

**Tuesday · September 24**

**9:30 AM · OPENING PLENARY**

Amanda Alexander · Detroit Justice Center  
Ed Chung · Center for American Progress  
Halim Flowers · Unchained Media Collective  
Karol Mason · John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
Jago Russell · Fair Trials  
Bruce Western · Columbia University



***an armchair conversation with***

Mayor Chokwe Lumumba · Mayor, Jackson (MS)

***panel: achieving transformation***

Daryl Atkinson · Forward Justice  
Keir Bradford Grey · Chief Defender, Philadelphia (PA)  
Carroll Bogert · The Marshall Project  
Vanita Gupta · Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
Nick Turner · Vera Institute of Justice

**12:30 PM · LUNCH**

**1:45 PM · BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1**

***prisons and jails: reform, transform, or close?***

Lauren-Brooke Eisen · Brennan Center for Justice  
Jasmine Heiss · Vera Institute of Justice  
Darren Mack · JLUSA Close Rikers Campaign  
Andy Potter · Michigan Corrections Organization  
Scott Semple · Fmr. Commissioner, CT Dept. of Corrections

***removing the barriers of a criminal record***

Beth Avery · National Employment Law Project  
Inimai Chettiar · Justice Action Network  
Kathy Fernandez Rundle · State's Attorney, Miami (FL)  
Arthur Rizer · R Street Institute  
Evonne Silva · Code for America  
Quintin Williams · Heartland Alliance

***closing data gaps***

Juan Cartagena · LatinoJustice PRLDEF  
Gypsy Escobar · Measures for Justice  
Clementine Jacoby · Recidiviz  
Michael Poche · FL State House of Representatives  
Meme Styles · MEASURE

***transforming community supervision***

Michael Boggs · Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia  
Marc Levin · Right on Crime  
Erika Preuitt · Department of Community Justice, Multnomah County (OR)  
Topeka K. Sam · The Ladies of Hope Ministries  
Vincent Schiraldi · Columbia Justice Lab  
Amy Solomon · Arnold Ventures

## 3:45 PM · BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

### *the state of pretrial reform*

Michael Bouchard · Philadelphia Pretrial Services  
James Cadogan · Arnold Ventures  
Daniel Dew · Buckeye Institute  
Marvin Mayfield · JustLeadershipUSA  
Alec Karakatsanis · Civil Rights Corp

### *navigating the intersection of gun violence and criminal justice reform*

Thomas Abt · Harvard Kennedy School  
Amanda Alexander · Detroit Justice Center  
Eric Cumberbatch · Office to Prevent Gun Violence, New York (NY)  
Jerry Clayton · Sheriff, Washtenaw County (MI)  
Nick Suplina · Everytown for Gun Safety  
Julie Wertheimer · Office of Criminal Justice & Safety, Philadelphia (PA)

### *can prosecutors and public defenders work together for reform?*

Scott Colom · District Attorney, 16<sup>th</sup> Cir. Court (MS)  
Scott Hechinger · Brooklyn Defender Services  
Lucy Lang · Institute for Innovation in Prosecution  
Jon Rapping · Gideon's Promise  
Rachael Rollins · Suffolk County (MA) District Attorney

### *accessing justice: people with disabilities in the justice system*

Rebecca Cokely · Center for American Progress  
Jennifer Mathis · Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Dior Vargas · Latina Feminist Mental Health Activist

## Wednesday · September 25

## 9:30 AM · MORNING PLENARY

Kim Ball · American University Justice Programs Office  
Eddie Bocanegra · READI Chicago  
Lawrence Bartley · The Marshall Project  
Jerry Clayton · Sheriff, Washtenaw County (MI)  
Cristine DeBerry · District Attorney's Office, San Francisco (CA)  
Mark Holden · Koch Industries  
Evonne Silva · Code for America  
Carter Stewart · Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation  
Aswad Thomas · Alliance for Safety and Justice

