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SPEAKERS

Megan Alderden

Megan Alderden is research director of the Authority's Research & Analysis Unit and the Illinois Statistical Analysis Center. Ms. Alderden joined the Authority in June with 16 years of research experience in the field of criminal justice working as an academic and practitioner.

Prior to joining the Authority, Ms. Alderden was an associate professor of criminal justice at Saint Xavier University, and preceding her work in academia, Ms. Alderden was a researcher for the Chicago Police Department and the Authority. Ms. Alderden's most recent research focuses on sexual victimization and issues in policing. She is currently working as a co-principle investigator on a project examining evidence-based practices in homicide and sexual assault investigation in Illinois and on a federally funded study examining the impact of forensic evidence on prosecutorial decisions and court outcomes in sexual assault cases. She is also a researcher with the National Police Research Platform, where her work focuses on police diversification, police culture, and the civilianization of police agencies. She has published in several government reports and articles in scholarly journals.

Ms. Alderden received her doctorate of philosophy in criminal justice with a gender and women studies concentration from the University of Illinois at Chicago, her master's of science in criminal justice from Michigan State University and her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Calvin College.

Jim Ardis

Jim Ardis is the mayor of Peoria. A lifelong Peorian, Mr. Ardis was first elected to the Peoria City Council in 1999 as a councilman-at-large. He served as councilman until he was elected mayor in 2005. He also works as executive director of strategic development at CGN Global. Mr. Ardis is active in the community, most notably for his 21 consecutive years of participation in the 465-mile Memphis to Peoria Run for St. Jude. He serves on the board of the St. Jude Midwest Affiliate and is board president of the Tim Ardis Foundation for Hope. He is founder and chairman of Peoria Promise. He has a bachelor's degree in industrial technology from Illinois State University.

Jerry Brady

Jerry Brady was sworn in as Peoria County State's Attorney in 2011. From 1982 to 1985, Mr. Brady was an assistant state's attorney working in Traffic, Misdemeanor, and Felony divisions. In 1985, he went into private practice while serving in a part-time capacity as a public defender in the Felony Division. During his 26 years in private practice, Mr. Brady has handled a general practice with concentration in both criminal and civil trial litigation. Mr. Brady is a graduate from Bradley University and received his doctor of jurisprudence law degree from St. Louis University Law School. He is a member of the Peoria County and Illinois State Bar Associations.

Carl Cannon

Carl Cannon is the supervisor of the Peoria Park District's Youth Outreach and Intervention Division. Mr. Cannon began his career in law enforcement as a member of the U.S. Army Military Police where he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He later worked the Pekin Federal Correctional Institution where he was nationally recognized as the Selective Placement Program Manager of the Year in 2000. He was in line to become the prison warden when he shifted focus to keeping youth out of prison. In 2007, he launched the ELITE Youth Program where business leaders and volunteer professionals offer weekly jobs training courses to youth in area high schools. In 2011, Mr. Cannon adapted his ELITE concept to fit Peoria School District 150's worst-performing K-8 school with a daily program and added a second school to the program in 2012. Also in 2012, Mr. Cannon partnered with the U.S. District Court Probation Office to create a 13-week ELITE Re-entry program that equips ex-offenders to obtain and maintain meaningful full-time jobs. In 2014, ELITE launched its "Don't Start" anti-gang program with preventive programs aimed at primary and middle school students.

Carl Cannon's many honors include the 2004 National Caring Award and induction into the Washington, D.C., National Caring Hall of Fame, 2007 recipient of the American Red Cross Local Heroes Award, 2008 Inductee Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award for Community Service, 2009 Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Award, the 2010 Peoria County Chiefs of Police Association Citizen of the Year, the 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Award for Leadership, and the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award in 2014.

Tate Chambers

Tate Chambers has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for more than 30 years. He has served in numerous capacities including appellate chief, Peoria branch chief, and outreach coordinator. He serves as the lead Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force attorney and violent crime coordinator. From 2007 to 2009, he served as the Project Safe Neighborhoods national coordinator. He then served on the Evaluation and Review Staff as criminal program manager in Washington, D.C., until 2010. He is retired from the Illinois Army National Guard where he served in the Judge Advocate General Corps.

Kerry Chicon

Kerry Chicon is chief of the Crime Strategies Unit in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. She joined the office in 1999, beginning her career in the Appeals Bureau before transferring to the Trial Division in 2002. Ms. Chicon served in the Sex Crimes Unit and Firearms Trafficking Unit and as a criminal court supervisor. She joined the Crime Strategies Unit at its inception in 2010. Prior to becoming chief, she was deputy unit chief and helped develop and coordinate law enforcement strategies focused on reducing crime in East Harlem and the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Ms. Chicon is a graduate of Syracuse University and Brooklyn Law School.

