

Moderator and Panelist Bios

Hon. Eric Adams, Chair, NYS Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, and Military Affairs

Following a distinguished 22-year career in the New York City Police Department, Eric L. Adams was elected to the New York State Senate in 2006 by the residents of the 20th Senatorial District. His more than two decades of experience and expertise in law enforcement and criminal justice issues led to his appointment as Ranking Minority Member on the Crime Victims, Crime and Correction Committee. Senator Adams also serves on several other Committees. During his 20-year career, Eric Adams co-founded 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, a group of law enforcement personnel and supporters who provide funding and grants to community-based organizations making a difference in their neighborhoods. He also is a former Chairperson of the Grand Council for the Guardians and serves on the board of the Eastern District Counseling Service, an organization that assists individuals in leading productive lives without dependency on drugs and alcohol.

Raquel Algarin, LPN, Interim Executive Director, Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center

Rev. Raquel Algarin is a Licensed Practical Nurse, Reiki Master and Interfaith Minister. She is a Co-founder and currently the Interim Executive Director at the Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center (LESHRC) in New York City. Prior to her work with the Harm Reduction Center, she was a community coordinator, AIDS/HIV educator and outreach worker for the NYC Department of Health, a rape crisis counselor for New York Women Against Rape, and held various positions during her tenure at NENA Community Health Center. There, part of her work has included direct service with participants and volunteers of the agency. Rev. Algarin has been a consultant/trainer for the Harm Reduction Training Institute and RMC Consultants of NY. She is also founder/President of a volunteer organization, Community OASIS Inc., whose mission is to provide wellness/alternative services to individuals who lack access to such services on the Lower East Side.

Frederick L. Altice, MD, Professor of Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine

Dr. Frederick "Rick" L. Altice is an Attending Physician at the AIDS Care Program and Infectious Disease Section of the Yale-New Haven Hospital. He is also an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, and Director of the HIV in Prisons Program at Yale University School of Medicine. In addition to caring for patients with HIV in a clinic and hospital setting, he is heavily involved in investigative research with out-of-treatment injecting drug users and incarcerated HIV-infected individuals. Dr. Altice is presently a Fellow at American College of Physicians and Morse College, Yale University. He is active in many professional associations and services. Dr. Altice has authored numerous articles, papers, and scientific abstracts and lectured extensively on many varied topics surrounding HIV/AIDS.

Hon. Jeffrion Aubry, Chair, NYS Assembly Committee on Corrections

Jeffrion L. Aubry of the 35th A.D. of Queens County was elected to the New York State Assembly in a Special Election on January 3, 1992. Since then, Assemblyman Aubry has served on several Working Groups and Standing Committees, and is currently Chairman of the Assembly Standing Committee on Correction and the Sub-Committee on Airports and Economic Development. As Chairman of the Committee on Correction, Assemblyman Aubry has introduced legislation to reform the Rockefeller Drug Laws in New York State and sponsored "The Drug Law Reform, Drug Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2001." In his roles outside of the NYS Assembly, Assemblyman Aubry was the former Director of Economic Development for the Borough President's Office of Queens, the Queens representative to the Economic Development Corporation of the City of New York, Chairman of the Small Business Development Center's Advisory Board at York College, and has served on the District Management Association for all Business Improvement Districts in Queens.

Joseph Baker, JD, NYS Deputy Secretary to the Governor for Health and Human Services

Joseph Baker presently serves as the New York State Deputy Secretary to the Governor for Health and Human Services. Mr. Baker most recently served as assistant deputy secretary of Health and Human Services under Governor Patterson. Previously, he was health care bureau chief in the Office of the New York State Attorney General. As bureau chief, Mr. Baker supervised the investigation and prosecution of cases that addressed systemic problems in the operation of the health care system. From 1994 to 2001, Mr. Baker was Executive Vice President of the Medicare Rights Center, which became one of the nation's leading Medicare consumer organizations during his tenure. Previously, Mr. Baker was the Associate Director of Legal Services for Gay Men's Health Crisis, the world's oldest and largest AIDS service, education and advocacy organization.

Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, President, The New York Academy of Medicine

Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, is President of The New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Boufford is Professor of Public Service, Health Policy and Management at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine. She served as Dean of the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University from June 1997 to November 2002. Prior to that, she served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from November 1993 to January 1997, and as Acting Assistant Secretary from January 1997 to May 1997. While at HHS, she served as the U.S. representative on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1994 to 1997. From May 1991 to September 1993, Dr. Boufford served as Director of the King's Fund College, London England. She served as President of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the largest municipal system in the United States, from December 1985 until October 1989.

Eric Cadora, Director, Justice Mapping Center

Eric Cadora is the Director of the Justice Mapping Center and a Project Co-Director of Graphical Innovations in Justice Mapping. Prior to establishing the Center, Mr. Cadora served as Program Officer for The After Prison Initiative at the Open Society Institute for four years. The After Prison Initiative is a grant-making program created to support criminal justice policies that place reintegration and public safety at the center of the criminal justice mission. He joined OSI in June 2001, after 14 years at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services. Over the years, Mr. Cadora directed the work of CASES' Research Policy, Court Communications, and Information Systems units, as well as its Day Center program. Mr. Cadora and Dr. Todd Clear co-authored the book, *Community Justice*.

Karen Carpenter-Palumbo, Commissioner, NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Karen M. Carpenter-Palumbo was confirmed as Commissioner of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) on February 27, 2007. Ms. Carpenter-Palumbo has more than 20 years experience working in both the public and private sectors, particularly in the areas of health, mental health, substance abuse, and disability-related issues. Prior to coming to OASAS Ms. Carpenter-Palumbo served as Regional Vice President for the American Cancer Society. From 1997 to 2004, she was Executive Vice President of Government Programs for Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, Inc., serving over 400,000 members in upstate New York. In her role, she oversaw the operation of all Government Programs, including Medicaid, Medicare Choice, and Child and Family Health Plus. In addition, she served as the Corporate Compliance and Privacy Officer and company lobbyist.

Todd R. Clear, PhD, Distinguished Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Todd R. Clear is a Distinguished Professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York, and Executive Officer of the Program of Doctoral Studies in Criminal Justice at The CUNY Graduate Center. Previous positions include professorships at Ball State University, Rutgers University, and Florida State University, where he was also Associate Dean of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Clear has published three books: *Community Justice*, *What is Community Justice?*, and *The Community Justice Ideal*. Other recent books include *The Offender in the Community* and *American Corrections* and *Harm in American Penology*. He serves as founding editor of *Criminology & Public Policy*, published by the American Society of Criminology. Clear has been elected to national office in the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dr. Clear has also served as a programming and policy consultant to public agencies.

John Coppola, LMSW, Executive Director, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers

John J. Coppola is the Executive Director of the New York Association of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers, Inc. (ASAP). Mr. Coppola has responsibility for representing the interests of alcoholism and substance abuse treatment, prevention, recovery, research, and training providers throughout New York State. Mr. Coppola is a Past-President of State Associations of Addiction Services, the national association of state associations representing chemical dependency programs. He has served on numerous national advisory committees and on a number of regional and statewide advisory committees. John Coppola served on the Board of Directors for the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York and continues to provide volunteer support to AIDS Council staff and clients. He is also an adjunct faculty member for the School of Social Work at the University at Albany. Mr. Coppola holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University at Albany School of Social Welfare and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Dominican College.

Dana Diamond, C.A.S.A.C., Director of Client Support Services, Exponents, Inc.

Dana Diamond has dedicated the last 11 years working in the field of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse at Exponents. As an employee of Exponents, Dana has held numerous positions, including Facilitator/Interviewer for the Exponents/Columbia Project, Case Management Coach and Trainer for Project Access, Group Facilitator and HIV Counselor for clients in Exponents' Outpatient Drug Treatment Program, Coordinator/Primary Prevention for Exponents' Health and Sexual Risk Reduction Program, Assistant Director of Prevention for the same program and her current position of Director of Client Support Services. She has conducted primary prevention work with women with the goal of reducing the risk of HIV transmission. Dana's area of expertise is in Human Sexuality, Prevention and Substance Abuse. Dana sits on the board at NDRI (Training and Dissemination Committee), and occupies a seat on the DOH/AI-Office of the Medical Director-Quality of Care (QOC) Community Advisory Committee.

