

## ***Workshop on Approaches to Improve the Measurement of Suicide in Law Enforcement in the United States***

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**VICKIE M. MAYS** (*Planning Committee Co-Chair*, she/her/hers) is a distinguished professor in the Departments of Psychology and in Health Policy & Management, as well as the director of the UCLA BRITE Center for Science, Research, & Policy all at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). In her current work funded by NIMH she is examining patterns of risk to characterize proximal factors associated with violent death due to suicide and homicide developing natural language processing (NLP) models for examining large data. She has examined mortality outcomes in violent deaths of police shootings, LGBTQ+ populations and mental health outcomes associated with incarceration of the Black population. Mays is a

congressional appointee to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics and has received several lifetime awards. Mays has an MSPH in health policy and health services from UCLA's Fielding School of Public Health, and a PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Her postdoctoral training at the Institute of Social Research at the University of Michigan focused on survey research and psychiatric epidemiology specific to mental health and physical health disparities in racial/ethnic and sexual minorities.

**BRANDON DEL POZO** (*Planning Committee Member*, he/him/his) is an assistant professor of medicine, and health services, policy, and practice (research) at Brown University. He comes to research from 19 years in the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and four as the chief of police in Burlington (VT). At the NYPD, he commanded two patrol precincts, and served as a policy analyst and strategic planner for the police commissioner. In Burlington, he designed and implemented the city's public health response to the opioid crisis. His research, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, studies police responses to the overdose crisis, emphasizing approaches that protect officer mental health and wellness. He has expertise in collecting and interpreting police administrative data, and criminal justice policy design and implementation. He has been awarded the Police Executive Research Forum's Gary Hayes Award for excellence in police leadership and innovation. He serves as an executive fellow at the National Policing Institute. Del Pozo received a PhD in philosophy from the Graduate Center at the City University of New York, an MA in criminal justice from John Jay College, an MPA from Harvard University, and an AB from Dartmouth College.

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**JOHN M. VIOLANTI** (*Committee Planning Member*, he/him/his) is research professor at the University at Buffalo in the School of Public Health and Health Professions (NY). He is a police veteran, an internationally recognized expert on law enforcement suicide, and has written and edited twenty books and 150 peer-reviewed articles on police stress and trauma, concentrating on associations with law enforcement suicide. Violanti has presented nationally and internationally on law enforcement suicide to numerous police departments and organizations and continues to conduct several research projects on suicide. He has received nine research study awards from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and recently an award from the American College of Epidemiology for outstanding contributions to social epidemiology. Violanti also served as a member for the Planning Committee on Strategies, Interventions and Policies for Health Promotion, High Risk Behavior Prevention and Increased Performance of the DHS Law Enforcement Work and the Committee on Department of Homeland Security Workforce Resilience at NAS. He has a PhD in sociology and psychology alongside Counseling Rehabilitation Psychology degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

## **SPEAKERS**

**MEGAN AMATURO** (she/her/hers) is a senior project manager with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Prior to joining the IACP, she was a police officer at both the local and federal levels, having served at the Arlington County Police Department (VA) and the Supreme Court of the United States Police Department. In Amaturro's current role, she oversees several officer wellness projects, including the National Consortium on Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide (the Consortium). This group of multidisciplinary experts leads the field in continually assessing and addressing evolving law enforcement mental health needs with the common goal of preventing law enforcement suicide. As part of her position on the Consortium, she has worked closely with the Federal Bureau Investigation on the development, launch, and application of the Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection portal. Amaturro has a BS in law

and society from Frostburg State University and completed her MBA at Wheeling University. She will soon begin a MPH program at Johns Hopkins University.