Krista Coleman

Krista Coleman has been Peoria Police Department Community Service Coordinator since 2012. Ms. Coleman works with more than 60 Don't Shoot partnering agencies to connect offenders identified as gang/group members and violent offenders to community services and resources. She supports the community component of the Don't Shoot Initiative and the volunteer organization Peoria Community Against Violence. She also participates in the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Juvenile Justice Council, Youth Services Network Panel, Law and Social Justice Advisory Committee for Midstate College, and Heart of IL HIV/AIDS Care Connect. Her past work in reentry includes serving the drug court and probation in Chico, Calif., as a jail liaison for an outpatient mental health facility, La Frontera, in Tucson, Ariz., and with the mental health court in Arizona's Pima County. Ms. Coleman has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice sciences from Illinois State University.

David D. Coulson

David D. Coulson is a senior special agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and is currently assigned as a NIBIN Project Officer for the Chicago Field Division. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Coulson was a public information officer for the Columbus, Ohio, Field Division and violent crime coordinator for Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland area focusing on gun-related crime involving gang and narcotics trafficking organizations.

Mr. Coulson started his law enforcement career at the Highland, Ind., Police Department in 1981 where he served in various patrol and investigation division roles until 1989. Throughout his career, Mr. Coulson has taught numerous gun-related courses to federal, state, county, and local law enforcement officers. He is an active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Fraternal Order of Police, and Federal Investigators Association. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in public affairs from Indiana University Northwest.

Kevin Cronin

Kevin Cronin is a retired ATF Supervisory Special Agent serving as a gun crime consultant to the Cook County Sheriff's Department and the Police Executive Research Forum. Throughout his 27-year career with the ATF, Mr. Cronin was involved in numerous investigations of violent street gangs, illegal firearms traffickers, corrupt federal firearms licensees, and individuals who used firearms to commit crimes. He served as a supervisor with the ATF from 2007 to 2014 and directed criminal investigations throughout the Chicago area and northern Illinois. As a supervisor, he oversaw the ATF response to the tragic NIU campus shooting. He was a member of both the ATF Special Response Team and the National Response Team. Prior to joining the ATF, Mr. Cronin was a Joliet police officer for eight years and served as a patrol officer and evidence technician. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lewis University.

Teny Gross

Teny Gross is executive director of the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence, a pioneering and award-winning organization that teaches the principles and practices of nonviolence locally, nationally, and internationally. Prior to his work with the institute, Mr. Gross was a program coordinator for the Ella J. Baker House Youth Focused Community Initiative, a participant in the National Ten-Point Coalition, and a senior street worker for the City of Boston. Mr. Gross was the recipient of an Institute of Global Leadership Alumni Award from Tufts University, where he earned his bachelor in fine arts degree. He received a master of theological studies degree from Harvard University and a fellowship in strategic perspective in nonprofit management from the Business School. He is a veteran of the Israeli Defense Force.

Ronald L. DeWald, Jr.

Ronald L. DeWald, Jr., has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois since 2004. He is chief of the district's Violent Crimes Section, which works directly with federal agents to investigate and prosecute gang, gun, and violent crime. He also serves as the Anti-Violence Program Coordinator and is responsible for overseeing Project Safe Neighborhoods and other federal, state, and local collaborative initiatives involving law enforcement, offender intervention, and crime prevention strategies. Prior to his federal service, Mr. DeWald worked for 10 years as an assistant state's attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Mr. DeWald is a graduate of Lehigh University and received a juris doctor and a master's of business administration in the field of finance from DePaul University.

David M. Kennedy

David M. Kennedy is the director of the National Network for Safe Communities, a project of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. Mr. Kennedy led the Boston Gun Project, whose "Operation Ceasefire" intervention was responsible for a 63 percent reduction in youth homicide victimization and has since been effectively implemented in numerous cities as the Group Violence Intervention. His work in Boston won the Ford Foundation Innovations in Government award, the Herman Goldstein International Award for Problem-Oriented Policing, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Webber Seavey Award. He developed the Drug Market Intervention which also won an Innovations in Government Award. He helped design and field the U.S. Department of Justice's Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative, the U.S. Treasury Department's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative, and the U.S. Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance's Drug Market Intervention Program.

