

2017 Presidential Summit & Seminar
"Race Matters: The Impact of Race on Criminal Justice"

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Seminar Faculty:

Ilham Askia - Executive Director, Gideon's Promise, Inc. (Atlanta, GA)

Ilham Askia is the co-founder of Gideon's Promise, and currently serves as the organization's executive director. Askia was 5 years old when her father, although he had long since ended a life of crime to become a devout Muslim, was arrested on an armed robbery warrant. He was convicted and served 10 years in prison. Her father was served by a public defender. And whether it was due to lack of training or overwhelming case load, the public defender did not provide the court details of Askia's father's character change – important information that could have led to community service instead of jail time. This is why Askia helped found Gideon's Promise. Askia received a Masters in Teaching from Trinity University in Washington, D.C. and a B.S. from Cornell University.

Roy Austin, Jr. - Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, and Former Director, White House Office of Urban Affairs and Opportunity (Washington, DC)

Mr. Austin began his career as an Honors Trial Attorney with the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division investigating and prosecuting hate crime and police brutality cases around the country. In 2000, he joined Kecker & Van Nest LLP in San Francisco, as an associate working on complex civil and white-collar criminal cases, including a successful pro-bono civil lawsuit aimed at preventing racial profiling by the California Highway Patrol. In 2002, he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia where he prosecuted domestic violence, adult and child sexual assault, human trafficking, homicide and fraud and public corruption cases. He left in 2007 to become a partner at McDermott, Will & Emery working primarily on white collar criminal cases. In 2009, Mr. Austin returned to the D.C. U.S. Attorney's Office as a Senior Assistant United States Attorney and Coordinator of the D.C. Human Trafficking Task Force. In January 2010, Mr. Austin was appointed Deputy Assistant Attorney General (DAAG), Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. As a DAAG, Mr. Austin supervised the Criminal Section, and the Special Litigation Section's law enforcement (police departments, corrections and juvenile justice) portfolio. In addition, he supervised work under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Person Act (RLUIPA) and Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. Among numerous other matters, Mr. Austin worked on cases involving the New Orleans (LA) Police Department, Missoula (MT) law enforcement and the Maricopa County (AZ) Sheriff's Office. In March 2014, Mr. Austin joined the White House Domestic Policy Council as Deputy Assistant to the President for the Office of Urban Affairs, Justice and Opportunity. In this position, Mr. Austin co-authored a report on Big Data and Civil Rights, worked with the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, helped develop the Police Data Initiative, worked on the expansion of reentry assistance and was a member of President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Task Force. Mr. Austin's team also played a significant leadership role in

policymaking on labor, housing, and human services issues. Over his career, Mr. Austin has tried thirty jury trials. He served as an adjunct trial advocacy professor at George Washington University Law School from 2007 - 2013. Mr. Austin received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from The University of Chicago.

Brandon Buskey – Criminal Law Reform Project, National ACLU (New York, NY)

Brandon has been with the ACLU's Criminal Law Reform Project since 2012. His work focuses on reforming pretrial justice, expanding the right to counsel, juvenile sentencing, and residency restrictions for former sexual offenders. Prior to the ACLU, Brandon worked at the Equal Justice Initiative and the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office. He is a 2006 graduate of New York University Law School, where he was a Root-Tilden Kern and AnBryce Scholar. Following law school he clerked for the Honorable Janet C. Hall of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Nusrat Choudhury – Racial Justice Program, National ACLU (New York, NY)

Nusrat Choudhury received her B.A. from Columbia University, and is a graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and Yale Law School. Prior to joining the Racial Justice Program (RJP), Choudhury worked as an attorney in the ACLU National Security Project and a Marvin A. Karpatkin Fellow in RJP. Choudhury also served as a law clerk for Judge Barrington D. Parker in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit and for Judge Denise Cote in the Southern District of New York.

