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**Workshop on Community Safety and Policing**  
**SPEAKER BIOSKETCHES**



**Simon Balto** is a scholar, writer, and teacher of History and African American Studies. He is the author of *Occupied Territory: Policing Black Chicago from Red Summer to Black Power* (University of North Carolina Press, 2019), and has written for multiple scholarly and popular publications, including *TIME*, *The Washington Post*, *The Progressive*, *The Journal of African American History*, *Journal of Urban History*, and *Labor*, among others. He teaches at The University of Iowa and is the recipient of numerous fellowships, including from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.



**Tshaka Barrows** is a member of the Executive Leadership Team with the W. Haywood Burns Institute. As such, his work involves strategic planning, organizational development, financial oversight, project development and managing relationships with community leaders and system decision makers, funders and other partners across the nation. Tshaka joined the Burns Institute in 2002 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 2002 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. Tshaka’s work in CJNY bolstered BI’s sitebased 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 has participated in several national initiatives including; the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, both of the Mac Arthur Foundation’s national initiatives - Models for Change and the Safety and Justice Challenge, the Positive Youth Justice Initiative of the Sierra Health Foundation, as well as the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Initiative to address Racial and Ethnic Disparities. He is honored to serve as a member of the Equal Voice Action Board of Directors as well as the Free Write Arts and Literacy Board of Directors.



**Merrick Bobb** is the Executive Director of the Police Assessment Resource Center (PARC). PARC was formed in 2001 with the financial backing of the Ford Foundation. PARC has established a national and international presence as a leading authority on contemporary American policing. PARC is dedicated to the advancement of effective, respectful, accountable, and constitutional policing. PARC speaks authoritatively and with great credibility to a wide spectrum of persons interested in law enforcement, from its strongest critics to its ardent supporters. There is no other national voice providing a

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neutral, thoughtful perspective, and consistent and prolific commentary, on law enforcement while maintaining independence from any interest group or cause.

Mr. Bobb has consulted on civilian oversight of the police's with several government agencies, including the DOJ and the Special Litigation Section of the DOJ Civil Rights Division, the County of Los Angeles, as well as the cities of Detroit, Michigan; Los Angeles, Oakland, Pasadena, and San Francisco, California; Wallkill, New York; Farmington, New Mexico; Mesa, Arizona; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Portland and Eugene, Oregon; Denver, Colorado; New Orleans, Louisiana; Boise, Idaho; and Seattle and King County, Washington.



**Rhea Boyd** is a pediatrician, public health advocate, and scholar who writes and teaches on the relationship between structural racism, inequity and health. She has a particular focus on the child and public health impacts of harmful policing practices and policies. She serves as the Chief Medical Officer of San Diego 211 and the Director of Equity and Justice for The California Children's Trust. Dr. Boyd graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Africana Studies and Health from the University of Notre Dame. She earned a M.D. at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency at University of California, San Francisco. In 2017, Dr. Boyd graduated from the Commonwealth Fund Mongan

Minority Health Policy Fellowship at Harvard University's School of Public Health, earning an M.P.H.



**Rod K. Brunson** is the Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Professor of Public Life in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (and the Department of Political Science) at Northeastern University. He is a widely sought-after speaker and has received numerous professional awards in recognition of his distinguished body of scholarly work, most recently, American Society of Criminology, Fellow. Furthermore, Dr. Brunson co-directs the Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network, social scientists conducting research on crime, inequality, and the criminal justice system. Professor Brunson's expertise centers on police-minority community relations, youth violence, and evidence-

based criminal justice policy. He has consistently called for effective crime reduction strategies that do not result in racially disparate treatment of minority citizens and disadvantaged neighborhoods. Dr. Brunson's scholarship appears in the *Annual Review of Sociology*, *British Journal of Criminology*, *City & Community*, *Criminology*, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Evaluation Review*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Urban Affairs Review*, and the *Journal of Urban Health*.



**Chief Jim Bueermann (Ret.)** has spent more than 40 years in policing. From 1978 to 2011 he was a sworn member of the Redlands (CA) Police Department, where he served his last 13 years as the Chief of Police and Director of Housing, Recreation and Senior Services. After his retirement in 2011 he worked for a year for the USDOJ, National Institute of Justice as an Executive Fellow. In 2012 he was appointed the president of the National Police Foundation - America's oldest non-partisan, non-profit police research organization. He retired from the Foundation in late 2018. He serves as a policing consultant to the USDOJ and various non-governmental organizations and has served on, or is currently part of, several advisory boards focusing on advancing policing through

innovation and science. In January 2019 he founded Future Policing Strategies, a California-based consultancy that helps practitioners, policymakers and community members envision and advance policing

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for the future.