### *an armchair conversation with*

Desmond Meade · Florida Rights Restoration Coalition  
Daryl Atkinson · Florida Rights Restoration Coalition  
Vivian Nixon · College and Community Fellowship  
Norris Henderson · Voices Of The Experienced  
Deanna Hoskins · JustLeadershipUSA

## 12:30 PM · LUNCH

## 1:45 PM · SCREENING: "COLLEGE BEHIND BARS" (BARD PRISON INITIATIVE)

## CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS



### 1:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#### **Closing Data Gaps**

The push for evidence-informed criminal justice policy requires one important ingredient that is all too often missing — quality data. Data holds power and without it, policymakers face significant challenges in enacting reform. Experts in this session will discuss new and innovative ways that jurisdictions are prioritizing data and the steps that can be taken to close the data gap in a fair and transparent way.

#### **Reconsidering Criminal Records**

Following decades of overcriminalization, an estimated 70 million Americans now have a criminal record. The collateral consequences of an arrest or conviction are well-documented, but many jurisdictions are taking innovative approaches to ensure that a criminal record doesn't create a lifetime of barriers to opportunity. This panel will explore the movement to remove obstacles created by criminal records and the potential for leveraging technology to help people build a better life.

#### **Prisons and Jails: Reform, Transform, or Close?**

A commitment to ending mass incarceration requires a radical re-examination of prisons and jails as we know them. While efforts must continue on issues such as improving education and treatment behind bars, an increasing number of jurisdictions are considering more drastic measures such as closing jails and prisons outright and replicating rehabilitative and humane models found in Europe. This panel features experts who have worked to reform, transform, and close prisons and jails.

#### **Transforming Community Supervision**

Community supervision is now a key driver of mass incarceration, with nearly half of all state prison admissions resulting from violations of probation or parole. Current supervision practices set people up for failure, but policymakers are starting to embrace change. This session will explore the advances being made to design community supervision systems to promote success.

## 3:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### **Accessing Justice: People with Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System**

Misunderstanding, fear, and stereotypes too often put justice out of reach for the disability community. People with disabilities are overrepresented in our nation's jails and prisons and dangerously under-resourced in terms of access to treatment and care while incarcerated. Interactions with the police can prove dangerous and sometimes deadly for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This session will dive into the intersection of criminal justice reform and disability justice.

### **Can Prosecutors and Public Defenders Work Together for Reform?**

In recent years, significant attention has been paid to a new crop of progressive district attorneys who are enacting policies to end mass incarceration in their jurisdictions. These prosecutors are echoing what public defenders have been saying all along – the system is broken and in need of transformation. But can these traditional adversaries join forces for reform instead of remaining in their respective silos? This session features prosecutors and public defenders who examine ways to collaborate for change.

### **Navigating the Intersection of Gun Violence and Criminal Justice Reform**

Gun violence is an epidemic in American cities, but the issue is rarely included in the national conversation around criminal justice reform. When it comes to gun violence, most jurisdictions stick to the "tough on crime" playbook, even as they embrace smarter responses to "non-violent" offenses. This panel will consider examine how cities and states can address gun violence and strengthen community safety without resorting to an overreliance on arrests and incarceration.

### **The State(s) of Pretrial Reform**

The movement to reform pretrial systems has come to many states across the country. These jurisdictions are grappling with complex issues such as presumptions of release, risk assessments, appropriate pretrial conditions, and whether cash bail is ever appropriate. Panelists who work directly on these issues will share their experiences in advocating for pretrial reform as well as the results of the reforms.

## CONFERENCE REMINDERS

- **Make your travel arrangements.** If you're looking for accommodations, one option close to John Jay College with reasonable rates (as of Aug. 30) is the [Hotel Bellclaire](#) (\$363/night). Also, because of the U.N. General Assembly, we recommend staying away from the East side of the city which will likely be more congested.
- **ADA Accommodations.** Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services and American Sign Language interpretation will be made available for the entirety of the conference including breakout sessions. *If you require ADA-related accommodations for your in-person attendance at this event, please email [smartoncrime@americanprogress.org](mailto:smartoncrime@americanprogress.org) as soon as possible so that we may assist you.*



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