Hon. Thomas K. Duane, Chair NYS Senate Health Committee

State Senator Thomas K. Duane represents New York's 29th State Senatorial District. Prior to his election to the State Senate, Duane served for seven years in the New York City Council. First elected to the State Senate in 1998, he became the Senate's first openly-gay and openly HIV-positive member. As a Member of both the Senate Codes and Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections Committee, Senator Duane fights for reform in New York's criminal laws, such as repealing the Rockefeller Drug laws and restoration of parole. Senator Duane is a staunch advocate for humane prison conditions. Senator Duane takes this role seriously, annually visiting several of New York's correctional facilities.

Ruth Finkelstein, ScD, Vice President for Health Policy, The New York Academy of Medicine

Ruth Finkelstein, ScD, is the Vice President for Health Policy at The New York Academy of Medicine, where she directs policy initiatives to promote healthy aging, improve population health by preventing disease and reduce disparities, particularly among drug users, people returning from prison and immigrants. Dr. Finkelstein has over twenty years experience working in the policy and advocacy arenas to remove barriers to health access for vulnerable populations and conducting research and evaluation on HIV/AIDS and substance abuse treatment programs. An architect of the original Ryan White CARE Act, Dr. Finkelstein has authored policy studies that have influenced changes during each reauthorization cycle. She recently completed an assessment of aging in New York City, authored *Toward An Age Friendly New York City: A Findings Report*, and contributed to The Trust for America's Health Return on Investment model for community prevention services. She holds a doctorate in health policy from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH, Commissioner, NYC DOHMH

Dr. Frieden has been New York City Health Commissioner since January 2002. In 2002, Dr. Frieden launched a comprehensive tobacco control program that has resulted in 300,000 fewer smokers, preventing approximately 100,000 premature deaths. During his tenure, New York City has been the first place in the U.S. to eliminate trans fat from restaurant food, rigorously monitor the diabetes epidemic, and require chain restaurants to post calorie information prominently. Previously, Dr. Frieden worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 12 years, initially as an Epidemiologic Intelligence Service Officer and then as an Assistant Commissioner, running the New York City Health Department's tuberculosis control program. Previous to that, he worked in India for 5 years helping the government develop a tuberculosis control program that has now treated more than 8 million patients and saved more than a million lives. Dr. Frieden received his MD and MPH degrees from Columbia University. He has published nearly 200 scientific articles.

Crystal Fuller, PhD, Investigator, Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies, The New York Academy of Medicine

Crystal Fuller is an Investigator in the Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies at The New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Fuller is also an infectious disease epidemiologist and an Assistant Professor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. She has extensive experience in design, conduct and analysis of cross-section and follow-up studies focusing on HIV, STDs and hepatitis infections among urban populations, using a community-based approach. Dr. Fuller has conducted clinical research among HIV-positive adolescents in New Orleans, and has coordinated and directed the local Baltimore site of the multi-city Collaborative Injection Drug User Study (CIDUS-II), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Currently, Dr. Fuller's work involves assessing adolescent and young adult drug-users' risk for HIV, HCV and other blood-borne pathogens. Dr. Fuller is studying the effect of high-risk social networks and high-risk psychosocial factors on the transition from illicit non-injection drug use to injection drug use among street-recruited youth and young adults.

Hon. Richard Gottfried, Chair, NYS Assembly Health Committee

Richard N. Gottfried represents the 75th Assembly District, covering Chelsea, Clinton, Murray Hill, Midtown and part of the Lincoln Center area in Manhattan. He is Chair of the Assembly Health Committee and head of the Manhattan Assembly Delegation as well as a member of the Assembly Majority Steering Committee and the Committees on Rules and Higher Education. He is a leading state health policy-maker in New York and nationally. He previously served as Deputy Majority Leader; Assistant Majority Leader; Chair of the Assembly Committees on Codes (covering the criminal justice system), and Children and Families; and Chair of several Assembly task forces. He is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, and a member of the American Public Health Association, the New York Civil Liberties Union, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Art Students League, and the China Institute.

