

JUSTICE INNOVATION IN TIMES OF CHANGE

New Challenges, New Opportunities

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Julian Adler is the director of Research-Practice Strategies at the Center for Court Innovation, which synergizes the agency's three primary areas of work: research, operating programs, and expert assistance. Research-Practice Strategies seeks to improve justice system responses to both defendants and victims, to promote racial justice, and to expand the use of restorative practices. Mr. Adler directs the Center's work on the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, an initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails. He also works on the development of holistic evidence-based and evidence-generating practices, including assessment instruments and short-term interventions. Mr. Adler previously served as the director of the Red Hook Community Justice Center in Brooklyn, New York, and he led the planning and implementation of Brooklyn Justice Initiatives. He also led the planning process for the Kings County Court-based Intervention and Resource Team and assisted with planning and start-up operations for Newark Community Solutions. Mr. Adler is a New York State licensed clinical social worker and attorney.

Tshaka Barrows is a founding member of the Burns Institute (BI). As Deputy Director he works closely with the Executive Director and Senior Management to advance the Burns Institute's mission to protect and improve the lives of youth of color and poor youth. His work involves strategic planning, organizational development, financial oversight, project development and managing relationships with funders, partners, community leaders and system decision makers. Tshaka joined the Burns Institute in 2001 as Regional Manager for the Community Justice Network for Youth (CJNY) after graduating from the University of Wisconsin. Previously, he worked to build the CJNY from 35 active member organizations in 2001 to over 200 nationwide today! He developed several curricula including a comprehensive juvenile justice history curriculum, as well as racial and ethnic disparity taskforces in Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Chicago and New Orleans. He is proud to have worked with and supported so many community leaders committed to 'Stopping the Rail to Jail'. Throughout the development of the CJNY he visited over 140 organizations; held 12 regional conferences and 2 national conferences; and facilitated numerous trainings and workshops. He has participated in several national initiatives including the Youth Justice Learning Group, the Funders Collaborative on Youth Justice and the Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Tshaka's work in CJNY bolstered BI's site-based approach. His community engagement contributions to BI's site-based strategy lead to a significant increase in meaningful community involvement with detention reform. His work established several community-based interventions that have reduced racial and ethnic disparities and increased positive life outcomes for youth involved in criminal justice systems.

Tshaka is an Alumnus of the Rockwood Leadership Institute Fellowship program and currently participates in the Sierra Health Foundation's Positive Youth Justice Initiative; additionally, he serves as an Advisory Council Member for the Campaign for Youth Justice.

John Butler is the Problem-Solving Justice Fellow at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role, he provides consulting services to jurisdictions around the country, including assistance provided under the Problem-Solving Justice Initiative of the Bureau of Justice Assistance at the U.S. Department of Justice, and helps to plan and coordinate regional and national training events on topics related to problem-solving justice. Prior to joining the Center, Mr. Butler clerked on the District Court of New Jersey, worked as a researcher for the Stanford Criminal Justice Center, and worked for a youth development non-profit in Newark, NJ. He holds a bachelor's degree in American Studies from Brown University, a Masters in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

Robert J. Devlin, Jr. is a lifelong resident of Connecticut and an honors graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. After law school, Judge Devlin worked in private practice for three years and then as a public defender for about a year. Thereafter, for the next eight years he served as an Assistant States Attorney in New Haven. In late 1987, he was appointed a federal prosecutor for the United States Department of Justice in their Organized Crime Strike Force. In 1992, Judge Devlin was appointed a Superior Court judge by Governor Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. He has served as a criminal court judge in the Judicial Districts of New Haven, New London, Fairfield, Hartford and Stamford. Judge Devlin is presently assigned as presiding criminal judge in Bridgeport. In 2010, Judge Devlin was named Chief Administrative Judge for the Criminal Division of the Superior Court and continues to serve in that position. Judge Devlin has presided over a number of notable trials including (1) the murder trial of Beth Carpenter (a New London lawyer convicted arranging the contract murder of her brother-in-law), (2) the penalty trial of Russell Peeler (a Bridgeport drug dealer who received the death penalty for arranging the murders of a mother and child whom Peeler believed were slated to testify against him) and (3) the death penalty trial of Christopher DiMeo who was convicted of murdering the husband and wife owners of a jewelry store in Fairfield.