Amanda David – Assistant Federal Defender, E.D. of New York (New York, NY)

Amanda L. David is an assistant federal defender at the Federal Defenders of New York, Inc. in the Eastern District. She also co-teaches the Federal Defender Clinic at New York University School of Law. Prior to joining the Federal Defenders, Amanda represented clients in delinquency and criminal proceedings in D.C. Superior Court as a staff attorney at the Public Defender Service for five years. She is a 2008 graduate of New York University School of Law where she was a Root-Tilden-Kern scholar and managing editor of the journal *Review of Law and Social Change*. In 2005, Amanda earned her Bachelor's degree in Metropolitan Studies and Politics from New York University. She is a native of Brooklyn, NY.

Angela J. Davis – Professor of Law, American University College of Law (Washington, DC)

Angela J. Davis is a Professor of Law at the American University Washington College of Law where she teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Criminal Defense: Theory and Practice. Professor Davis has been a Visiting Professor at George Washington University Law School and Georgetown University Law Center. She has served on the adjunct faculty at George Washington, Georgetown, and Harvard Law Schools. Professor Davis is the author of *Arbitrary Justice: The Power of the American Prosecutor* (Oxford University Press, 2007), the editor of *Policing the Black Man: Arrest, Prosecution and Imprisonment* (Pantheon, 2017) (Forthcoming), co-editor of *Trial Stories* (with Professor Michael E. Tigar) (Foundation Press, 2007), and a co-author of *Criminal Law* (with Professor Kathryn Russell-Brown) (Sage Publications, 2015) and the 7th edition of *Basic Criminal Procedure*

(with Professors Stephen Saltzburg and Daniel Capra) (Thomson West, forthcoming 2017). Professor Davis' other publications include articles and book chapters on prosecutorial discretion and racism in the criminal justice system. She received the Washington College of Law's Pauline Ruyle Moore award for scholarly contribution in the area of public law in 2000 and 2009, the American University Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching in a Full-Time Appointment in 2002, the American University Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship in 2009, and the American University Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award in 2015. Professor Davis' book *Arbitrary Justice* won the Association of American Publishers 2007 Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division Award for Excellence in the Law and Legal Studies Division. She was awarded a Soros Senior Justice Fellowship in 2004 and serves on the Board of Trustees of the Sentencing Project and the Southern Center for Human Rights. Professor Davis served as the Executive Director of the National Rainbow Coalition from 1994 - 1995. From 1991 - 1994, she was the Director of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia ("PDS"). She also served as the Deputy Director from 1988 - 1991 and as a staff attorney at PDS from 1982 - 1988. Professor Davis is a former law clerk of the Honorable Theodore R. Newman of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. She is a graduate of Howard University and Harvard Law School.

Rahsaan D. Hall – Director, Racial Justice Program, Massachusetts ACLU (Boston, MA)

Rahsaan Hall is the Director of the Racial Justice Program for the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. In this role Rahsaan helps develop the ACLU of Massachusetts' integrated advocacy approach to address racial justice issues. Through legislative advocacy, litigation and community engagement, the program works on issues that deeply impact communities of color and historically disenfranchised communities. Prior to joining the ACLU of Massachusetts, Rahsaan was the Deputy Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice where his work included policy and legislative advocacy, community outreach, and maintaining a litigation caseload of voting rights, police misconduct and public accommodations cases. Rahsaan headed up the Voting Rights Project that included the coordination of the statewide Election Protection initiatives, voting rights litigation and his prior involvement in community coalitions on redistricting after the last decennial census. He also served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. A significant portion of his work in the DA's Office included his time in the Safe Neighborhood Initiative and Senior Trial Units where he prosecuted drug, gang and homicide cases. In addition to leading the ACLU of Massachusetts' Racial Justice Program. He also serves on the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation's board of directors, the Hyams Foundation's board of trustees, and co-chairs the Boston Bar Association's Civil Rights and Civil Liberties section. He is also a member of the Massachusetts IOLTA Committee. Rahsaan is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University (B.A.), Northeastern University School of Law (J.D.) and Andover Newton Theological School (M.Div.). He is an ordained reverend in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Marc Mauer – Executive Director, The Sentencing Project (Washington, DC)