Carl Hart, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychology (in Psychiatry), College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University

Dr. Hart is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Neuroscience in the Department of Psychiatry and an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Psychology at Columbia University. He is also a Research Scientist in the Division of Substance Abuse at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. During the course of Dr. Hart's graduate education, he earned an NIH Intramural Research Training Award, which allowed him to study metabolism of brain catecholamines following acute and chronic stress in the laboratory of Dr. Irwin J. Kopin. Following graduate school, Dr. Hart participated in postdoctoral research training at the University of California at San Francisco, Yale University, and Columbia University. Since arriving at Columbia, Dr. Hart's research has focused on the evaluation of drug effects on workplace-relevant behaviors and the development and implementation of new executive cognitive tasks that can be used to assess the functioning of drug abusers.

Hon. Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Chair, NYS Senate Majority Conference and Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Corrections

First elected to the New York State Senate in 2000, Ms. Ruth Hassell-Thompson brings years of public service and community involvement to her post as the Senator of the 36th Senatorial District, representing parts of the Bronx and Westchester Counties. In 1993, Ms. Hassell-Thompson was elected to the Mount Vernon City Council, serving as Council President and Acting Mayor. Among her other committee responsibilities was oversight of all Council committees, which included Legislation and Public Works; Human Resources; Finance and Planning; and Public Safety and Codes. A retired nurse/counselor for Mount Vernon Hospital (1963-1998) specializing in pediatrics and helping women with substance abuse issues, she is the Founding-President/CEO of "The Gathering," a volunteer-staffed women's center in Mt. Vernon that provides counseling and support services. In addition, Ms. Hassell-Thompson was a health educator for the Mt. Vernon Neighborhood Health Center's initiative, which entailed working with persons infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Kash Heed, Chief Constable, West Vancouver Police Department, British Columbia

Kash Heed is Chief Constable of the West Vancouver Police Department, British Columbia. A strong advocate for transparent policing that embraces partnership, problem solving, and prevention, he initiated a major re engineering of the West Vancouver Police Department, moving towards a decentralized police bureaucracy with stronger function commands that are more responsive to community needs, while ensuring better trained and motivated police officers. Chief Heed holds a Master of Arts degree from the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University. His published thesis profiled 600 street-level drug traffickers arrested in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. He is a frequent lecturer, writer, and commentator. He has presented various police related topics at numerous local, national, and international conferences, seminars, and judicial hearings. Chief Heed is an instructor at the University College of the Fraser Valley and at Douglas College, and adjunct professor at Simon Fraser University's School of Criminology.

Daliah Heller, MPH, Assistant Commissioner, New York City DOHMH

Daliah Heller is the Assistant Commissioner of the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care and Treatment at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She has worked in substance use policy and services for the past fourteen years, including nine years as the executive director of a multi-service harm reduction organization in the Bronx. In that role, she also collaborated on policy and advocacy initiatives to improve systems of care, and has contributed to research and evaluation projects for reducing the health-related problems of substance use. Ms. Heller is presently completing her PhD at City University of New York.

Michael Jacobson, PhD, Director, Vera Institute of Justice

Michael P. Jacobson is the Director and President of the Vera Institute of Justice as well as the author of *Downsizing Prisons: How to Reduce Crime and End Mass Incarceration* (New York University Press, 2005). A Ph.D. in sociology, he has an ongoing academic career as well as over twenty years of government service. Immediately before joining Vera, he was a professor at the City University of New York Graduate Center and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He also established and coordinated an associate degree program on Rikers Island for correction officers and staff and received funding to design, implement and evaluate a credit-bearing college course on police leadership and human dignity for first line police supervisors. Michael Jacobson is the chair of the Criminal Justice Agency and Altus, a global alliance working across continents and from a multicultural perspective to improve public safety and justice.

Howard Josepher, Executive Director, Exponents

Howard Josepher is a co-founder and the Executive Director of Exponents, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals affected by drug addiction, incarceration and chronic illness. In 1988, he co-founded Exponents and its cornerstone program ARRIVE, the first federally funded program in the United States to address HIV infection among drug users. Prior to that, Mr. Josepher ran workshops and offered staff trainings and consulting for both for-profit and non-profit organizations. As a New York State licensed clinical social worker, he has maintained a private practice for many years. He was one of the early participants at Phoenix and Odyssey House, overcoming his own addiction, and played a pioneering role in establishing therapeutic community drug treatment services in New York. He was a member of both New York City's HIV Planning Council and Prevention Group and was Chairman of the Substance User Work Group.

