

Roundtable on Population Health Improvement

**Community Safety as a Social Determinant of Health:  
How to Create Safe Communities  
A Workshop**

**December 6-7, 2023**

Keck Center of the National Academies | 500 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC | Room 100 | [Webcast](#)

**AGENDA**

**Learning Objectives**

Workshop presentations and discussions will explore the following:

1. Define community safety as a SDOH
2. Specific threats (including ineffective and harmful policies) to safety in vulnerable populations (youth, elders, women, LGBTQ+, communities of color) such as intimate partner violence, hate crimes, firearm violence, state sanctioned violence, and the relationship between health, mental health, health equity, and violence.
3. Places, infrastructure and attributes of physical and social spaces that have been shown to create safer neighborhoods and communities (from green spaces, streetlights, access to rail transit, to social dimensions like opportunity, social cohesion)
4. Effective policy and programmatic interventions and future solutions-oriented frameworks for reimagining safety

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**

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| 9:00am ET | <p><b>Welcome and Framing the Topic</b></p> <p><b>Ana Diez Roux</b>, <i>roundtable co-chair; Distinguished University Professor of Epidemiology and Director of the Urban Health Collaborative, Drexel University</i></p> <p><b>Therese Richmond</b>, <i>planning committee chair; Andrea B. Laporte Endowed Professor, biobehavioral health sciences, Associate Dean, Research and Innovation University of Pennsylvania</i></p>                                      |
| 9:30am    | <p><b>1 Opening Talks: History of Violence in America and Defining Safety Now</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Therese Richmond</b></p> <p><b>Hedwig Lee</b>, <i>James B. Duke Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Duke University (virtual)</i></p> <p><b>Thomas Simon</b>, <i>senior director for scientific programs, Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (virtual)</i></p> |
| 10:20am   | <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>  |

10:40am	<b>2 Interpersonal Safety: Domestic Violence Prevention Across the Lifecourse and Connections to Health Equity and Community Violence</b> Moderator: <b>Debbie Chang</b> , <i>president and chief executive officer, Blue Shield of California Foundation</i> <b>Anita Raj</b> , <i>executive director, Newcomb Institute of Tulane University, Nancy Reeves Dreux Endowed Chair Professor, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (virtual)</i> <b>Arnold Chandler</b> , <i>president and chief executive officer, Forward Change Consulting (virtual)</i>
11:30am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
12:00pm	<b>Audience Interaction</b> <a href="#">[Virtual participants join here]</a>
12:30pm	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
1:30pm	<b>3 Safety in Neighborhoods and Communities: Learning from Research</b> Moderator: <b>Ruth Thomas-Squance</b> , <i>co-executive director, Build Healthy Places Network</i> <b>Tha Thai</b> , <i>assistant director, Roca Boston, Roca Inc. (virtual)</i> <b>Joseph Richardson</b> , <i>MPOWER Professor of African American Studies, Medical Anthropology, and Epidemiology, University of Maryland</i> <b>Sonali Rajan</b> , <i>associate professor, Mailman School of Public Health and Teachers College, Columbia University (virtual)</i>
2:30pm	<b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
3:00pm	<b>BREAK</b>
3:15pm	<b>4 Safety and Identity</b> Moderator: <b>Margarita Alegría</b> , <i>chief, disparities research unit, The Mongan Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital Massachusetts General Hospital, Harry G. Lehnert, Jr. and Lucille F. Cyr Lehnert Endowed MGH Research Institute Chair and a Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School</i> <b>Annita Lucchesi</b> , <i>founder and director, Sovereign Bodies Institute</i> <b>Theo Greene</b> , <i>associate professor of sociology, Bowdoin College (virtual)</i> <b>Pastor George Nicholas</b> , <i>chief executive officer, Buffalo Center for Health Equity and senior pastor, Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church</i>
4:00pm	<b>Audience Interaction</b> <a href="#">[Virtual participants join here]</a>

4:30pm **Reflections and Takeaways from Day 1**

**Therese Richmond**

4:40pm **Adjourn**

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00am ET **Welcome back**  
**Ana Diez Roux**

9:10am **5 Regaining Safety in Public Spaces**  
Moderator: **Ruth Shim**, *Associate Dean of Diverse and Inclusive Education, Luke & Grace Kim Professor in Cultural Psychiatry and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, University of California, Davis*  
**Rashawn Ray**, *professor of sociology, University of Maryland*  
**Ashley Monterrosa**, *youth advocate, California Children's Trust*  
**Tyrique Glasgow**, *executive director and founder, Young Chances Foundation*  
**Samantha Holquist**, *senior research scientist, Child Trends*

10:45am **Discussion**

11:15am **BREAK**

11:30am **6 Changing the Narrative and Public Perceptions of Violence and Safety**  
Moderator: **Abigail Henson**, *assistant professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University*  
**Moirá O'Neil**, *senior vice president of research interpretation, FrameWorks Institute*  
**Eduardo Bocanegra**, *senior advisor, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice*

12:15pm **Discussion**

12:45pm **Closing Remarks**  
**Ana Diez Roux**

1:00pm **ADJOURN**

**Planning Committee** | Therese Richmond (Chair), Penn School of Nursing; Margarita Alegría, Harvard Medical School and The Mongan Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital; Debbie Chang, Blue Shield of California Foundation; Milton Little, United Way of Greater Atlanta; Monica Valdes Lupi, Kresge Foundation; Ruth Shim, UC Davis