Sarah Fritsche is Associate Director of Research and Deputy Director of Research to Practice Strategies with the Center for Court Innovation. She currently co-leads a multi-site, national research and technical assistance effort to reduce the use of jail incarceration funded by the MacArthur foundation. She is also the Principal Investigator of a quasi-experimental study of neighborhood oriented probation in New York City and the Principal Investigator on several federally-funded studies examining the use of evidence-based practices and actuarial risk assessment in justice system settings, including a BJA-funded project to develop and validate a pretrial assessment for misdemeanants, a BJA-funded study of risk and needs among defendants with serious mental illness, and a COPS-funded study to develop and evaluate a risk screening tool to inform police-led diversion. Recently, she was the principal investigator of a BJA-funded evaluation of a violence prevention program utilizing the Chicago Cure Violence model in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and she continues to act as a lead researcher with ongoing evaluations of the Center's violence prevention programming in Brooklyn and the Bronx. Ms. Fritsche also provides technical assistance nationally on the use of evidence-based assessments in drug and community courts and evidence-based practices in violence prevention. Ms. Fritsche brings particular expertise in mixed-methods research design, data analysis, and project management. In 2011 she was appointed chair of the Center's institutional review board and

continues as co-chair in this capacity. She is currently a doctoral student in criminal justice at CUNY's graduate center and an adjunct lecturer with John Jay's school of Public Administration.

Ashlie C. Gibbons, Esq. currently serves as a Public Defender in the Newark Municipal Court of Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Gibbons has worked with the Newark Community Solutions alternative sentencing program since its inception in 2011. Since that time, Mr. Gibbons has collaborated with program staff through engagement in weekly meetings, participation in training and development and implementation of protocols to better serve program participants. In working with this complex population Mr. Gibbons must apply his knowledge of mental health and co-occurring substance abuse issues, his expertise in public health law and his compassion and care for defendants. Mr. Gibbons is adept at applying "straight line" interventions as well as employing outside the box strategies to develop appropriate and timely legal and social service interventions for his clients. Mr. Gibbons is a graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law and is licensed to practice in the state of New Jersey.

Gail P. Hardy is the State's Attorney for the Hartford Judicial District, in Hartford, Connecticut. She was appointed to that position in August of 2007 by the Connecticut Criminal Justice Commission. Her jurisdiction includes the capital city of Hartford, and 18 surrounding towns, which are covered by courts in Hartford, Manchester, and Enfield. Prior to her appointment as the chief prosecutor for Hartford, State's Attorney Hardy served as a prosecutor in the Waterbury Judicial District; a public defender in Bridgeport, Ct; and a probation officer in Waterbury, Ct. She earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Connecticut School of Law; and a Bachelor of Science degree in the Administration of Justice and Public Safety from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va. She serves on the Board of Directors of H.E.L.P, Inc. in Waterbury; the Criminal Justice Advisory Board at Post University in Waterbury; and is the former New England Regional Director for the National Black Prosecutors Association.

