

Examining Prosecution: A Workshop

WORKSHOP STATEMENT OF TASK

The Committee on Law and Justice of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will convene a two-day workshop to explore models of prosecutorial programs and practices. The aim of the workshop will be to highlight implications for public policy and priorities for future research.

It will:

- Highlight practices, programs, and policies, including gun and violent crime diversion, that show promise as alternatives to incarceration and reducing racial and ethnic disparities in criminal justice outcomes;
- Discuss how prosecutors can improve their capacity to build community confidence in criminal justice institutions, particularly among historically marginalized communities (e.g., by addressing community safety, transparency in decision making, sustainability in reforms);
- Discuss policies, practices, and programs that show promise of building continuous, quality improvement and accountability in prosecutors' offices, particularly those that hold promise for reducing racial and ethnic disparities in criminal justice outcomes and reducing incarceration; and
- Discuss what data and methodological gaps in the research need to be filled in order to address existing gaps in the evidence base.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

8:30-9:00 *Registration open and breakfast available*

9:00-9:10 **Welcome and introduction**

Moderator: Preeti Chauhan, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, *Workshop Planning Committee Chair*

9:10-9:45 **Setting the stage: Considering fairness and equity in prosecutorial programs and practices**

Kim Foxx, State's Attorney for Cook County

Moderator: Preeti Chauhan, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, *Workshop Planning Committee Chair*

9:45-11:00 Reducing disparities and alternatives to criminal justice involvement: Evidence across prosecutorial decision points

Amanda Agan, Cornell University, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*
Hannah Shaffer, Harvard Law School
Ojmarrh Mitchell, University of California, Irvine
Alexis King, District Attorney for Colorado's First Judicial District

Moderator: Brian Johnson, University of Maryland, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*

11:00-11:15 BREAK

11:15-12:45 Reducing disparities and alternatives to criminal justice involvement: Evidence from diversion programs

Steven Raphael, University of California, Berkley
Michael Rempel, Data Collaborative for Justice
Matt Epperson, The University of Chicago, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*
Aaron Mallory, Gro Community

Moderator: Preeti Chauhan, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, *Workshop Planning Committee Chair*

12:45-1:45 LUNCH

1:45-3:00 Prosecutorial Perspectives: Implementing Promising Programs, Policies, and Practices

Harold Pryor, State Attorney for Florida's 17th Judicial Circuit (*virtual*)
John Choi, District Attorney for Ramsey County (*virtual*)
Carrie Pettus, Wellbeing & Equity Innovations
Mona Sahaf, Vera Institute

Moderator: Marlene Biener, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*

3:00-3:15 BREAK

3:15-4:45 Data use and data culture in prosecutor offices

Don Stemen, Loyola University of Chicago
Gipsy Escobar, Measures for Justice

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Oren Gur, Philadelphia's District Attorney Office

Ann Davison, City Attorney for Seattle

Caroline Wong, Deputy District Attorney for Multnomah County (*virtual*)

Moderator: Besiki Kutateladze, Florida International University, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*

4:45 MEETING ADJOURNS- END OF DAY 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

8:30-9:00 *Registration open and breakfast available*

9:00-9:05 **Welcome**

Moderator: Preeti Chauhan, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, *Workshop Planning Committee Chair*

9:05-9:45 **Setting the stage: Prosecution within broader criminal justice, political, and community ecosystems**

Ronald Simpson-Bey, JustLeadershipUSA (*virtual*)

Moderator: Matt Epperson, University of Chicago, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*

9:45-11:00 **Advancing programs and policies through collaboration with criminal justice actors**

Aurélie Ouss, University of Pennsylvania

DeAnna Hoskins, JustLeadershipUSA

Dalia Racine, District Attorney for Douglas County (*virtual*)

Jeff Reisig, District Attorney for Yolo County (*virtual*)

Tessa Smith, Yolo County Health and Human Services (*virtual*)

Moderator: Marlene Biener, Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*

11:00-11:15 **BREAK**

11:15-12:30 **Building partnerships with community**

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Jamila Hodge, Equal Justice USA
Amber Goodwin, Assistant District Attorney for Travis County
Melba Pearson, Florida International University
Caroline Nobo, Yale Law School, Justice Collaboratory

Moderator: Matt Epperson, University of Chicago, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*

12:30-1:15 **Lunch**

1:15-2:45 **The future of prosecution: Research, data needs, and policy**

Alexandra Natapoff, Harvard University
Steven Raphael, University of California, Berkeley
Ojmarrh Mitchell, University of California, Irvine
Patrick Robinson, VSV Leadership
John Chisholm, District Attorney for Milwaukee County (*virtual*)

Moderator: Amanda Agan, Cornell University, *Workshop Planning Committee Member*

2:45-3:00 **BREAK**

3:00-4:00 **Final reflections**

Workshop Planning Committee Members

Moderator: Preeti Chauhan, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, *Workshop Planning Committee Chair*

4:00 **MEETING ADJOURNS- END OF DAY 2**