Born and raised in Natick, MA, **James Burch** grew up with the direct impacts of a punitive carceral system within his immediate family; all three of his siblings have been entangled in the criminal justice system for their entire lives. To address this, James became a lawyer after attending Yale University and Georgetown Law School. Upon moving to the Bay Area, James became an active member of the Anti Police-Terror Project (AFTP), eventually becoming the Director of Policy and a member of the Black Leadership Team. He also worked as the Policy Director for St. James Infirmary, a peer-based sex worker health and advocacy clinic in San Francisco.

James now works as the Policy Director for the Justice Teams Network (JTN), a statewide coalition working to end state violence in California. James worked to pass of the following legislation: AB 392, shifting California’s police use of force standard from one of the most permissive to one of the most restrictive, SB 1421, providing police transparency, and SB 233, providing protections for people trading sex. James is the current President of the National Lawyers Guild of the Bay Area.



**Gregorio “Greg” Casar** is the youngest person ever elected to the Austin City Council and has been recently elected for a third term. He has a proven track record of fighting for a fair and safe city for all Austinites. Greg’s passion has led him to tackle long-standing issues in the community, with accomplishments that include many victories on behalf of Austin’s working families. He championed the paid-sick-days laws passed first in Austin, and later in San Antonio and Dallas, implementing what the Austin-American Statesman called the “most progressive labor policy for the entire state and possibly the American South.” He also led the effort to pass the largest affordable housing bond in

Texas history, providing historic increases in housing for Austin’s working class. The safety of all of Austin’s residents is one of Greg’s highest priorities. Greg led the initiative to clear the backlog of sexual assault evidence kits and addressed a shelter shortage for survivors of family violence. He has addressed racial disparities in the criminal justice system, and authored the “Freedom City” policies which reduced discretionary misdemeanor arrests by 75% and ended all arrests and fines for personal marijuana possession. Recently, he successfully redirected City budget resources to more effectively address the needs of everyday Austinites, shifting to a moral budget that focuses on prevention of harm and violence, shifting away from overpolicing as a strategy and towards deep investments in community solutions. In the last budget, Greg successfully increased services that address substance abuse, housing for the homeless, additional resources for mental health first responders, and other approaches that focus on preventing harm and violence from happening in the first place.



**Jennifer Cobbina** is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. She received her PhD in criminal justice at the University of Missouri – St. Louis in 2009. Her primary research focuses on community responses to police violence and the strategies that communities employ to challenge police expansion and end state sanctioned violence. Her research also examines the intersection of race, gender, and how neighborhood contexts shapes crime and criminal justice practices. Finally, her work focuses on corrections, prisoner reentry and the understanding of recidivism and desistance from crime. She recently published a book, *“Hands Up, Don’t Shoot: Why the Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore Matter, and How They Changed America”* (New York University Press,

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2019), which draws on in-depth interviews with nearly two hundred protesters and residents of Ferguson and Baltimore that was conducted within two months of the deaths of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray. She was the recipient of the Division on People of Color and Crime Coramae Richey Mann award from the American Society of Criminology in 2020. She has been cited in or been on *CBS News*, *CBC News*, *CNN*, *NPR*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Independent*, *Politico*, and 50+ print, radio, and television news outlets.



**Louis M. Dekmar**'s 43-year law enforcement career ranges from police officer, investigator, detective to division commander to Chief of Police for over 29 years. He has served Chief of Police and Chief of Public Safety for the City of Lagrange (GA) since 1995. He served ten years in law enforcement in Wyoming before moving to Georgia. Chief Dekmar is Past-President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Past President and Chair of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), having served in that role five of his ten years on the Commission. He is Past-President of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Dekmar is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

In 2004, he was selected as the delegation leader for the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) that traveled to Israel for a two-week training exchange with the Israel National Police, and is currently a Board Member for GILEE. He is a former Council Member for the Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Council, serving on the Probable Cause Committee; and a past member of the Georgia Board of Public Safety, he has also served as a Federal Monitor for the US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Wyoming and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Georgia College and State University. Chief Dekmar received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Central Police University, Taipei, Taiwan and an Honorary Doctorate Degree from LaGrange College, LaGrange, Georgia.