Hon. Joseph Lentol, Chair, NYS Assembly Committee on Codes

Assemblyman Joseph R. Lentol of the 50th A.D. has represented North Brooklyn in the New York State Legislature since 1972. He is a lifelong resident of New York City whose father and grandfather also served in the New York State Legislature. An attorney by profession, Mr. Lentol was Assistant District Attorney in Kings County prior to holding elective office. Since 1992, Mr. Lentol has been Chair of the Assembly's Committee on Codes, which reviews and evaluates all criminal justice legislation in the State. He has also been Chair of the Committee on Governmental Employees and the Assembly's Committee on Governmental Operations, which monitors the operations of State agencies and departments. Assemblyman Lentol is extremely well known in New York for his personal attention to solving problems and for his dedicated public service. For over three decades, he has worked to improve the State's quality of life and the well-being of its residents.

Alan Leshner, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Alan Leshner has been Chief Executive Officer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Executive Publisher of the journal *Science* since December 2001. Before coming to AAAS, Dr. Leshner was Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). One of the scientific institutes of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, NIDA supports over 85 percent of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. Prior, Dr. Leshner served as the Deputy Director and Acting Director of the National Institute of Mental Health. He went to NIMH from the National Science Foundation, where he held a variety of senior positions. Dr. Leshner went to NSF after 10 years as a professor at Bucknell University. He is the author of a major textbook on the relationship between hormones and behavior and has written over 50 scientific book chapters and papers in professional journals.

Harry Levine, PhD, Professor, Queens College

Harry G. Levine is a Professor of Sociology at Queens College in the City University of New York. Much of his research and writing has focused on drugs, alcohol, and food in historical context. He has won awards for his writing about the history of addiction, alcohol prohibition and regulation, and crack cocaine and the war on drugs; in 2007 he won the Lindesmith Award for Distinguished Scholarship. In recent years he has taught Introduction to Sociology, Drugs and Society, the History of Food, and Sociological Theory. His current research examines the epidemic of racially-biased marijuana arrests in the U.S and why, in the last ten years, New York City has arrested more people for possessing small amounts of marijuana than any city in the world. Professor Levine received his PhD in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, and his BA from Brandeis University.

Donald MacPherson, Drug Policy Coordinator, City of Vancouver, British Columbia

Donald MacPherson is the Drug Policy Coordinator for the City of Vancouver, a position the City created in order to bring leadership and focus to the crisis in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside with regard to drug overdose deaths, HIV and HEP C epidemics among injection drug users and an unacceptable level of property crime. Donald worked closely with Mayor Philip Owen to create the City's Four Pillars Drug Strategy that was adopted by Vancouver City Council in 2001 which called for a new approach to drug problems in Vancouver. Since then he has worked with Mayor Larry Campbell, Mayor Sam Sullivan and currently with Mayor Gregor Robertson to further the development of a comprehensive and evidence-based approach to drug problems in Vancouver.

Glenn Martin, Vice President of Development and Public Affairs, The Fortune Society

Glenn E. Martin is currently the Vice President of Development and Public Affairs at The Fortune Society, Inc. Prior to this position, Mr. Martin served as Associate Vice President of Policy and Advocacy, where he was responsible for developing and advancing Fortune's criminal justice policy advocacy agenda. Before his work at The Fortune Society, Mr. Martin served as the Co-Director of the Legal Action Center's National H.I.R.E. Network (HIRE). Mr. Martin also served as the Program Manager on a 12-month national employment discrimination audit study conducted by Devah Pager and Bruce Western of Princeton University in conjunction with the New York City Commission on Human Rights, which measured race- and criminal conviction-related discrimination in the New York City entry-level labor market. Mr. Martin currently serves on the Steering Committee of Reentry.net, the Correction Committee of the NYC Bar Association, the Policy Committee of ICARE, and a number of other boards and working groups addressing issues related to reintegration of people with criminal records.