Marc Mauer is one of the country's leading experts on sentencing policy, race and the criminal justice system. He has directed programs on criminal justice policy reform for 30 years, and is the author of

some of the most widely-cited reports and publications in the field. The Atlantic magazine has described him as a scholar who has “reframed how Americans view crime, race, and poverty in the public sphere.” His 1995 report on racial disparity and the criminal justice system led the New York Times to editorialize that the report “should set off alarm bells from the White House to city halls – and help reverse the notion that we can incarcerate our way out of fundamental social problems.” *Race to Incarcerate*, Mauer’s groundbreaking book on how sentencing policies led to the explosive expansion of the U.S. prison population, was a semifinalist for the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 1999. A second edition was published in 2006 and a 2013 graphic novel version was cited by the American Library Association as one of the “Great Graphic Novels” of the year. Mauer is also the co-editor of *Invisible Punishment*, a 2002 collection of essays by prominent criminal justice experts on the social cost of imprisonment. Mauer began his work in criminal justice with the American Friends Service Committee in 1975, and served as the organization’s National Justice Communications Coordinator. Since joining The Sentencing Project in 1987, he has testified before Congress and state legislatures, frequently appears on radio and television networks, and is regularly interviewed by the New York Times, Washington Post, National Public Radio, and many other major media outlets. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at George Washington University and Payne Theological Seminary, as well as a consultant to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the National Institute of Justice, and the American Bar Association’s Committee on Race and the Criminal Justice System. In 2005, he became Executive Director of The Sentencing Project. Mauer has received the Helen L. Battenweiser Award from the Fortune Society (1991), the Donald Cressey Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency for contributions to criminal justice research (1996), the Alfred R. Lindesmith Award from the Drug Policy Alliance for achievement in drug policy scholarship (2003), the Maud Booth Correctional Services Award from Volunteers of America (2008), the John Augustus Award from the National Association of Sentencing Advocates (2009), the Margaret Mead Award from the International Community Corrections Association (2009), and the Inside/Out Summit Award from Centerforce (2011). A graduate of Stony Brook University, where he received his bachelor’s degree, Mauer earned his Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan.

Nancy L. McGunn – Federal Defender Office (Detroit, MI)

Nancy L. McGunn is an assistant federal defender at the Federal Defender Office in Detroit, Michigan for the Eastern District of Michigan. Nancy began as a law clerk at the Detroit FDO in 1997, while still a law student at Wayne State University Law School. She is 1998 graduate of Wayne State University Law School. In 1995, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology from John Carroll University.

L. Song Richardson – Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine (Irvine, CA)

Song Richardson is the Interim Dean and Professor of Law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law with a joint appointment in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society. She was the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the 2016-17 academic year. She received her AB from Harvard College and her JD from Yale Law School. Her interdisciplinary research uses lessons from cognitive and social psychology to decision-making and judgment in a variety of contexts. Currently, she is working on a book that examines the legal and moral implications of mind sciences

research on policing and criminal procedure. She is a member of the American Law Institute. Professor Richardson's numerous articles using social psychology to examine the influence of race in the criminal justice system include *Systemic Triage: Implicit Racial Bias in the Criminal Courtroom*, Yale L. J.; *Racial Anxiety*, Iowa L. Rev. (forthcoming 2016) (co-authored with Rachel Godsil); *Implicit Racial Bias and the Perpetrator Perspective*, 83 George Wash. L. Rev.; *Police Racial Violence: Lessons from Social Psychology*, Fordham L. Rev; and *Implicit Racial Bias in Public Defender Triage*, Yale L.J. (co-authored with Phillip Atiba Goff). Her article, "Police Efficiency and the Fourth Amendment," Ind. L.J. was selected as a "Must Read" by the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. Her co-edited book, *The Future of Criminal Justice in America*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. Her legal career has included partnership at a boutique criminal law firm and work as a state and federal public defender in Seattle, Washington. She was also an Assistant Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Immediately upon graduation from law school, Professor Richardson was a Skadden Arps Public Interest Fellow with the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles and the Legal Aid Society's Immigration Unit in Brooklyn, NY. Richardson frequently gives talks across the country for judges, prosecutors, public defenders, police officers, non-profit organizations, and law firms on the science of implicit racial bias, implicit gender bias, stereotype threat and racial anxiety. She also presents her work at academic symposia and non-academic legal conferences.