**Waverly Duck** is an urban sociologist and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a current Center for Diversity and Innovation Visiting Distinguished Scholar at the University of Buffalo. He is the author of *No Way Out: Precarious Living in the Shadow of Poverty and Drug Dealing* (University of Chicago Press, 2015), which was a finalist for the Society for the Study of Social Problem 2016 C. Wright Mills Book Award. His new book on unconscious racism, *Tacit Racism*, co-authored with Anne Rawls, was released on June 30, 2020 with the University of Chicago Press. He also co-authored and curated a new book with Anne Rawls and Kevin

Whitehead, titled *Black Lives Matter: Ethnomethodological and Conversation Analytic Studies of Race and Systemic Racism in Everyday Interaction* (Taylor and Francis, 2020). His current research involves several projects focusing on police/citizen interaction, the orderliness of gentrification and displacement, local politics related to law enforcement and food apartheid. Like his earlier work, his current research investigates the challenges faced by socially marginal groups. However, his work is more directly concerned with how residents of marginalized communities identify problems and what they think are viable solutions to those problems.

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**Dennis Flores** is a Nuyorican multimedia artist, activist and educator born and raised in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. He is the co-founder of El Grito de Sunset Park, a grassroots community-based organization that advocates around issues of discriminatory policing and housing rights. Dennis is also the lead organizer of the Sunset Park Puerto Rican Day Parade, which, entering its six year, has created a celebration of Puerto Rican culture safe from police harassment. As a teaching artist for over ten years, educating city youth on multimedia art and documentary film-making, Dennis' work

often focuses on youth empowerment, Afro-Diaspora cultural traditions as well as racial and social justice. In the mid-1990s, influenced by The Young Lords Party, he and the street organization he belonged to – deemed a “gang” by law enforcement officials – began organizing around social justice issues. He and others began to organize with families of victims of the police amid the political unrest of the Rudy Giuliani era in New York City. One of the pioneers of the modern day cop watch movement in New York, Dennis began to organize patrols of everyday people to film and document police misconduct beginning in 1999. The use of video to not only expose police brutality, but to help exonerate those who were arrested and criminally charged, laid the foundation for the growing police accountability movement seen across the country today. Today, Dennis is a frequent speaker, commentator and well-regarded community advocate.



**George Gascón** was sworn in as the 43rd District Attorney of Los Angeles County on December 7, 2020, delivering his visionary approach to criminal justice reform to the nation's largest local prosecutorial office. Gascón, who rose through the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department from patrol officer to Assistant Chief of Police under Bill Bratton, served as Chief of Police in Mesa, Ariz., before being named Chief of Police in San Francisco by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom. In 2011, Newsom tapped Gascón to fill the District Attorney vacancy created by Kamala Harris' election to the U.S. Senate. The Cuban-born attorney became that city's first Latino police chief and the nation's first police chief to become District Attorney. During his two terms in office, Gascón

decreased San Francisco's jail population by nearly 30% and reduced violent crime to historic lows. He was the nation's first District Attorney to call for an end to cash bail and first to launch an automatic record clearing program for marijuana convictions following legalization. Gascón also created California's first independent investigation bureau to enhance transparency and limit the conflict of interest that occurs when police investigate themselves. He was also the state's only District Attorney to support a law creating stricter standards for police use of force. Gascón holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from California State University, Long Beach, and a Juris Doctor Degree from Western State University, College of Law.



**Anthony Holloway** began his law enforcement career with the Clearwater Police Department in 1985. Upon his retirement in 2007, he was selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Somerville, Massachusetts. In February 2010, he rejoined the Clearwater Police Department as Chief of Police, and in August 2014, he was selected and now serves as Chief of Police for the St. Petersburg Police Department. Chief Holloway earned his Bachelor of Arts degree (Business Management) in 1999 and Master's degree (Business Administration) in 2001. Chief Holloway has taught law enforcement to national and international governmental, military, educational, and community

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organizations. He currently serves as Chair of the Florida Police Chiefs Association Subcommittee on Accountability and Societal Change, Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee on Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association, Chair of the Florida Regional Community Policing Institute, and Chair of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council. Chief Holloway also serves on the Florida Supreme Court Standing Committee on Fairness and Diversity and the Florida Supreme Court Racial and Ethnic Disparities Advisory Workgroup. In addition to serving as a trustee emeritus with Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Chief Holloway also sits on the Board of Trustees of St. Anthony's Hospital Foundation and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX). In May of 2018, Chief Holloway was named a Distinguished Fellow at the Joint Special Operations University (JSOU) at MacDill Air Force Base for his contributions to a branch of learning associated with national security and special operations.



