Evaluating Success among People Released from Prison

Committee

Richard Rosenfeld

Chair

Richard Rosenfeld is the Curators’ distinguished professor emeritus of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Dr. Rosenfeld has written extensively on crime trends and crime control policy. His current research focuses on changes in crime rates during the U.S. coronavirus pandemic. He is a fellow and former President of the American Society of Criminology. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Oregon.

Robert Apel

Member

Robert Apel is a professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University-Newark. Much of Dr. Apel's research is at the intersection of crime, the criminal legal system, and the labor market. This research seeks to better understand the work-crime relationship, the impact of criminal justice involvement on long-term employment, the comparative effects of the labor market and the social safety net on crime, and the efficacy of employment-based reentry programming.

Elsa Chen

Member

Elsa Chen is a professor of political science at Santa Clara University. Her work focuses on criminal justice reform, reentry from incarceration, criminal record expungement, the implementation and effects of mandatory minimum sentences, and racial and ethnic disparities in sentencing outcomes. Her current research examines policy reforms associated with the de-escalation of mass incarceration and prisoner reintegration into society. She recently co-edited Beyond Recidivism: New Approaches to Research on Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration (NYU Press 2020) with Andrea Leverentz and Johnna Christian. Her work has appeared in journals including Justice Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, Punishment & Society, Feminist Criminology, the Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, the Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice, and the California Journal of Politics and Policy. Dr. Chen served as Santa Clara's Vice Provost for Academic Affairs from 2016 to 2020. She has served on the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), chaired the ASC's Division on People of Color and Crime, and served on the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Science Advisory Board and the ASC Policy Committee. She teaches public policy, criminal justice policy, housing and homeless policy, research methods, and American politics. Dr. Chen received the College's 2015 David E. Logothetti Award for teaching excellence.

Jennifer Cobbina

Member

Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy is an associate professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. She received her Ph.D. in criminal justice at the University of Missouri – St. Louis in 2009. Dr. Cobbina-Dungy's areas of expertise center on police-community relations, youth violence, and concentrated neighborhood disadvantage, with a special focus on the experiences of minority youth and the impact of race, class, and gender on criminal justice practices. Her research also focuses on corrections, prisoner reentry and the understanding of recidivism and desistance from crime. Her mixed-methods qualitative and quantitative research predicts recidivism and desistance outcomes and also explores offenders' perceptions regarding how they manage reentry and integration back into the community. Her scholarship is centered on improving the reentry outcomes of individuals with a felony record and/or has been formerly incarcerated. Her goal is to produce research that is theoretically informed, empirically rich, and informs criminal justice policy and crime control practices. Dr. Cobbina-Dungy's research has been published in a number of academic journals, including Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Crime and Delinquency, Criminal Justice & Behavior, British Journal of Criminology, and Journal of Crime and Justice. She is the author of a recently published book, "Hands Up, Don't Shoot: Why the Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore Matter and How They Changed America."

Ronald Day

Member

Ronald F. Day is a vice president of Programs at the Fortune Society. Dr. Day is passionate about reentry, promoting desistance, dismantling mass incarceration, and addressing the stigma of incarceration. He provides oversight for Fortune's Education and Employment Services, and for Individualized Correction Achievement Network (ICAN), a New York City Department of Correction (NYCDOC) initiative that provides pre and post release services to people incarcerated in NYC jails. He formerly served as the AVP of Fortune's David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy (DRCPP), which advocates to reduce reliance on incarceration, promote model programing for the incarcerated population, change laws and policies that create barriers for successful reintegration, and foster a just and equitable criminal justice system. He has been the recipient of several awards, including the Citizen's Against Recidivism Bridge Builder Award, and the Justice Research Fellowship. He is the former host of Fortune's original show Both Side of the Bars on Manhattan Neighborhood Network. He has a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the CUNY Graduate Center / John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and a Master's in Public Administration from Baruch College (CUNY). He was also formerly incarcerated.

DeAnna R. Hoskins

Member

DeAnna Hoskins is president of JustLeadershipUSA. Ms. Hoskins has been committed to the movement for justice, working alongside people impacted by incarceration for nearly two decades. She was formerly the senior policy advisor over corrections and reentry with the Department of Justice (DOJ). In this capacity, she represented DOJ's strategies and priorities and oversaw the Second Chance Act portfolio of grants, The National Reentry Resource Center, and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment programs. Ms. Hoskins was designated as the interim deputy director of the Federal Reentry Interagency Council by Attorney General Loretta Lynch. She has experienced the reentry system from all perspectives as she is herself a previously incarcerated individual who has successfully transitioned back into the community, ultimately receiving a pardon from Governor Ted Strickland. She holds a masters' degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati, bachelor's degree in social work, licensed clinical addictions counselor, and certified as an Offender Workforce Development Specialist.

