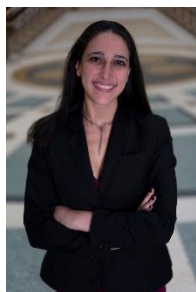


COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE (CLAJ)
Public Seminar on Incarcerated LGBTQ Youth
Speaker Biographical Sketches



Dr. Angela Irvine-Baker has more than 25 years of experience as a community researcher. Raised in Santa Cruz County, CA, Dr. Irvine earned her BA from UC Berkeley in 1988, her secondary teaching credential from St. Mary's College of California in 1989, and her PhD in sociology from Northwestern University in 2002 while simultaneously serving as a National Science Fellow (NSF) in public policy and program evaluation. Dr. Irvine spent eight years running Ceres Policy Research from 2002 through 2010, four

years as research director at the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), and two years as a Vice President at Impact Justice before restarting Ceres Policy Research. Since 2017, Ceres has grown into an organization with a principal researcher, two full-time directors, a senior researcher, and two research assistants. Our work focuses on (1) research and policy development aiming to decarcerate youth of color; (2) training probation departments how to collect sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression (SOGIE) data while treating young people as whole youth; (3) providing technical assistance to social equity and racial justice initiatives; and (4) evaluating a series of programs for the Black community in San Francisco that are funded with money that has been redirected from the police department.



Lynly Egyes is the Legal Director at Transgender Law Center. As Legal Director Lynly manages TLC's legal program and continues to litigate cases as well. Prior to joining TLC, Lynly was the Legal Director at the Sex Workers Project (SWP) at the Urban Justice Center. During her eight years at SWP, Lynly provided legal services to sex workers and survivors of trafficking. Lynly launched SWP's LGBT anti-trafficking program and created SWP's Rapid Court Response Program in response to the police profiling of Translatina women in Queens. In 2014, Lynly began volunteering in Family Detention

Centers representing sex workers, trafficking victims and LGBTQ community members. Prior to her work at the Sex Workers Project, Lynly managed the student leadership program at the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN). At GLSEN, Lynly worked with high school and middle school students throughout the United States who were organizing to create safe schools for LGBTQ youth. Lynly is a trained facilitator with over 15 years of experience. She authored chapters in, *Broadening the Scope of Human Trafficking and Social Work Practice* and co-authored the report, *Immigration on ICE: A Report on Immigration Home Raids Operations*.



Naomi Goldberg, MPP, is the deputy director and LGBTQ program director at the Movement Advancement Project (MAP), an independent think tank focused on providing independent and rigorous research, insight and communications that help speed equality and opportunity for all. For nearly 15 years, Naomi has focused on advancing LGBTQ public policy with a focus on engaging, collaborative, and data-centered efforts. At MAP, she frequently collaborates with leading LGBTQ organizations and progressive allied organizations. Prior to joining MAP, Naomi completed a public policy fellowship at the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law. Naomi has published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior, Fertility and Sterility, Journal of Health Psychology about findings from the U.S. Longitudinal Lesbian Family Study, a study of data from the California Health Interview Survey about intimate partner violence in Journal of Interpersonal Violence, and several book chapters about LGBTQ-parent families and economic wellbeing, LGBTQ family law, and transgender people and economic security. She attended the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy and graduated from Mount Holyoke College.



Shaena Johnson is a native Louisianian who brings over 15 years of organizing, grantmaking and philanthropic advocacy experience.. Through her work, Shaena has gained unique perspectives and experiences with environmental, gender, racial, and economic justice, and has directed millions of dollars in resources to BIPOC led and run organizations in the US. Shaena has created and held leadership roles in grassroots organizations, legal advocacy organizations, public foundations and philanthropic initiatives, including Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, BreakOUT!, Astraea Foundation, and Funders for LGBTQ Issues. Shaena has also served in a public role with the Human Relations Commission of New Orleans.



Sarah Mountz, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor at the University at Albany. Her research focuses on the experiences of LGBTQ youth in child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and among homeless youth populations. Her most recent research project, From Our Perspectives, used a community based participatory research (CBPR) framework to look at the experiences of LGBTQ former foster youth in Los Angeles County through qualitative interviewing and photovoice methods. Participants' photos were featured in a traveling art installation that participants helped curate, as well as on an interactive website, and in a mini-documentary series. Her previous research used life history interviewing to explore the experiences of queer, transgender and gender expansive young people in girls' juvenile justice facilities in New York State with attention to how the intersection of gender identity and sexual orientation, age, race and ethnicity informed their trajectories into and out of the juvenile justice system. She is particularly interested in LGBTQ and other youth activism and organizing.



Vanessa R. Panfil, Ph.D. (she/her/hers) is a criminologist, sociologist, ethnographer, and advocate. She is the author of *The Gang's All Queer: The Lives of Gay Gang Members* (NYU Press, 2017), co-author of *Sex-Positive Criminology* (Routledge, 2021), and co-editor of the *Handbook of LGBT Communities, Crime, and Justice* (Springer, 2014; second edition forthcoming). Centrally involved in developing the burgeoning field of queer criminology, her research explores how intersections of gender and sexuality shape LGBTQ people's experiences with gangs, crime, victimization, and the criminal and juvenile justice systems. For nearly 20 years, she has volunteered for LGBTQ advocacy organizations, and for the past 10 years has been actively involved in campus organizations for LGBTQ students, staff, and faculty in higher education, all of which is intended to improve LGBTQ people's wellbeing and quality of life. She earned her Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at the University at Albany in 2013 and currently is an Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University.



Bianca D.M. Wilson, Ph.D., is the Rabbi Zacky Senior Scholar of Public Policy at the Williams Institute. Her research focuses primarily on system-involved LGBTQ youth, LGBT poverty, and sexual health among queer women. In addition to multiple peer-reviewed and institution-published reports, she co-edited a special issue of the *Journal of Lesbian Studies* that featured a multidisciplinary collection of work on health and other topics from the perspectives of Black Lesbians in the U.S., Caribbean, and South Africa. Wilson earned a doctorate in Psychology from the Community and Prevention Research program at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) with a minor in Statistics, Methods, and Measurement, and received postdoctoral training at the UCSF Institute for Health Policy Studies and the UCSF Lesbian Health and Research Center through an Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) postdoctoral fellowship.