Mr. Kennedy co-founded the National Network for Safe Communities, an alliance of more than 50 jurisdictions committed to strategies that combine the best of law enforcement and community-driven approaches to improve public safety, minimize arrests and incarceration, enhance police legitimacy, and rebuild relationships between law enforcement and distressed communities.

He is the author of *Deterrence and Crime Prevention: Reconsidering the Prospect of Sanction*, co-author of *Beyond 911: A New Era for Policing*, and a wide range of articles on gang violence, drug markets, domestic violence, firearms trafficking, deterrence theory, and other public safety issues. His latest book, *Don't Shoot, One Man*, a Street Fellowship, and the End of Violence in Inner-City America, was published by Bloomsbury in 2011.

Mark Kleiman

Mark Kleiman is professor of Public Policy at New York University's Marron Institute for Urban Management and co-editor of the *Journal of Drug Policy Analysis*. Mr. Kleiman's teaching and research cover drug policy, crime control policy, and methods of policy analysis. His books include *Marijuana: Costs of Abuse, Costs of Control* and *Against Excess: Drug Policy for Results*, and *When Brute Force Fails: How to Have Less Crime and Less Punishment*, named by *The Economist* as one of the "Books of the Year" for 2009.

Mr. Kleiman studied political science, philosophy, and economics at Haverford College. He received his master's degree in public policy and his Ph.D. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, where he also taught before moving to UCLA's Luskin School. His governmental experience includes service as legislative assistant to Rep. Les Aspin, as deputy director for Management of the Mayor's Office of

Management and Budget in Boston, and as director of the Office of Policy and Management Analysis for the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division.

Mark Kraft

Mark Kraft is the owner of Mark Kraft Firearms Consulting and Training. A retired ATF Special Agent, Mr. Kraft has more than 30 years of federal law enforcement experience. Mr. Kraft was recruited to the ATF in 1987 where he conducted investigations into gun trafficking and firearms violence in the Washington, D.C. - Baltimore corridor. He was competitively selected as member of the Baltimore Field Division's Special Response Team, an elite tactical unit that executed high risk search and arrest warrants, from the team's inception until his transfer to ATF's Office of Training and Professional Development (TPD). While at TPD he designed, developed, and instructed numerous firearms trafficking courses across the United States. Mr. Kraft was ATF's program manager for Project Safe Neighborhoods and delivered training to more than 20,000 law enforcement officers and prosecutors nationwide.

In 2006, Mr. Kraft he was named inaugural deputy director and later acting director of the National Gang Targeting and Enforcement Coordination Center, a multi-agency task force that coordinated investigations of the most violent national and transnational gangs across jurisdictional and geographical boundaries. Twice nominated ATF Special Agent of the Year, Mr. Kraft retired in 2010. Mr. Kraft has a degree in accounting from Virginia Tech.

James A. Lewis

James A. Lewis became the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois in 2010. Mr. Lewis first joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1983 in Springfield, where he headed the Civil Division and tried a series of significant cases. From 1977 to 1983, he worked for in the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division, trying cases across the country. From 1974 to 1977, Mr. Lewis was a law school teacher, first as a fellow at Duke Law School and then as an assistant professor at North Carolina Central University Law School. While completing law school in 1965 and 1966, Mr. Lewis was a civil rights worker in southwest Mississippi. From 1966 through 1973, he worked for the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, North Mississippi Rural Legal Services, and the Mississippi Prison Project, trying cases on the First, 14th, and 15th amendments. Mr. Lewis is a graduate of Yale University, the University of Chicago Law School, and Duke University School of Law.

John Maki

John Maki was appointed executive director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in January 2015. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Maki was executive director of the John Howard Association of Illinois, the state's oldest prison reform organization, and the only independent group that monitors the state's juvenile and adult prison systems. Mr. Maki is a criminal justice system reformer whose significant legislative advocacy efforts include 2012 bi-partisan legislation enabling low-level offenders to earn time off their sentences and work that led to the creation of the Joint Committee on Criminal Justice Reform.

As head of the John Howard Association, Mr. Maki's commentary on the criminal justice system has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, National Public Radio, and many other Illinois state and local media outlets.

Mr. Maki is an attorney and has represented people seeking clemency before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board. He also has worked in homeless prevention and as a teacher at the high school and college levels. Mr. Maki was named a 2014 Public Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers - Illinois Chapter and has served on several non-profit and governmental committees and boards.