Cecelia Klingele

Member

Cecelia Klingele is an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, where she teaches courses in criminal law, Constitutional criminal procedure, policing, and sentencing and corrections. She is also a faculty associate of the Frank J. Remington Center, the La Follette School of Public Affairs, and the Institute for Research on Poverty. Professor Klingele's academic research focuses on criminal justice administration, with an emphasis on community and institutional corrections. She has served as Associate Reporter for the American Law Institute's Model Penal Code: Sentencing revision (2012-2018), External Co-Director of the University of Minnesota Robina Institute's Sentencing Law & Policy Program (2013-2018), and co-chair of the Academic Committee of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section (2009-2013). After receiving her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 2005, Professor Klingele served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb of the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, Judge Susan H. Black of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the United States Supreme Court. She returned to the University of Wisconsin in 2009 as a visiting assistant professor, and has been a permanent faculty member since 2011.

William J. Sabol

Member

William J. Sabol is a professor in the Department Criminal Justice & Criminology at Georgia State University where he teaches and conducts research on corrections, sentencing policy, and crime statistics. During the past 30 years, he has held positions in government, private sector research institutions, and universities, including serving as the director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh and was a Fulbright Scholar at Cambridge University’s Institute of Criminology.

Faye Taxman

Member

Faye S. Taxman is a professor at the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. She is a health service criminologist. She is recognized for her work in the development of seamless systems-of-care models that link the criminal justice system with other health care and other service delivery systems and reengineering probation and parole supervision services. She has conducted experiments to examine different processes to improve treatment access and retention, to assess new models of probation supervision consistent with RNR frameworks, and to test new interventions. She has active "laboratories" with numerous agencies including Virginia Department of Corrections, Alameda County Probation Department (CA), Hidalgo County Community Corrections Department (TX), North Carolina Department of Corrections, and Delaware Department of Corrections. She developed the translational RNR Simulation Tool (www.gmuace.org/tools) to assist agencies to advance practice. Dr. Taxman has published more than 200 articles. She is the current Principal Investigator for the National Institute on Drug Abuse ‘s Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN). She is author of numerous books including Implementing Evidence-Based Community Corrections and Addiction Treatment (Springer, 2012 with Steven Belenko) and Handbook on Moving Corrections and Sentencing Forward: Building on the Record (with Pamela Lattimore and Beth Huebner, Routledge Press, 2020). She is co-Editor of Health & Justice. The American Society of Criminology's Division of Sentencing and Corrections has recognized her as Distinguished Scholar twice as well as the Rita Warren and Ted Palmer Differential Intervention Treatment award. She received the Joan McCord Award in 2017 from the Division of Experimental Criminology. In 2018, she was appointed a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology. In 2019, she received the lifetime achievement award from the American Society of Criminology's Division of Sentencing and Corrections. She has a Ph.D. from Rutgers University’s School of Criminal Justice.

Christopher Uggen

Member

Christopher Uggen is Regents Professor and Distinguished McKnight Professor of sociology and law at the University of Minnesota and a fellow of the American Society of Criminology. He studies crime, law, and justice, firm in the belief that sound research can help build a more just and peaceful world. With Jeff Manza, he wrote Locked Out: Felon Disenfranchisement and American Democracy, and his writing on felon voting, work and crime, and harassment and discrimination is frequently cited in media such as the New York Times, The Economist, and NPR. Current projects include a comparative study of reentry from different types of institutions, employment discrimination and criminal records, crime and justice after genocide, and the health effects of incarceration. His outreach and engagement projects include editing Contexts Magazine (from 2007-2011) and TheSocietyPages.Org (both with Doug Hartmann), a book series and multimedia social science hub drawing over one million readers per month.

Christy A. Visher

Member

Christy A. Visher is professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware and Director of the Center for Drug and Health Studies. Over the past three decades, her research has focused broadly on crime and justice topics, including prisoner reentry, crime prevention strategies, and substance use disorders. As a Principal Research Associate at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. from 2000 to 2008, Dr. Visher designed and implemented the path-breaking, longitudinal study of men and women released from prison, Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry. She was also Co-Principal Investigator for the multi-site Evaluation of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative. Her most recent funded research projects examine the strategies for improving the day-to-day environment for people who live and work in prison, the efficacy of using cognitive behavioral therapy in correctional settings to reduce misconduct and rearrest, and interventions to link probationers to health care providers. She is the co-author of Prisoner Reentry and Crime in America, with Jeremy Travis, and has published extensively on prisoner reentry. Dr. Visher has an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Emily Wang

Member

Emily Wang is an associate professor in the Yale School of Medicine and directs the Health Justice Lab. The Health Justice Lab is a collaborative, innovative, interdisciplinary team focused on improving the health of individuals and communities who have been affected by mass incarceration. The Lab has received funding from the National Institutes of Health, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Innovation for studies ranging from the epidemiology of incarceration and cardiovascular health to mitigating the community impact of gun violence using a participatory approach and assets based framework. Dr. Wang has cared for thousands of individuals with a history of incarceration and is co-founder of the Transitions Clinic Network (TCN), a growing consortium of 30 community health centers nationwide dedicated to caring for individuals recently released from correctional facilities by employing individuals with a history of incarceration as community health workers. Dr. Wang has served on the National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine’s Health and Incarceration Workshop, Means of Violence Workshop, and the Steering Committee on Improving Collection of Indicators of Criminal Justice System Involvement in Population Health Data Programs. Dr. Wang has an M.D. from Duke University and a MAS from the University of California, San Francisco.