Michigan courts included launching e-filing systems, implementing case management tools, and reducing backlogs through workflow optimization.

He holds a B.S. in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Wayne State University and is certified as an AI Governance Professional (AIGP) through the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). Mr. Navin's work directly supports NCSC priorities in technology innovation, data governance, access and fairness, and operational excellence.

- **Otgonjargal Okhidoi (Otgo)** is a Research Associate who works on research and data capacity-building efforts that support policymakers, practitioners, and local government agencies of criminal legal systems across the country. She plans and implements quantitative components of comprehensive research projects aiming to inform effective strategies and decision-making processes at various points of criminal legal systems using large-scale administrative and publicly accessible quantitative data. She oversees data collection processes and data quality control in collaborative efforts with state and local government agencies and provides data capacity support.
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In 2005, he was named a Fulbright Professor of American Studies in Egypt. He is on the Board of Directors for the Fulbright Alumni Association and Chairs the Diversity Task Force. He continues to teach at the graduate level: Race and Crime, Graduate Criminology Seminar and Internship.

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- **Stephanie Platz** is an anthropologist who trained at the University of Chicago and lived in Armenia through the early years of independence (1991-1994), where she worked and conducted research. She has served on the faculty of the History Department at the University of Michigan. A long-time grantmaker, she has worked for non-profit organizations and foundations including the Spencer Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq, and an earlier role at the MacArthur Foundation, work that has engaged her in Africa, India, Iraq, Mexico, the US, and the former Soviet Union. Thematic areas of focus have included education, research and training, immigration, cultural diversity, human rights, conservation, population and reproductive health, peace and security, and Chicago, her hometown.
  She is active in funder groups (sitting on the Steering Committee of the Funders' Forum on Sustainable Cities of the European Foundation Centre), and is committed to the continuous improvement of philanthropic practice for the benefit of civil society.

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- **Dr. Nancy Rodriguez** in the Director of the Latino Research Institute and Professor of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies. A key theme of Dr. Rodriguez's work focuses on Latinos in the criminal justice system. Her research has centered on criminal justice policy, particularly the disparities for justice-involved persons created or compounded by such policies, focusing on how actors' decisions and discretion combine to produce varied justice outcomes across subgroups within local and state justice systems. Dr. Rodriguez is trained in quantitative and qualitative methods and regularly uses mixed-methods in my research, which falls in two complementary areas: 1) racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system and 2) harms of mass incarceration.

- **AJ Roy, PhD** is Deputy Director of Data and Analytics with the Justice Innovation team at Harris County, Texas. He focuses on improving transparency and access to justice system data by building modern data platforms that bring together complex information across agencies.
  AJ began his career in the semiconductor industry after earning a PhD in Chemical Engineering, and later moved into healthcare where he worked with large hospital systems on data warehousing, data pipelines, and analytics. His work centers on building practical data systems that help organizations better understand and use their data.

- **Virginia Ryan** is a jail population management expert and recognized expert in sheriff's office operations and jail records management, with extensive experience in how jails operate, from intake and jail records to population reduction and release. She currently serves as a contractor with the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, where she leads records

modernization efforts and supports the jail population unit with data. She has been retained as an expert witness in federal litigation involving over-detention and sheriffs' duties to implement systems to uphold defendants' civil liberties. Previously, Virginia served as In-Custody Population Manager at the Harris County Sheriff's Office, under Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, where she was funded by the SJC to drive system change and embedded in within the Sheriff's leadership team to drive systemic reform. She was also selected as one of 36 Houston civic leaders chosen for Houston 2036, an initiative dedicated to advancing social equity in the city's future. Before Harris County, Virginia served as Justice System Administrator at the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office — a position created and funded by the SJC — where she led initiatives that safely reduced the jail population by more than 30% in under two years by addressing systemic inefficiencies in booking, processing, and release procedures. Earlier in her career, Virginia held leadership roles at the Orleans Public Defenders Office, where she supervised client services staff, developed performance measures, and served as a key liaison between incarcerated clients and medical, mental health, and legal stakeholders. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Loyola University New Orleans.