**Susan Hutson** is the NACOLE President Independent Police Monitor for the City of New Orleans. The City of New Orleans welcomed Susan Hutson as the Independent Police Monitor in June of 2010. Prior to accepting the position in New Orleans, Ms. Hutson worked at the Los Angeles Police Commission's Office of the Inspector General as an Assistant Inspector General and as the Acting Police Monitor at the Office of the Police Monitor in Austin, Texas. Prior to working in police oversight, Ms. Hutson was a general practitioner, defense counsel, prosecutor, and assistant city attorney handling labor matters. Ms. Hutson holds an undergraduate degree from the University of

Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Tulane University School of Law. Ms. Hutson was elected to a two-year term as the President of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) in September of 2019 and is a Past-President of the International Law Enforcement Auditors Association (ILEAA).



**Chief Eric Jones** began his career with the Stockton Police Department in 1993, as a Police Officer. In September 2011, Eric promoted to Assistant Chief of Police, and then in March 2012, he was appointed the 49th Chief of Police for the Stockton Police Department. Among his many other accomplishments while with the Department, he created the first Community Response Teams, Police Foundation, and Community Advisory Board. Eric has guided the Department in contemporary intelligence-led policing methods and created Stockton's Real-Time-Policing concepts. He authored the 2012 Violence Reduction Initiative for Stockton. In 2015, Eric Jones developed and led "Principled Policing" with the California State Department of Justice for statewide training, also leading to Stockton

being one of only six sites for the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice. In 2017, he founded the Stockton Alliance for Equity (SAFE) Coalition for Criminal Justice Leaders. He has received national awards and recognition (DOJ/Destination Zero), and his work was profiled in July 2016 in the New York Times, in June 2017 in USA Today, and in the Los Angeles Times in July 2020.



**Margot Kushel** is a Professor of Medicine at University of California San Francisco. She is the Division Chief and Director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations and Director of the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative. The recipient of multiple NIH grants, her research focuses on the causes and consequences of homelessness and housing instability, with an emphasis on older homeless adults. Through her work, she aims to develop an

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evidence base to guide efforts to prevent and end homelessness and ameliorate the effects of homelessness and housing instability on health. Dr. Kushel speaks at a local, state and national level about issues of homelessness, and frequently provides testimony to legislative bodies. She served on the National Academy of Medicine Committee on Best Practices for Implementing Decarceration as a Strategy to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 in Correctional Facilities. She serves on the Board of Housing California. Dr. Kushel maintains an active clinical practice as a general internist at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.



**Annita Lucchesi** is a Cheyenne descendant and founding Executive Director of Sovereign Bodies Institute, a non-profit research center dedicated to addressing, preventing, and healing gender and sexual violence against Indigenous peoples. As a survivor of sexual and domestic violence herself, she believes in survivor, community, and tribal sovereignty as keystones of this work. She is also a PhD student at the School of Geography, Development, & Environment at the University of Arizona, where she holds a position as a graduate scholar in the Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance at the Native Nations Institute.



**Cid Martinez** is an associate professor at the University of San Diego in the Sociology Department. His research focuses on urban politics, policing, gun violence, religion, immigration, social theory and inter-racial relations with an emphasis on Latino and African American relations. He is author of the book *The Neighborhood Has Its Own Rules: Latinos and African Americans in South Los Angeles*, published with New York University Press. The book focuses on how Latinos and African Americans manage violence in South Los Angeles. He is currently completing a second book manuscript which explores the link between gun violence, policing and activist's response to use of force in Sacramento California. The study aims to further theoretical understandings of how perceived legitimacy conditions law enforcement's ability to address violence. Dr. Martinez teaches courses in Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, Deviance, Social Theory and Urban Sociology. Dr. Martinez received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.



**Victor Rios** is Associate Dean of Social Sciences and Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His research analyzes the role of policing in determining the well-being of young people living in urban marginality; tracks the social consequences of the punitive state and punitive social control-across institutional settings; and examines young people's resilience and responses to social marginalization. Rios' book *Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys* (NYU Press, 2011), analyzes how juvenile crime policies and criminalization affect the everyday lives of urban youth. In *Human Targets: Schools, Police, and the Criminalization of Latino Youth* (University of Chicago Press, 2017) Rios finds the traditional good kid/bad kid, street kid/decent kid dichotomy is much too simplistic, arguing instead that authorities and institutions help create these identities—and that they can play an instrumental role in providing young people with the resources for shifting between roles. Rios has published on policing and racial justice scholarly journals such as *The American Sociological Review*, *The Annals of the Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, and *The Annual Review of Sociology*. He is also the author of three trade books aimed at public audiences. Rios uses insight from his research to promote equitable policies and

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develop programs to improve the lives of marginalized youths. His work was featured in *The Pushouts* a documentary funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting which aired on national television in 2019 ([thepushouts.com](http://thepushouts.com)). His Ted Talk “Help for the Kids the Education System Ignores” has garnered over 1.5 million views.



