
Bridging the Great Divide: Can Police-Community Partnerships Reduce Crime and Strengthen Our Democracy?

September 4, 2014

Location: John Jay New Building 2.64
524 West 59th Street (Between 10th and 11th avenues), New York, New York, 10019

Live stream 4- 6pm event at www.jjay.cuny.edu/policing
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3:30pm – 4:00pm *Registration and Coffee*

4:00pm – 6:00pm *Welcome and Introduction*
Karen J. Terry – Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Preeti Chauhan – Assistant Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Democracy and Policing – Panel

Bernard Melekian – President and Founder, The Paratus Group
Connie Rice – Founding Co-Director, Advancement Project
Vincent Warren – Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Rights
Susan Cruz – Director, Sin Fronteras

Moderator: Richard Rosenfeld – Founders Professor, University of Missouri – St. Louis
Democracy and policing have always existed in dynamic tension. The function of policing is to maintain order, through the use of force if necessary. Democracy requires that this function is carried out legitimately, with due regard for the rights and liberties of citizens. The panelists will discuss the tension inherent in democratic policing and ways to strengthen democracy through fair and effective policing.

6:00pm – 6:20pm *Break – Coffee*

6:20pm – 6:35pm *Welcome and Background for Media Training*
Phillip Atiba Goff – Associate Professor, University of California – Los Angeles

6:35pm – 7:10pm *Leading with Values*
Alan Jenkins – Executive Director and Co-Founder, The Opportunity Agenda
In this segment, Alan will lead a presentation during which he will discuss the importance of messaging with a values-centered approach. He will lead the group through a history of political Left and Right messaging as well as how media outlets are ripe for better messaging on policing and inequality.

7:15pm – 7:35pm *Infrastructure of Communications*
Alexis McGill Johnson – Co-Founding Director, The Perception Institute
In this segment, Alexis will lead a conversation about how media executives think about their programing and what that means for the participants. She will facilitate a conversation with the assembled group about how to think about short-term and long-term messaging.

7:35pm – 7:50pm *Question and Answer Session*

September 5, 2014

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- 8:00am – 8:30am *Registration and Coffee*
- 8:30am – 9:00am *Welcome and Introduction*
Jeremy Travis – President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- 9:00am – 10:30am *Building the Violence Prevention Field*
- Models – Presentation*
Susan K. Lee – National Director, Advancement Project – Urban Peace
Michael McBride – Pastor, Director of Urban Strategies, Lifelines to Healing, PICO Network
A brief presentation on models of violence reduction including the Comprehensive Violence Reduction Strategy and Ceasefire.
- Must-Have Components – Panel*
Teny O. Gross – Executive Director, The Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence
Ron Noblet – Consultant, Gangs & Violence, Advancement Project – Urban Peace
Melvyn Hayward – Executive Director, H.E.L.P.E.R. Foundation
Delores Jones-Brown – Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Moderator: Fernando Rejón – Deputy Director, Advancement Project – Urban Peace
This panel will focus on a new collaborative framework for addressing serious violence, which is based on an explicit recognition of how breakdowns in relationships between police and communities facilitate violence. It will also discuss how toxic experiences on both sides of the equation produce and sustain these breakdowns and how constructive engagements with both police and communities can substantially repair such relationships. Lastly, it will discuss the emerging understanding of “legitimacy”; and how cities can use existing law enforcement, community, and social service capacity to implement violence reduction.
- 10:30am – 10:45am *Break*
- 10:45am – 11:20am *Violence Reduction Strategy - Exercise*
Fernando Rejón – Deputy Director, Advancement Project – Urban Peace
Rosie Washington – Minister and Organizer, MICAH Project
This exercise will use a socio-ecological model and engage the audience to participate in “wrap around” approach that demonstrates the role of law enforcement, community intervention workers, prevention and reentry service providers, and the importance of equity in addressing violence. This exercise will focus on the individual, family, and community-level approaches to “treating” violence through coordination of services as opposed to a siloed approach. It aims to provide a participatory and visual representation of how coordination of the five essential components of a comprehensive approach can reduce violence.
- 11:25am – 12:25pm *Building Police Legitimacy with Community Stakeholders – Panel*
Phillip C. Tingirides – Area Commanding Officer, Southeast Community Police Station, Los Angeles Police Department
Phillip Atiba Goff – Associate Professor, University of California – Los Angeles
K. Edward Copeland – Reverend, New Zion Baptist Church/RAVEN (Rockford Area Violence Elimination Network)
David M. Kennedy – Professor and Center Director, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Moderator: Jon M. Shane – Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Panelists will discuss the importance of police legitimacy in violence reduction. They will also discuss ways to increase legitimacy as well as address how communities and law enforcement can work together to build police legitimacy.
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12:25pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:00pm	<p><i>Unlikely Alliances: Breaking Down Silos Across Sectors Towards Community Safety – Panel</i> Jeffrey L. Brown – Reverend, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Rebuilding Every City Around Peace (RECAP) William Scott – Assistant Commanding Officer, Operations South Bureau, Los Angeles Police Department Mike Areyan – Program Associate, Advancement Project – Urban Peace Moderator: Michael McBride – Pastor, Director of Urban Strategies, Lifelines to Healing, PICO Network</p> <p><i>This panel will focus on the need for authentic relationships between communities and the public sector with a common mission for breaking down barriers. Panelists will also discuss the need for mutual accountability and mobilizing credible stakeholders such as faith-based leaders and gang interventionist to help create alliances.</i></p>
2:05pm – 3:05pm	<p><i>Opportunities and Challenges in Developing Unlikely Alliances – Discussion</i> Moderator: Michael McBride – Pastor, Director of Urban Strategies, Lifelines to Healing, PICO Network</p> <p><i>Law enforcement and community leaders from three jurisdictions will describe the process of creating unlikely alliances including challenges and barriers. There will be regional diversity and a combination of big and small cities represented. Some of the jurisdictions will discuss how intentional conversations and alliances between community leaders and law enforcement can improve the ability of law enforcement to respond to tense community-police relationships including situations involving police-involved shootings.</i></p>
3:05pm – 3:20pm	Break
3:20pm – 4:30pm	<p><i>Constructive Agreements for Improving Community-Police Relationships and Police Legitimacy</i> Susan Lee – National Director, Advancement Project – Urban Peace Antonio Crisostomo-Romo – Senior Coalition Organizer and Policy Analyst, Advancement Project – Urban Peace Fernando Rejón – Deputy Director, Advancement Project – Urban Peace Mike Areyan – Program Associate, Advancement Project – Urban Peace</p> <p><i>In the aftermath of recent police-involved shootings in Los Angeles, Ferguson, Missouri, and New York City, community advocates and law enforcement will come together in a learning environment to develop a set of values and operating principles (“constructive agreements”) that reflect how community and law enforcement can work together to improve police legitimacy. At the end of the workshop, community advocates and law enforcement will be encouraged to use the collective agreements in their jurisdictions to help inform policy and continued conversations about police legitimacy.</i></p>
4:35pm – 5:15pm	<p><i>Making unlikely alliances work: A conversation with Connie Rice and Police Commissioner William J. Bratton</i> Connie Rice – Founding Co-Director, Advancement Project William J. Bratton – Police Commissioner, New York Police Department</p> <p><i>The discussion will touch upon the way unlikely alliances evolved in Los Angeles during Commissioner Bratton’s term at LAPD as well as how such alliances support continued relationship building during crisis situations like officer-involved shooting in Ferguson.</i></p>
5:15pm – 5:30pm	<p><i>Closing Remarks</i> Jeremy Travis – President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice</p>

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