Jeffery Robinson – Deputy Legal Director, National ACLU (New York, NY)

Jeffery Robinson is a deputy legal director and the director of the ACLU Trone Center for Justice and Equality, which houses the organization's work on criminal justice, racial justice, and reform issues. Since graduating from Harvard Law School in 1981, Jeff has three decades of experience working on these issues. For seven years, he represented indigent clients in state court at The Defender Association and then in federal court at the Federal Public Defender's Office, both in Seattle. In 1988, Jeff began a 27-year private practice at the Seattle firm of Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender, where he represented a broad range of clients in local, state, and federal courts on charges ranging from shoplifting to securities fraud and first degree murder. He has tried over 200 criminal cases to verdict and has tried more than a dozen civil cases representing plaintiffs suing corporate and government entities. Jeff was one of the original members of the John Adams Project and worked on the behalf of one of five men held at Guantanamo Bay charged with carrying out the 9/11 attacks. In addition to being a nationally recognized trial attorney, Jeff is also a respected teacher of trial advocacy. He is a faculty member of the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, Georgia, and has lectured on trial skills all over the United States. He has also spoken nationally to diverse audiences on the role of race in the criminal justice system. He is past president of the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a life member and past member of the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Jeff is also an elected fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Cynthia Roseberry - Executive Director, Council for Court Excellence, (Washington, DC)

Cynthia W. Roseberry joined the Council for Court Excellence as executive director in June 2017 after serving as project manager for the historic Clemency Project 2014, which has been referred to as the

nation's largest law firm of nearly 4,000 lawyers providing unprecedented pro bono support to more than 36,000 applicants for presidential clemency. Ms. Roseberry also served on the Charles Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections, a nine-member, bipartisan, blue-ribbon panel created by Congress to examine challenges in the federal corrections system, including overcrowding, prison violence, public safety measures, prison rehabilitation and employment programs, and re-entry programs and policies to reduce recidivism. The Task Force submitted its findings and recommendations to Congress, the Attorney General, and the President, and released its report, *Transforming Prisons, Restoring Lives: Final Recommendations of the Charles Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections*, in early 2016. Previously, from 2009 to 2014, Ms. Roseberry was the executive director of the Federal Defenders of the Middle District of Georgia, Inc. From 2007 to 2009 she taught advanced criminal procedure and co-taught in the death penalty clinic at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, where she also founded the misdemeanor clinic. For more than 10 years prior to teaching, she practiced federal and state criminal defense in Georgia. Ms. Roseberry is a founding board member of the Georgia Innocence Project, and was the first African-American female president of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She received the 2016 COS Humanitarian Award and the 2017 annual service award from the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated. Ms. Roseberry earned her Bachelor of Science from Wilberforce University in Ohio and her Juris Doctor from Georgia State University College of Law. A national and international trainer, Ms. Roseberry has presented in nearly every U.S. state and in Europe.

Martin A. Sabelli – Attorney at Law (San Francisco, CA)

Martin Sabelli received his degrees from Harvard College (1985), the London School of Economics and Political Science (1987), and Yale Law School (1990). He currently has his own firm and have served, in the past, as a Federal Public Defender, a partner of a national firm (Winston & Strawn), the Director of Training of the Office of the San Francisco Public Defender, and as a law clerk to the late Honorable Robert F. Peckham, United States District Judge. He has represented individuals in state and federal courts since 1993 in a wide range of civil and criminal matters including complex federal white collar criminal prosecutions, multi-defendant federal conspiracy cases, federal and state gang-related prosecutions, and federal and state death-penalty matters. These matters have included corporate internal investigations in civil and criminal matters as well as matters pending before the Securities and Exchange Commission, matters investigated and prosecuted by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, matters prosecuted under the Racketeering and Corrupt Organization Act, and legal malpractice matters. He has taught for the National Criminal Defense College since 2001 and for the Trial Advocacy Workshop of Harvard Law School, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) as well as numerous other criminal defense and public defense programs around the country and abroad. He has also served as the Director of the Mexico Program for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. He regularly lectures on comparative criminal justice issues and trains judges, prosecutors, and lawyers in Argentina, Mexico, Chile, and Peru. He has also trained judges, prosecutors, and lawyers in numerous other countries including Colombia, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Tunisia and Egypt. He has authored law review articles and practice guides on gang expert issues, the dangers of self representation, expert witnesses, prosecutorial discretion, and comparative law issues.