**Carla Shedd** is Associate Professor of Sociology & Urban Education at The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY) whose research and teaching focuses on: education; criminalization and criminal justice; race and ethnicity; law; social inequality; and urban policy. Shedd’s first book, *Unequal City: Race, Schools, and Perceptions of Injustice* (October 2015, Russell Sage), has won multiple academic awards, including the prestigious C. Wright Mills Award, which is given to the top social-science book in the field of social inequality. *Unequal City* examines Chicago public school students' perceptions of injustice and contact with police within and across various schools and neighborhoods, and deeply probes the intersections of race, place, education, and the expansion of the American carceral state. Shedd’s second book project, *When Protection and Punishment Collide: America’s Juvenile Court System and the Carceral Continuum*, draws on her one-of-a-kind empirical data to interrogate the deftly intertwined contexts of NYC schools, neighborhoods, and juvenile justice courts, in this dynamic moment of NYC public policy shifts (e.g., school (re-)segregation, “Raise the Age,” and “Close Rikers.”). Dr. Shedd received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University, and graduated from Smith College with a double major in Economics and African American Studies. Dr. Shedd began her career as an Assistant Professor of Sociology and African American Studies at Columbia University until The Graduate Center, CUNY recruited her with tenure and promotion. Fellowships from the Ford Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, Columbia University, and Northwestern University have supported Shedd's research and writing. Shedd has been featured on MSNBC, C-SPAN's *Washington Journal*, PBS *NewsHour*, and WNYC's *Brian Lehrer Show*; and her work has been written about in several major publication outlets.



**Celsa L. Snead, Esq.** is the Executive Director, Ms. Snead provides expertise on the issues of youth development, juvenile justice, youth re-entry, mentoring as a violence prevention strategy, and gender-specific services and policy for boys and men of color, and for systems-impacted girls and young women. She has appeared several local and national television and radio news shows, and in print media on the issues of youth violence, mentoring and gender-specific services for girls in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. She also has provided testimony and policy advocacy in support of statewide legislation addressing reentry, alternatives to detention and incarceration, juvenile justice, positive youth development, and education. Through The Mentoring Center, she provides training and technical assistance on program design and implementation, and curriculum development related to these issues. Prior to joining The Mentoring Center, Ms. Snead focused her work on criminal and juvenile legal issues, youth development, and civil rights at the Youth Law Center, the ACLU of Northern California, and the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. Ms. Snead is a former deputy public defender, juvenile dependency attorney, and lecturer in juvenile law and criminal law. She holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology and African American Studies, and a master’s degree in public policy (MPP), and a juris doctorate (JD).

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**Robert Vargas** is a social scientist and data artist interested in research on cities, law, and race, especially through a spatial lens. His writing, art works, and teaching focus on identifying and describing the forces shaping the conditions of communities. To date, the bulk of his work has focused on violent crime and health care. His multi award-winning book "Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio" brought a political analysis to the study of urban violence by showing how ward redistricting shapes levels of block-level violence in the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago. He has also published in a variety of journals such as *Criminology*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Sociology of Race and*

*Ethnicity*, and the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.



**Geoff Ward** is an historical sociologist whose scholarship examines the racial politics of social control and pursuit of racial justice, historically and today, with a focus on racial violence, youth justice, and representative legal authority. In addition to related research articles and essays, he is the author of [\*The Black Child-Savers: Racial Democracy and Juvenile Justice\*](#) (University of Chicago Press, 2012), an award-winning book on the rise, fall, and haunting remnants of Jim Crow juvenile justice. Current projects examine broader histories of racial violence, their legacies, and implications for redress. Committed to a public-facing academic practice, Ward combines scholarly research and writing with creative and digital projects to support

research and teaching, engage broader audiences, and facilitate the visibility, use and impact of this work. These include the [\*Racial Violence Archive\*](#) and [\*Monumental Anti-Racism\*](#), and the museum exhibition [\*Truths & Reckonings: The Art of Transformative Racial Justice\*](#). Ward is also a member of the Reparative Justice Coalition of St. Louis, a community-based organization working with Equal Justice Initiative to commemorate and address legacies of racist violence in our region.