**ANTHONY A. ARITA** (he/him/his) is a clinical psychologist at the US Department of Homeland Security, Office of Health Security. As senior advisor at Psychological Readiness, he serves as the Department's subject matter expert across a broad range of psychological health and operational psychology issues, including suicide prevention, psychological resilience, mental health stigma, and law enforcement mental health. He is engaged in numerous interagency efforts to address suicide prevention and mental health, including the National Consortium on Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide. Prior to his current position, Arita served 25 years of active-duty service in the US Navy as a clinical psychologist. During his military career, his work covered a breadth of psychological health issues involving clinical care, research, strategy, policy, and programs and was also engaged in operational psychology consultation to include threat assessment, screening/selection, security clearance issues, counterintelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal investigation. Arita completed his PhD degree in clinical psychology at the University of Kentucky and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

**ALINA ARSENIIEV-KOEHLER** (she/her/hers) is a National Library of Medicine T15 postdoctoral scholar at the University of California, San Diego in the division of biomedical informatics. She is also an assistant professor of Sociology at Purdue University (on leave through 2024 for this postdoctoral training). Arseniev-Koehler's research examines topics at the intersection of health, culture, and social categorization (e.g., gender and illness). Methodologically, she is specialized in computational approaches to work with text data. Across several projects, she developed and used natural language processing techniques to extract insights from written summaries of violent deaths in the National Violent Death Reporting System. Through her ongoing postdoctoral training, Arseniev-Koehler's will bridge sociological perspectives on health and culture with the problems addressed by biomedical informatics (e.g., unlocking cultural determinants of health in clinical text data). Alina received a PhD in sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**MICHELLE AURELIUS** (she/her/hers) is North Carolina's chief medical examiner and is a clinical professor of pathology at the University of North Carolina. Previously, she served as North Carolina's deputy chief medical examiner, briefly encompassing the role of interim chief toxicologist. Aurelius also served the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator as assistant chief medical investigator and hospital autopsy director. She holds triple board certifications in anatomic, clinical, and forensic pathology. Aurelius has performed and supervised more than 3,500 autopsies, reviewed or produced over 6,000 medicolegal death investigation reports, and has testified in state and federal courts. She completed her anatomic and clinical pathology residency at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and her forensic pathology fellowship at the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

**KATHRYN R. BATTS** (she/her/hers) is a senior research psychologist in RTI International's Health Practice Area. With a background in psychology and psychiatric epidemiology, Batts has extensive experience in assessing symptoms of mental health and substance use disorders among adults and children in the general population as well as special populations including the military. She is the co-author of several psychiatric assessment instruments including the Diagnostic Interview Schedule, Version IV and the Diagnostic Interview for Children and Adolescents—Adolescent Version. Her current work focuses on collecting and analyzing behavioral health data with specific emphasis on co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, and major depressive disorder. Batts has an MA in psychiatric epidemiology and a PhD in community psychology.

**TERRENCE M. CUNNINGHAM** (retired) serves as the deputy executive director/chief operating officer of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Chief Cunningham oversees the day-to-day operations of the IACP and advances the association's efforts to serve its membership and the policing profession through advocacy, training, education, and outreach. Cunningham served the Wellesley (MA) Police Department for 35 years, with 17 years as chief. He has also served as president of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association (MCOPA), and as an executive board member of the MCOPA, the Greater Boston Police Council, and the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. He is a founder and past president of the

Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council and IACP. Cunningham is a graduate of the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management at Babson College, the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, executive education. He holds both a BS and MS from Northeastern University.

**ADRIAN Z. DIAZ** is the chief for the Seattle (WA) Police Department (SPD). He has been a dedicated member of the SPD for more than two decades. His work building relationships that bridge race, ethnicity and every flavor of humanity can be seen across the Department and in every neighborhood in Seattle. He earned a BA in criminal justice from Central Washington University (WA) and an MPA in public administration the University of Washington (WA). He is also a graduate of the Major Cities Chiefs' Association Police Executive Leadership Institute.

**SARAH GILLESPIE** (she/her/hers) is the national employee assistance program coordinator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. During her tenure, she has worked at five institutions, to include three tours as chief psychologist. In her current position she oversees 130 peer support teams and the provision of employee assistance program (EAP) services for 35,000 staff. Gillespie's current research focuses on understanding the risk factors for suicide in federal corrections and the role of suicide postvention in supporting resilience. She specializes in the use of peer support to enhance correctional worker wellness and resilience. Gillespie is currently serving on three White House Interagency Policy Committees looking to advance suicide prevention in communities. She received a PsyD in clinical psychology from the University of Denver.