- **Joseph Schafer** is a Professor in the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Arizona State University. His research focuses on policing, organizational change, leadership, police officer perceptions and behavior, and future issues in crime and justice. He was the President of Police Futurists International and a member of the PFI/FBI Futures Working Group. He has served as a visiting scholar in the Behavioral Science Unit of the FBI Academy and the Centre of Excellence in Policing & Security at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia (2012), served as a Commissioner for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and was a Professorial Fellow with the Australian Institute for Police Management. His recent writings include *Crime, Corrections, and the COVID-19 Pandemic, Rethinking & Reforming American Policing: Leadership Challenges and Future Opportunities, The Future of Policing: A Practical Guide for Police Leaders and Managers*, and *Effective Leadership in Policing: Successful Traits & Habits*, and more than 100 research and policy articles appearing in various academic journals and policing periodicals.

- **Carla Sinclair** is ISLG's Communications Project Director, leading the organization's day-to-day communications efforts as well as longer-term strategies. This includes the editorial development of original project-based content, such as blogs and reports, as well as getting them out into the world, whether it be through an interactive web summary, social media campaign, targeted press, or an event with a community partner (usually a mix of the four, and more).
Prior to joining ISLG, Carla was the Senior Writer for the Center for Alternative Sentencing & Employment Services (CASES), where she worked on internal and external communications efforts to garner support for education, employment, behavioral health, and alternative-to-incarceration programs. Before that, she was an editor at The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, leading the development of products in the employment, criminal records, and juvenile justice portfolios. Carla received a double-major BA in Political Science and English from Binghamton University.

- **Lee Slocum** is a Curators' Distinguished Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Professor Slocum is actively involved in community-based crime reduction programs and collaborative projects with local criminal justice agencies and non-profits, including several in the St. Louis Region. She recently collaborated with researchers at Arizona State University on projects exploring the experiences and decision-making processes of public safety communications (911) personnel and examining how people with different life experiences conceptualize safety. Professor Slocum has served as a University of Missouri Presidential Engagement Fellow and a Creating Whole Communities Research Fellow.

- **Diana Spahia** is a Senior Research Associate at CUNY ISLG, where she leads and supports qualitative research and grants management for the City and State of New York, and national initiatives such as the Safety and Justice Challenge. She has more than 15 years of experience in criminal justice research, including work on terrorism, media analysis, United Nations initiatives, and gendered perspectives. Previously, Diana taught at John Jay College of Criminal Justice for nearly a decade and served as Research Manager on the Pretrial Justice team at Arnold Ventures. She holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from John Jay College, along with master's degrees in Philosophy and International Crime & Justice.

- **Don Stemen** is a professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and the Co-Director of the Center for Criminal Justice at Loyola University, Chicago. Dr. Stemen's research focuses on prosecutorial decision-making, prosecutorial performance measurement, criminal case processing, and bail reform. He currently co-manages the Prosecutorial Performance Indicators, a national research and technical assistance project working with local prosecutors' offices to enhance data capacity, data-driven decision making, and transparency. To date, the project has developed 25 public prosecutor dashboards and worked with more than 40 prosecutors' offices across 12 states. Before joining Loyola, Dr. Stemen was the director of research on sentencing and corrections at the Vera Institute of Justice. Dr. Stemen holds a BS in mathematics and an MA in criminal justice from the University of Illinois, Chicago and a PhD in Law and Society from New York University.