Carolyn Wilkes Kaas is an associate professor of law at Quinnipiac and the Director of Clinical Programs, the Director of the Civil Advocacy and Dispute Resolution and the Family Law Concentrations and co-director of the Center on Dispute Resolution. She taught for twenty years in the Civil Clinic, and is currently teaching the externship courses including a Mediation Externship. She also teaches Negotiation, and the Interviewing and Counseling course. Carrie has served on various boards, including the Clinical Legal Education Association and the Connecticut Bar Association Standing Committee on Professionalism. In 2011, she served on the Connecticut Chief Justice's Commission on Civil ADR in the Courts. She is studying non-defensive communication and is a founding board member of the international non-profit, "The Non-Defensive Voice." She serves on the boards of Connecticut Council for Non-Adversarial Divorce, and co-founded the Connecticut Mediation Association. Carrie graduated from Cornell University in 1976, from University of Connecticut School of Law in 1983, with Highest Honors, and clerked for the Honorable Ellen Bree Burns from 1983-85, at the US District Court for the District of Connecticut. She was an associate with Wiggin and Dana before joining the faculty at the law school.

Kevin T. Kane was appointed as Connecticut's Chief State's Attorney in September 2006. With his appointment to a third term in July 2016, he became the longest-serving person to hold the office since its establishment in 1973. Mr. Kane is the administrative head of the Division of Criminal Justice, the independent agency of the executive branch of state government that is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all criminal matters in the State of Connecticut. A career prosecutor, Mr. Kane has tried numerous criminal cases to verdict as well as having argued numerous appeals before the Connecticut Supreme Court and Connecticut Appellate Court. Among the notable cases he prosecuted are the conviction and eventual execution of serial killer Michael Ross and the murder-for-hire trial of Old

Saybrook attorney Beth Ann Carpenter. Mr. Kane is a graduate of Marquette University and the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Melissa Labriola, Ph.D. is an Associate Director of Research at the Center for Court Innovation. She currently serves as the project director on CCI's national study of prosecutor-led diversion programs and PI on a national survey of police-led diversion programs. She recently completed a project with the statewide public defender agency in Massachusetts to develop indigent defense performance measures and case weights; and to enhance the agency's future research and data collection capacity. In addition, she was the PI on the Brooklyn case caps study. She also recently served as PI on a randomized controlled trial (RCT) of intensive judicial monitoring with domestic violence offenders in Monroe County, NY; and PI on a statewide evaluation of specialized domestic violence courts in New York. She was also project director on an earlier RCT testing the impact of batterer programs in the Bronx; project director on a national survey of court responses to domestic violence offender noncompliance; and project director on a national study of domestic violence courts. Dr. Labriola is also currently PI on the research components of two BJA-funded SMART Defense projects, one with the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and one with the NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice.

Emily Gold LaGratta is the deputy director of Training and Technical Assistance at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role, she provides consulting services to jurisdictions domestically and internationally, including assistance provided under the Problem-Solving Justice Initiative, a project supported by the Bureau of Justice Assistance at the U.S. Department of Justice to promote the wider use of problem-solving practices in an effort to reduce crime and incarceration while strengthening public trust in justice. Emily leads the Center's technical assistance efforts on the topic of procedural justice and has served as the project manager for the Improving Courtroom Communications project. Before joining the technical assistance team, she was on the planning team for several New York-based initiatives, including the Brownsville Community Justice Center, a new community court to be opened in central Brooklyn. She is a graduate of Pomona College and the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Julius Lang is the director of Training and Technical Assistance at the Center for Court Innovation. Mr. Lang oversees the Center's consulting services—including workshops, site visits, and in-person consulting—for jurisdictions around the nation and internationally. He currently spearheads national technical assistance efforts for the Problem-Solving Justice Initiative, an effort supported by the Bureau of Justice Assistance at the U.S. Department of Justice to promote the wider use of problem-solving practices to reduce crime and incarceration while strengthening public trust in justice. Under this initiative, 10 jurisdictions are receiving funding and technical assistance to launch or enhance community courts. In addition, he oversees the Center's role as site coordinator and technical assistance provider for the Minority Youth Violence Prevention initiative, a joint effort of the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health. Previously, Mr. Lang served as the coordinator of the Midtown Community Court—the Center's first demonstration project—in Manhattan's Times Square neighborhood. Prior to joining the Midtown Community Court, Mr. Lang was chief of staff to New York City's Commissioner of Housing Preservation and Development. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Villanova University School of Law.