**ROBERT M. GROVES** (he/him/his) is provost of Georgetown University and Gerard Campbell, SJ Professor in the Mathematics and Statistics Department, and the Sociology Department. He is a social statistician who studies the impact of social cognitive and behavioral influences on the quality of statistical information. Groves' research has focused on the impact of mode of data collection on responses in sample surveys, the social and political influences on survey participation, the use of adaptive research designs to improve the cost and error properties of statistics, and public concerns about privacy affecting attitudes toward statistical agencies. He

is an elected member of the US National Academy of Sciences, the US National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an elected fellow of the American Statistical Association, and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. Groves is currently chair of the National Academies Committee on National Statistics. He was director of the US Census Bureau (presidential appointment with Senate confirmation), a position he assumed after being director of the University of Michigan Survey Research Center, professor of sociology, and research professor at the Joint Program in Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland. Out of his many authored and co-authored publications, his book (*Survey Errors and Survey Costs*) was named one of the most influential books in an American Association of Public Opinion Research survey. His book (*Nonresponse in Household Interview Surveys*) and a book he co-authored with Mick Couper (*Survey Nonresponse*) have received the AAPOR Book Award.

**ROB JEFFREYS** (he/him/his) currently serves as the vice president of the Correctional Leadership Association and chairman of its Racial Disparity Committee. He also serves on several Department of Justice steering committees, including the National Institute of Corrections' Restrictive Housing and the Bureau of Justice Assistance/The Moss Group's Improving Institutional Corrections Academy Training committees. He is the new director of the Nebraska Department of Corrections Services. Jeffreys recently was the director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, leading criminal justice policy reform, and previously was at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC). During his tenure with ODRC, he served in several senior-level positions, including chief of staff, leading the agency's strategic initiatives, regional director, supervising adult correctional facilities, and warden at several adult facilities. The most influential position for Jeffreys was his first position as corrections class specialist in the Research department. He is a champion of using research and data to drive decision-making, improve outcomes, and increase efficiency and effectiveness. As a consultant and trainer for the US Department of Justice, the Crime and Justice Institute, and The Moss Group, Jeffreys has provided policy and program development and specialized training to aid agencies in meeting their targeted goals and advancing their mission. Nationally recognized for affecting change in policy and excelling in leadership, he received the William H. Hastie Award



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**THOMAS JOINER** (he/him/his) is The Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology at Florida State University (FSU). Joiner's work is on the psychology, neurobiology, and treatment of suicidal behavior and related conditions. Joiner is the editor-in-chief of the journal *Suicide & Life-Threatening Behavior*, was awarded the Guggenheim Fellowship for work on suicidal behavior and has received the Dublin Award from the American Association of Suicidology for career achievement in suicide research. He was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and was given the James McKeen Cattell Award for lifetime contributions to the area of applied psychological research by the Association for Psychological Science. Joiner has authored or edited hundreds of peer-reviewed articles and many books, including the books *Why People Die By Suicide* (2005), and *Myths About Suicide* (2010). His newest book, *The Varieties of Suicidal Experience*, will appear in 2023. Joiner's roles have included: a consultant to NASA's Human Research Program, the director of the DoD-funded Military Suicide Research Consortium (a \$70 million, thirteen-year project). He graduated from Princeton University with an AB and a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin.

**CHRISTOPHER M. JONES** (he/him/his) serves as director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In this role, he provides scientific leadership and overall management of the NCIPC and drives its scientific and strategic priorities, including overdose, suicide, and adverse childhood experiences prevention. During his career, Jones has served in leadership roles at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the US Food and Drug Administration, and the US Department of Health and Human Services. He maintains an active research portfolio and has authored over a hundred peer-reviewed publications on substance use and overdose, mental health, adverse childhood experiences, suicide, among other injury and violence topics. He received a BS in biology from Reinhardt College, his PharmD from Mercer University, his MPH from New York Medical College, and his DPH in Health Policy from the George Washington University.