- **Tia Strozier** is an Associate Director in the Office of National Initiatives at the Center for Justice Innovation (CJI). She currently works with jurisdictions as a technical assistance provider translating national justice reform strategies into local solutions. Working at the intersection of justice, community, and innovation has enabled Ms. Strozier to create programs like Community Vision Conversations and Equity Through Education, Exchange & Engagement (E4), which center healing and collaboration through legal literacy and experiential learning. Tia's previous work as a prosecutor for the City of Los Angeles unlocked her curiosity for interdisciplinary system change—a drive that inspires her current work to advance sustainable racial equity, organizational, and cultural competence strategies. Her passion for collaboration extends to the mock courtroom, where she volunteers as a judge in regional mock trial competitions for high

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- **Whitney Towey** Dr. Whitney Key Towey is the Director of Data and Research at the Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC), where she evaluates community-driven programs promote equitable, human-centered, community-driven justice system innovation and practice through rigorous stakeholder engagement, policy work, service coordination, and grantmaking that increases community safety and reduces reliance on incarceration. Prior to her position at the JAC, she worked at Cook County Health as a Senior Research Analyst, overseeing all sponsored and grant-funded research projects at the health system. Dr Towey graduated with her PhD in Social Work from Loyola University Chicago, her Master's in Public Health and her Master's in Social Work from Washington University in St Louis, and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Dickinson College.

- **Jeremy Travis** is a Senior Fellow at CUNY ISLG. He focuses on developing work rethinking prison and jail systems, as well provides strategic guidance on several of ISLG's core projects, including the transformation of data collected through the Safety and Justice Challenge and the expansion of our government fellowship programs. Travis has held a series of influential roles throughout his career. He was the Founding Director of the New York City Criminal Justice Agency, and has served as the Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters at the NYPD and as a Special Advisor to the Mayor of New York City. At the federal level, he served as the Chief Counsel to the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, the Chair of the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Research Council, and was appointed Director of the National Institute of Justice under President Bill Clinton. He also served as a Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute, the President of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY), and Executive Vice President for Criminal Justice at Arnold Ventures. Most recently, he was a Senior Fellow at the Columbia University Justice Lab.

- **Chidinma Ume** is the Deputy Executive Director of the Community Safety Implementation Team where she co-leads the County's efforts to close Men's Central Jail and enhance a community-based system of care that reduces reliance on incarceration and advances a more equitable approach to safety and wellbeing. She previously served as Senior Director of Community Justice at the Center for Justice Innovation, overseeing national initiatives advancing jail reduction, racial equity, and restorative justice, including work on the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge. Earlier in her career, she was Executive Director of Justice Operations at the NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, where she led major reforms to reduce the Rikers Island jail population—and prior to that, she held roles as a criminal law practitioner. Ms. Ume holds a B.A. from UC Berkeley and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law School, teaches at Pepperdine Law, and serves on several justice reform advisory committees.

- **Wendy Ware** currently serves as President and Lead Research Scientist/Forecasting Specialist with The JFA Institute. Prior to June 2003, she held positions at the Institute on

Crime, Justice and Corrections at The George Washington University and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. With over 30 years of expertise, she has developed more than 500 simulation models for jails, prisons, juvenile systems, and community corrections across the country, helping agencies understand population trends, assess policies, and plan for long-term needs. Her work supports data-informed decision-making and policy change related to sentencing, classification systems, jail and prison population reduction, and pretrial strategies.

Ms. Ware's research spans a wide range of issues, including jail and prison reform, conditions of confinement, behavioral health, and the assessment and development of sentencing guidelines. Through her work with the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge, she supports systemwide reforms in dozens of jurisdictions, offering insights that help reduce high utilizers, improve case processing, and implement effective alternatives to detention.