Mike Lawlor became Under Secretary for Criminal Justice Policy and Planning for Governor Dan Malloy on January 5, 2011. Mike is on a leave of absence as a tenured Associate Professor of Criminal Justice in the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences at the University of New Haven. Prior to his appointment, Mike served twelve terms as a member of the

Connecticut House of Representatives representing his hometown of East Haven. He was chairman of the Judiciary Committee from 1995 to 2011. Mike is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a degree in Slavic and Eastern European Studies. Mike received a Master's Degree in Soviet Area Studies from the University of London and a law degree from the George Washington University. After graduating from law school, Mike was appointed by the Connecticut Criminal Justice Commission to serve as a prosecutor in the State Attorney's Office in New Haven. He resigned that office in 1986 in order to run for the legislature. Mike is active in the Council of State Governments where he is Chair of the Board of Directors for the CSG Justice Center.

Joshua D. Lee, MD, MSc is an Associate Professor in the Department of Population Health and the Department of Medicine / Division of General Internal Medicine and Clinical Innovation at the NYU School of Medicine. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine. He is the Director of the NYU ABAM Fellowship in Addiction Medicine. His research focuses on addiction pharmacotherapies and primary care and criminal justice populations.

Michela Lowry is the senior associate with the Training and Technical Assistance team at the Center for Court Innovation. In this capacity, she provides consulting services to jurisdictions around the country on problem-solving justice efforts, including assistance provided under the Problem-Solving Justice Initiative of the Bureau of Justice Assistance at the U.S. Department of Justice. Prior to joining the Center, Michela taught as a corps member with Teach For America. She graduated from Occidental College and received her Master's in Education from the Relay Graduate School of Education.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy is currently serving the people of Connecticut for a second term. Since 2011, his administration's top agenda items have included creating jobs, improving public education, stabilizing the state's finances, making long-overdue investments in the state's transportation infrastructure, and protecting the environment. Collaborating with local, state and federal agencies, in addition to community-based nonprofits and other community advocates, he helped implement initiatives that are resulting in Connecticut experiencing its lowest crime rate in nearly four decades. During his first term as Governor, Connecticut had one of the largest decreases in violent crime and property crime rates of any state in the nation – more than double the national average. In 2013, he was proud to sign what some have called the most comprehensive gun violence prevention legislation in the country. Governor Malloy is the youngest of eight children. He was born and raised in Stamford, where he served as the city's longest-serving mayor from 1995 to 2009. As a child, he struggled to overcome learning and physical disabilities, eventually gaining the skills he needed to go on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from Boston College and continue on to Boston College Law School. After graduation, he became a prosecutor in Brooklyn, New York, serving for four years as an Assistant Attorney and winning 22 convictions in 23 felony cases. He has received honorary degrees from several higher education institutions, including the University of New Haven, the University of Saint Joseph, the University of Bridgeport, and Nichols College. In 1982, he married his wife, Cathy, whom he met while they were students at Boston College. They have three sons, Dannel, Ben and Sam.

Justice Andrew J. McDonald is a Connecticut native. Born in Stamford on March 11, 1966, he attended Stamford public schools before entering college. After graduating from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1988, he earned a Juris Doctor degree, with honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1991. In January of 2013, Governor Dannel P. Malloy nominated Justice McDonald to be an associate justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. He was confirmed by the Connecticut General Assembly on January 23, 2013, and was sworn into office on January 24, 2013 by Governor Malloy. Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court, Justice McDonald served as the

General Counsel to the Office of the Governor for the State of Connecticut from 2011 to 2013. From 1991 to 2011, Justice McDonald was engaged in the private practice of law, first as an associate and then as a partner, with the firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC. From January of 1999 to July of 2002, Justice McDonald additionally served as the Director of Legal Affairs and Corporation Counsel for the City of Stamford. Justice McDonald was a State Senator from 2003 to 2011. He represented Stamford and Darien in the 27th District. Justice McDonald served as the Senate Chairman of the Judiciary Committee for all eight years he was in the General Assembly. Earlier in his career, Justice McDonald served on the Stamford Board of Finance from 1995 to 1999, including serving as the board's Chairman from 1997 to 1999, and as Co-Chair of the Audit Committee from 1995 to 1997. He began his public service career in 1993 as a member of the Stamford Board of Representatives, where he served until 1995. Justice McDonald and his husband, Charles, live in Stamford.