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**FRAUKE KREUTER** (she/her/hers) is co-director of the Social Data Science Center and faculty member in the Joint Program in Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland(USA) and professor of statistics and data science at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich (DEU). In addition to her academic work, Kreuter is the founder of the [International Program for Survey and Data Science](#), developed in response to the increasing

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**CAROL MICI** (she/her/hers) is appointed as the acting commissioner of MA after a long career in the Massachusetts Department of Corrections. She is a professional member of the American Correctional Association; International Corrections and Prison Association; and the Correctional Leaders Association and serves as the Northeast regional chair. Additionally, Mici is a graduate of the Executive Excellence Program with the National Institute of Corrections; a member of several committee and commissions both locally and nationally; and works with several agencies and Sheriff's Departments across the Commonwealth to promote the vision and mission of the Department of Corrections. Mici holds a BA from Westfield State University with a major in psychology and a minor in criminal justice as well as an MPA from Suffolk University.

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**BERNICE A. PESCOSOLIDO** (she/her/hers) is distinguished professor of sociology at Indiana University, Bloomington and is founding director of the Indiana Consortium for Mental Health Services Research and the new Irsay Institute targeting sociomedical sciences research. Her research focuses broadly on how social and cultural factors influence health, disease onset, and the individual, community, and medical response to both. Pescosolido's major approach looks to human ties or social connectedness in three basic areas: the social determinants of and response to stigma, pathways to mental health care, and the social epidemiology of suicide. Using a big data solution, she is currently working on harmonizing novel data to move past data barriers on completed suicide in the United States to allow a more direct understanding of the role of and potential to leverage social connectedness to reduce the personal, family, and community tragedy and societal loss that is suicide. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Medicine and was named the PNAS Cozzarelli Prize Finalist in Social Science for her paper breaking through data and theory stalemates in suicide research. Pescosolido holds a PhD, MPhil., and MA all in sociology from Yale University

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**RAJEEV RAMCHAND** (he/him/his) is co-director of the RAND Epstein Family Veterans Policy Research Institute and a senior behavioral scientist at the RAND Corporation. He studies the prevalence, prevention, and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders in adolescents, service members and veterans, and minority populations. Ramchand has conducted research on suicide and suicide prevention including environmental scans of suicide prevention programs, epidemiologic studies on risk factors for suicide, qualitative research with suicide loss survivors, and evaluations of suicide prevention programs. He has also developed freely available tools to help organizations to evaluate their own suicide prevention programs. He was recently appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve as a member of the Department of Defense Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee. Ramchand has testified on suicide prevention before the US Senate, US House of Representatives, and the California State Senate. He was a committee member for the 2022 NAS workshop "[Community Interventions to Prevent Veteran Suicide: The Role of Social Determinants](#)" and currently serves as member of the workshop "[Current Practices and Challenges for Identifying and Managing Suicide Risk among Veterans in Non-VA Healthcare Systems.](#)" Ramchand holds a BS in economics from the University of Chicago (IL) and a PhD in psychiatric epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (MD).

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Chain Manager. First H.E.L.P./Blue H.E.L.P. became the first group to collect law enforcement suicide data year over year and support families in the aftermath. Solomon's primary focus has been to raise awareness about the occurrence and causes of law enforcement suicide while working with federal, state, and local departments and organizations in forming policies and drafting laws. She is the author of *Hearts Beneath the Badge* and *The Price They Pay* as well as authoring articles about law enforcement suicide and the affected families. Solomon is a member of several professional leadership organizations including the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Service Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection Task Force, the International Association of Chiefs of Police's National Consortium on Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide, and she has participated in Officer Safety and Wellness Groups at the Department of Justice. Solomon has a BA in political science from Eckerd College (FL).

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