

Approaches to Improving the Measurement of Death by Suicide of Law Enforcement Officers in the United States: A Workshop

Committee

Joel B. Greenhouse

Co-Chair

Joel B. Greenhouse (he/him) is Professor of Statistics & Data Science at Carnegie Mellon University and Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry and Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh. His statistical research interests include applications of Bayesian methods in practice and issues related to combining information from multiple data sources, especially as used to synthesize evidence for making policy and for scientific discovery. His collaborative research has included applications in mental health, including suicide research, communication disorders, education, and transportation safety. Greenhouse has served on several National Academies' committees and panels, including the Committee on National Statistics, the Panel on Combining Information, and the Institute of Medicine's Committee on the Assessment of Family Violence Interventions. He is an elected Fellow of the American Statistical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an elected Member of the International Statistical Institute, and has served on a number of data and safety monitoring boards and scientific advisory committees for the NIH and the Veterans Administration. Greenhouse received a Ph.D. and an M.P.H. in biostatistics from the University of Michigan and a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Maryland.

Vickie M. Mays

Co-Chair

Vickie M. Mays (she/her) is a Distinguished Professor in the Departments of Psychology in the College of Letters and Sciences and in Health Policy & Management at the Fielding School of Public Health, 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 NLP models for examining large data. She has examined mortality outcomes in violent deaths of police shootings, LGBT 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 Ph.D. 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

Member

Brandon del Pozo (he/him) is an Assistant Professor of Medicine, and Health Services, Policy, and Practice (Research) at Brown University. He comes to research from 23 years as a police officer: 19 in the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and four as the Chief of Police of Burlington, Vermont. At the NYPD, he commanded two patrol precincts, and served as a policy analyst and strategic planner for the police commissioner; while 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. In 2016, he was 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. Dr. del Pozo received a Ph.D. 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.

Natasha A. Frost

Member

Natasha A. Frost (she/her) is professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Associate Dean of Research in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Co-Director of the Center on Crime, Race, and Justice at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. Her research focuses on the causes and consequences of mass incarceration. Frost has been awarded National Institute of Justice funding for a series of research projects related to officer health and wellbeing, with a specific focus on psychological distress and suicide among correction officers. Her most recent project, a longitudinal study of the careers of correction officers, seeks to distinguish the short- and long-term impacts of chronic operational and organizational stressors from impacts associated with exposures to violence and suicide. Frost was recently elected Vice President of the American Society of Criminology. Frost holds a Ph.D. in criminal justice from the City University of New York and an undergraduate degree in psychology from Northeastern University.

Janice Iwama

Member

Janice Iwama (she/her) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Justice, Law & Criminology at American University in Washington, D.C. She previously worked as a research analyst with the Justice Research and Statistics Association in Washington, D.C. and the Institute on Race and Justice at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. With more than 15 years of research experience, she has worked with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to help them develop methods to collect, process, and analyze their data to answer public policy questions and understand the effects of policing policies and practices on communities and crime. Her research has been published in several scholarly journals including *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, and *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*. In 2021, she received the National Institute of Justice Law Enforcement Advancing Data and Science Program Scholar Award for her commitment to advancing and integrating science into law enforcement policies and practice. Iwama received her Ph.D. in Criminology and Justice Policy from Northeastern University.

Jennifer Rineer

Member

Jennifer Rineer (she/her) is a program manager and research psychologist in RTI International's Justice Practice Area. With a background in industrial/organizational psychology and occupational health psychology, Rineer has extensive research and applied experience advancing the health, well-being, and performance of employees and organizations. Her current work, including multiple studies funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, focuses on improving occupational health and organizational outcomes in criminal legal settings, including policing, investigations, courts systems, and corrections. She specializes in rigorous scientific research methods, including study design; intervention development, implementation, and evaluation; univariate and multivariate quantitative methods; survey development and validation; and qualitative research. Rineer publishes in peer-reviewed outlets in psychology, criminology, management, and public health, and is versed in translating complex research findings into practical, relevant tools for clients and practitioners. Rineer has a Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Portland State University.

John M. Violanti

Member

John M. Violanti (he/him) is Research Professor at the University at Buffalo in the School of Public Health and Health Professions. He is a police veteran, serving for 23 years with the New York State Police. Violanti is an internationally recognized expert on law enforcement suicide. He has written and edited twenty books and 150 peer-reviewed articles on police stress and trauma, concentrating on associations with law enforcement suicide. He 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. Dr. 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. Violanti has a Ph. D. in Sociology and Psychology and Counseling Rehabilitation Psychology degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

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