Loel Meckel, LCSW, is Assistant Director of the Division of Forensic Services (DFS) in the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). The DFS provides court-ordered evaluations and manages multiple community service programs for criminal justice-involved adults with psychiatric disabilities, co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders, and primary substance use disorders. These programs span the range of criminal justice involvement from initial police contact through reentry to the community from prison. All of these programs are operated in collaboration with police departments, courts, jails, prisons, probation, and parole. Prior to joining DMHAS in 2004 he worked in direct service and managerial positions at three Local Mental Health Authorities and has worked with criminal justice-involved adults in multiple programs.

Reuben J. Miller is an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan's School of Social Work. Professor Miller holds a PhD in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago, an MSSA in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, IL, and a BA in Psychology from Chicago State University. He is also a faculty associate in the Population Studies Center and a faculty affiliate in the Department of Afro American and African Studies at the University of Michigan. His research, writing and advocacy focuses on the lives of prisoners and former prisoners and how carceral expansion has transformed the urban landscape. Miller's work has been published in journals of criminology, human rights, law, public health, psychology, sociology and social work. He is co-editor of the Routledge Handbook on Poverty in the United States, and two special editions of peer reviewed journals, one on poverty and incarceration, and the other, on the state of black male youth and men after Ferguson. He was honored to be invited to membership at the Institute for Advanced Study, one of the world's leading centers for critical inquiry and scholarly innovation, for the 2016-17 academic year. An ethnographer, Miller is writing a book on prisoner reentry titled *Halfway Home*, and is concluding a study on how the rise of the carceral state has transformed the lifeworlds of the urban poor in the United States and Europe.

Chief James C. Rovella was sworn in as Hartford's 22nd Chief of Police on Wednesday, September 26, 2012, in the Atrium of Hartford City Hall. A Hartford native, James C. Rovella graduated from South Catholic High School in Hartford in 1976 and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Hartford in 1980 and 1982 respectively. Upon graduation from the Hartford Police Academy on June 28, 1982, he was assigned to the Patrol Division, walked a beat on Barbour Street and Park Street, and was assigned to a patrol car in Charter Oak Terrace. In 1987, Chief Rovella was appointed detective and assigned to the Department's Crimes Against Persons Unit, now known as the Major Crimes Division, where he found his passion to be specializing in homicide and cold case investigations. In 2006, Chief Rovella was promoted to Supervisory Inspector in the Chief State's Attorney's Office Cold Case Unit and, in 2009, he was appointed Chief Inspector for the Office of the Chief State's Attorney where he was responsible for both

operational and administrative duties for the Division of Criminal Justice. In July 2011, Chief Rovella returned to the City of Hartford and formed the Hartford Shooting Task Force. The Task Force is a combination of Federal, State and local officers dedicated to interdicting gun violence. More recently, the Chief unveiled the Real Time Crime, Data and Intelligence Center, which includes the extensive public camera project and intelligence driven policing. The Department is trending towards State Accreditation and modernization of all the Department's policies and procedures. The Department continues to build on its engagement with the Community in a variety of ways, such as but not limited to the Faith Based Initiative, Project Longevity and building on philosophy and practice of Community Policing. Chief Rovella is the recipient of the highest departmental award, the Chief's Medal of Heroism, and the recipient of numerous letters of commendation and acknowledgement for Exemplary, Meritorious and Distinguished Service. He is a member of the Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association, the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA), and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). Married thirty-three years, he and his wife Sandy have two sons, Daniel, a Willimantic Police Officer, and Marc, a college graduate who works in South Windsor. Of the most honorable note is the Chief's father, Santo Rovella, who is 89 years-old. Chief Rovella and his wife resides in Hartford.