Alison Siegler – Clinical Law Professor, University of Chicago Law School (Chicago, IL)

Alison Siegler is a Clinical Professor of Law and the founder and director of the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic (FCJC), the nation's only legal clinic solely devoted to representing indigent clients charged with federal felonies. The FCJC defends individual clients and pursues impact litigation in federal district court, in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and before the United States Supreme Court, and engages in legislative advocacy. Siegler received the Seventh Circuit Bar Association's Justice John Paul Stevens Award for Outstanding Public Service Work in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in 2016 for the clinic's stash house litigation. She was previously a staff attorney with the Federal Defender Program in Chicago, a Prettyman Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center's Criminal Justice Clinic, and a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Robert W. Gettleman. She graduated magna cum laude from Yale College, earned a J.D. from Yale Law School, and holds an LL.M. from Georgetown.

David Singleton – Executive Director, Ohio Justice & Policy Center (Cincinnati, OH)

Mr. Singleton received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1991, and his A.B. in Economics and Public Policy, cum laude, from Duke University in 1987. Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Singleton received a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Legal Action Center for the Homeless in New York City, where he practiced for three years. He then worked as a public defender for seven years, first with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and then with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. After moving to Cincinnati in the summer of 2001, Mr. Singleton practiced at Thompson Hine before joining OJPC as its Executive Director in July 2002. David is also an Assistant Professor of Law at Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Colette Tvedt – Attorney at Law (Denver, CO)

Colette Tvedt currently has her own firm in Denver, Colorado. She has devoted her career over the past 25 years to representing poor people accused of crimes. She served as the Director of Public Defense Training and Reform at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. In that capacity, she focused on developing and delivering training programs for public defense providers nationwide. Prior to that, she was in private practice with the Seattle law firm, Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender, where she continued to represent the indigent by court appointment in state and federal court, in addition to serving on the board of one of Seattle's public defender providers. Before entering private practice, she spent 18 years as a public defender in Massachusetts and Washington State. Colette Tvedt also has extensive experience training attorneys. She has organized training programs for hundreds of defense lawyers and served for several years as a Clinical Professor of Law as the director of the Suffolk Defenders Clinical Program at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. In recent years, in addition to her practice, she has served as professor of advanced trial advocacy at the University of Washington School of Law and at Seattle University School of Law. She is a faculty member of the National Criminal Defense College (NCDC) in Macon, Georgia. Colette Tvedt is an honors graduate of Rutgers University, where she also attended law school.

Jason D. Williamson – Criminal Law Reform Project, National ACLU (New York, NY)

Jason Williamson joined the ACLU's Criminal Law Reform Project as a staff attorney in January 2011, and focuses primarily on Fourth Amendment, police practices, and indigent defense reform litigation. Prior to joining the ACLU, Jason worked as a litigation associate at the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in New York, and served as a law clerk for Judge Sterling Johnson, Jr. in the Eastern District of New York from 2007-2008. He began his legal career in New Orleans in the months following Hurricane Katrina, first as a staff attorney for the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, and later as a staff attorney and founding member of Juv **Colette Tvedt** – Attorney at Law (Denver, CO) enile Regional Services (now called the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights), which provides legal representation for indigent youth in Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. Jason also serves as an adjunct clinical professor at New York University School of Law. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Harvard University in 1998, and his J.D. from NYU Law in 2006.