- **Emily West** is a Project Research Director, leading research projects aimed at developing more fair, equitable, and efficient criminal legal systems to improve community safety and wellness. Using a data-centered approach, Emily works closely with government agencies and community partners to develop strategies, monitor performance metrics, and track outcomes to ensure that policy and practice changes are having their intended impact. Her current work portfolio includes examining impacts of criminal legal system reforms on public safety, improving successful outcomes for those on probation, and supporting individuals with SUD/OUD as they reenter communities from jails. Emily has more than 25 years of research and evaluation experience across a broad array of disciplines including criminal justice, education, and youth development. Prior to joining ISLG, Emily was the research director at the Innocence Project where she was responsible for developing a comprehensive database on DNA exonerations nationwide and analyzing internal client data to support policy reform efforts and more research on wrongful convictions. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in sociology and criminology.
- **Otgonjargal Okhidoi (Otgo)** is a Senior Research Associate of CUNY ISLG. She works on research and data capacity-building efforts that support policymakers, practitioners, and local government agencies of criminal legal systems. She plans and implements quantitative components of comprehensive research projects aiming to inform effective strategies and decision-making processes at various points of criminal legal systems using large-scale administrative and publicly accessible quantitative data. Prior to joining ISLG, Otgo was an Associate Research Scientist at the New York University and co-managed an international randomized control trial to assess the impact of a community-based education model on access, learning, and public perception of government competence. Otgo holds an M.A. and Ed.M. from Teachers College of Columbia University and a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

- **Cheryl Wilkins** is the Co-Founder and Co-Director at Columbia University's Center for Justice (CFJ) where her work is committed to ending the nation's reliance on incarceration, developing new approaches to safety and justice, and participating in the national and global conversation around developing effective justice policies. She is also co-director of Columbia University's Social Intervention Group (SIG) where we develop

and implement evidence-based sustainable solutions to emerging health and social issues affecting diverse populations domestically and globally and is training the next generation of scientists from underrepresented affected communities to address these issues. Her work in the community includes founding advisory board member of the formerly incarcerated Women's International Commission, a senior advisor with the Women & Justice Project, and founding member of Women Building Up. She holds a graduate degree in Urban Studies and is the recipient of the Brian Fischer Award, Kathy Boudin Award, Davis Putter fellowship award, the Sister Mary Nerney VisionaryAward, the Alliance of Family for Justice Leadership Award, the FreeHer Award, the Community and Commitment to Social Justice Award, the Architects of Power Award, the Pan African Global Award for Women in Leadership, and the Citizens against Recidivism Award.

- **Ashleigh Wojslawowicz** serves as the Research Manager for Charleston County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in Charleston, SC. Prior to her role with the CJCC, Dr. Wojslawowicz served as a Master Crime Scene Investigator with the Charleston Police Department. In 2023, she was selected as a National Institute of Justice Law Enforcement Advancing Data and Science (LEADS) Scholar. Dr. Wojslawowicz serves on the Board of Directors for the American Society for Evidence-Based Policing (ASEBP) and is a partner with Michigan State University's Police Staffing Observatory. Dr. Wojslawowicz is a qualified expert witness in South Carolina's Ninth Judicial Circuit in General Sessions Court for Crime Scene Investigations and a Subject Matter Expert for the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT) through Louisiana State University. She is a Quantitative Dissertation Chair for Liberty University's School of Education and a contracted Technical Advisor for federal partners. Dr. Wojslawowicz is a three-time graduate of Charleston Southern University (B.S., '10; M.S., '13; EdD '21) and a member of the university's first graduating doctoral cohort. Her research interests include law enforcement staffing, officer wellness, and applied research methodology.

- Governor Gray Davis appointed **Erica Yew**, a San Jose native, to the California Superior Court on October 2, 2001. Judge Yew is the first Asian-American female to sit on the Santa Clara County bench, serving on this court from 2001 to January 23, 2026. An ALF Senior Fellow with Class XV, she joined American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley as its CEO on February 1, 2026.
  Judge Yew is the only jurist in the history of California's judiciary to have served in all of the following roles: President of the California Judges Association (CJA), Chair of the California Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP), and a member of the California Judicial Council, the California Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions, and the California Access to Justice Commission, as well as serving on the board of the National Center for State Courts. Judge Yew earned her undergraduate degree with honors from the University of California, Berkeley and her law degree from the University of California College of Law, San Francisco.