Christopher Mallette

Christopher Mallette is the executive director of the Chicago Violence Reduction Strategy, a joint effort of the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the Chicago Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, the Illinois Department of Corrections, the Westside Health Authority, the Safer Foundation, Teamwork Englewood, and community- and faith-based partners. Mr. Mallette has devoted his life to advocating for social justice and serving residents and children in urban communities. Prior to his role with the Chicago Violence Reduction Strategy, Mr. Mallette served in the Mayor's Office as the director of Community Safety Initiatives, where he focused on youth violence prevention, juvenile justice, gang intervention and prevention, and ex-offender reentry initiatives. Before his appointment to the Mayor's Office, Mr. Mallette served as the executive director of Chicago's Juvenile Intervention Support Center. He also served the City of Chicago as an Assistant Corporation Counsel, the Faith Community of St. Sabina as general counsel, Youth Center executive director, and athletic director, and Chicago Public Schools as a magnet schools cluster coordinator. He has been a featured guest on ABC's Nightline, the CBS Evening News, Fox in the Morning, CNN, and Fox News Hannity and Colmes. Mr. Mallette is a Princeton University graduate and received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

Michael McCoy

Michael McCoy is the Peoria County Sheriff. Mr. McCoy has 45 years of experience in law enforcement and private security. He was appointed Peoria County Sheriff in 2002, and was subsequently elected to three four-year terms. Mr. McCoy originally joined the sheriff's department in 1972 as a correctional officer. He later became a deputy sheriff and then was promoted to sergeant. He also served as chief deputy. Mr. McCoy's other experience includes six years as the police chief of Peoria Heights. He began his career at the Beardstown Police Department in 1970. Mr. McCoy also spent eight years as the corporate security director at Fleming Packaging Corp. Mr. McCoy is a veteran of the Illinois Air National Guard.

Jerry Mitchell

Jerry Mitchell is chief of the Peoria Police Department. A Peorian for 30 years, Mr. Mitchell began his career as a police recruit in 1990. He progressed through the department, attaining the ranks of sergeant in 1999, lieutenant in 2008, captain in 2009, and assistant chief in 2013. Mr. Mitchell has served in the Training, Patrol, Vice and Narcotics, Information, Field Training, and Support Services divisions. Mr. Mitchell has a bachelor's degree in the administration of criminal justice and sociology from Bradley University.

James Needles

James Needles is the assistant special agent in charge of the Chicago Field Division in the Field Operations Directorate of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Mr. Needles oversees a staff of 200 special agents, industry operation investigators and support staff and oversees criminal investigations for the field division. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Needles was chief of the Firearms Operations Division at ATF Headquarters, overseeing the bureau's Frontline Initiative, National Integrated Ballistic Information Network program, firearms trafficking initiatives, and firearms related training. Mr. Needles began his career with ATF in 1988, and served in the roles of special agent and group supervisor in the Chicago Field Division, an assistant special agent in charge with the Office of Professional Responsibility and Security Operations-Inspection Division, assistant special agent in charge with the New York Field Division and assistant special agent in charge with the Phoenix Field Division. In 1998, Mr. Needles received the Excellence in Law Enforcement Award from the Chicago Chamber of Commerce for his work in combating violent crime. In 2000, he received

the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force National Award for Outstanding Achievement for his work on Chicago street gang initiatives, and in 2008 and 2009, he received the Excellence in Cooperative Law Enforcement Award for the Judicial District of Arizona. Prior to joining the ATF, Mr. Needles served as a police officer in Greendale, Wis. He has a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice.

Jim Summey

Jim Summey is executive director of the High Point Community Against Violence, a violent crime reduction program focusing on repeat violent and drug offenders. Mr. Summey served in Christian ministry for 36 years, including chaplaincy, youth ministry, teaching, and pastoring. He has traveled the country and partnered with the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance to educate groups about community policing. In 2008, Mr. Summey testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the effectiveness of the model and presented on the same at Harvard University. He is a graduate of Gardner-Webb University. He has a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Nina Vinik

Nina Vinik is the Joyce Foundation Gun Violence Prevention Program Director. At the Joyce Foundation, Ms. Vinik manages the foundation's grant making to support evidence-based policies and practices to reduce gun death and injury in the United States. Prior to joining the Joyce Foundation, she served as legal director of Legal Community Against Violence, a non-profit organization providing legal and technical assistance in support of gun violence prevention policy efforts nationwide.

Ms. Vinik's other experience includes serving as director of the Litigation Assistance Partnership Project of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation, Fair Housing Project Director of the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc., and legal director of the ACLU Foundation of Florida, Inc. After graduating from law school, Ms. Vinik practiced law at the firm of Jenner & Block in Chicago. She earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and law degree from the University of Chicago.