Commissioner Scott Semple joined the Connecticut Department of Correction as a front line Correction Officer in 1988 at the high security Cheshire Correctional Institution. Commissioner Semple entered into the field of correctional training in 1996 and subsequently he was promoted to the rank of Correctional Captain at the agency's training academy. In 1999, Commissioner Semple was assigned to the Department's Office of Public Information where he served as an agency spokesperson. During the course of this assignment, he was promoted to the rank of Major in the year 2000, and went on to serve as the Legislative Liaison for the Department. In 2004, Commissioner Semple was assigned to the Garner Correctional Institution where he played a critical role in establishing the agency's first consolidated environment for male offenders with significant mental health needs. In 2009 he was appointed Warden of the Garner Correctional Institution. In November of 2013, then Commissioner James E. Dzurenda appointed Scott Semple as the Deputy Commissioner of Operations and Rehabilitative Services. Less than one year later, with the retirement of Commissioner Dzurenda in August of 2014, Scott Semple was chosen to serve as the Interim Commissioner for the Connecticut Department of Correction. On March 10, 2015, the Senate resolution unanimously passed consent on the appointment of Scott Semple as Commissioner for the Department of Correction. In April 2015, Scott Semple Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Correction dedicated the State's first Reintegration Center. The Cybulski Community Reintegration Center at the Willard-Cybulski Correctional Institution is designed to prepare inmates for reintegration upon release and to reduce recidivism. It is a part of the Governor Dannel P. Malloy Second Chance Society initiative. In keeping with this momentum, the agency has since opened up an additional three Reintegration Centers; a unit designed to address the specific needs of Veterans, a unit specializing in the treatment of offenders serving DUI sentences, and a unit created for the female population.

Susan O. Storey is the Chief Public Defender of the State of Connecticut. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Mount Holyoke College in 1979 and received her J.D. from the University Of Connecticut School Of Law in 1982. She began her law career as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Hartford, primarily defending children accused of delinquency offenses. She joined the Public Defender Division in 1984 as the Supervisory Attorney for the Hartford Juvenile Public Defender Office. In 1985 she joined the then combined Hartford/New Britain Judicial District Public Defender Office and subsequently the Middlesex JD/GA9 Office. In 1990 she was appointed to the Capital Defense Unit representing clients charged with death penalty offenses. She also has represented persons committed to the State's Psychiatric Security Review Board and served as the Public Defender

Legislative Liaison to the Connecticut General Assembly. She was appointed Deputy Chief Public Defender in 1994 and served in that capacity until 2006 when she was appointed to her current position of Chief Public Defender for the State of Connecticut. She serves on multiple state task forces, commissions, and non-profit Boards of Directors, and is a member of the National Association of Public Defenders, the American Council of Chief Defenders, and the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

Rachel Swaner, Ph.D. is an associate director of research at the Center for Court Innovation. She is currently the principal investigator on a mixed-methods study of procedural justice among offenders in Newark and Cleveland; PI on an evaluation of a procedural justice intervention in a NYC court; PI on the evaluation of the Office of Minority Health's Minority Youth Violence Prevention program; co-PI on an evaluation of a gun violence reduction program in Brownsville, Brooklyn; and co-PI on an NIJ-funded study of sex work and human trafficking in NYC. She recently directed the evaluation of the *Defending Childhood Demonstration Project*; a multi-site research study on youth in the sex trade; and a New York State-funded evaluation of adaptations of the Cure Violence public health model to reducing gun violence. She was previously a researcher and evaluator at Harlem Children's Zone. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Administration at New York University.