Shreya Mandal, JD, LMSW, Mitigation Specialist, The Legal Aid Society

Shreya Mandal works as an in-house Mitigation Specialist at the Legal Aid Society of New York, and also works independently on various cases as a freelancer. Ms. Mandal has conducted mitigation on potential state and federal death penalty cases in north and southeast regions of the country. She has been involved in numerous felony drug cases in New York City. Her work has given her experience with over 50 correctional facilities. She has also consulted with the Innocence Project of New York. She provides psychological evaluation and assessment of extreme hardship, child abuse, spousal abuse, and asylum in immigration cases. Previously, she worked as a public defender at the Bronx Defenders in New York. Ms Mandal's legal training gives her the benefit of understanding the legal implications of her clinical assessments and mitigation, and her clinical skills have helped her during challenging legal advocacy.

Anita Marton, JD, Vice President, Legal Action Center

Anita Marton joined the Legal Action Center in 1988, after spending five years at the Legal Aid Society in the Criminal Defense and Criminal Appeals Divisions. During her tenure at LAC, Ms. Marton has provided legal advice and assistance to individuals with HIV, alcohol and drug histories, and criminal records, and has participated in ground-breaking litigation on all of these issues. She has also provided training and technical assistance to health and social service providers, federal, state, and local policymakers, employers, employee assistance programs, and unions on such issues as managed care and welfare reform, confidentiality of treatment records, and employment discrimination. Ms. Marton has drafted legislation, written position papers, testified before legislative committees, and developed funding proposals. She has also served on advisory committees at the state and local levels.

Pilar Maschi, Membership and Leadership Development Director, Critical Resistance

Pilar Maschi is the Membership and Leadership Development Director of Critical Resistance. She is a former prisoner who is a single parent and lives with her daughter in the South Bronx. Pilar founded a political education program in a drug recovery center for women and their children, where she once was a client. She is also a member of Community In Unity, a coalition of organizations who have fought proposed jail expansion in the South Bronx.

Peter Moskos, PhD, Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and former Baltimore police officer

Peter Moskos is an assistant professor of Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration at the City University of New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He specializes in a sociological approach to police culture, police patrol and crime prevention, drug violence, community policing and terrorism, police/minority relations, and qualitative methods. He is a former Baltimore City police officer. His first book, *Police in the Hood*, examines urban crime-prevention and police-specific variables linking drug laws to high levels of African-American violence and imprisonment. Dr. Moskos received a BA from Princeton University in Sociology and a Master's and PhD from Harvard University, also in Sociology.

Hon. Velmanette Montgomery, Chair, NYS Senate Committee on Children and Families

Senator Velmanette Montgomery is the newly-appointed Chairperson of the New York State Senate Committee on Children and Families. Here, the Senator will continue to be a tireless advocate for reform of New York's juvenile justice and foster care systems. The Senator is the sponsor of a 2008 law that prevents New Yorkers from being arbitrarily denied a license to barber or practice cosmetology just because they spent time in prison. Senator Montgomery's other noteworthy legislative accomplishments include working aggressively to expand school-based health centers statewide and implement a comprehensive Teen Health Agenda. She has also co-sponsored the law that enabled nurse practitioners to become certified, and headed the campaign to stem the spread of AIDS among intravenous drug users through legalized needle exchange programs. As a respected advocate for criminal justice, Senator Montgomery continues to lead efforts to improve and expand transitional services for individuals released from prison.

Ethan Nadelmann, PhD, JD, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance

Ethan Nadelmann is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization in the United States promoting alternatives to the "war on drugs." Mr. Nadelmann taught politics and public affairs at Princeton University from 1987 to 1994, where his speaking and writings on drug policy attracted international attention. He authored *Cops Across Borders*, the first scholarly study of the internationalization of U.S. criminal law enforcement, and co-authored *Policing the Globe: Criminalization and Crime Control in International Relations*. In 1994, Mr. Nadelmann founded the Lindesmith Center, a drug policy institute created with the philanthropic support of George Soros. In 2000, the growing Center merged with another organization to form the Drug Policy Alliance and Drug Policy Alliance Network, which advocates for drug policies grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights. Mr. Nadelmann is widely regarded as the most prominent proponent of drug policy reform.

Robert Newman, MD, Director, The Baron Edmond de Rothschild Chemical Dependency Institute of Beth Israel Medical Center

Dr. Robert Newman is President Emeritus of Continuum Health Partners, Inc., a corporation which controls Beth Israel Medical Center, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, The Long Island College Hospital and The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Dr. Newman served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Continuum from its founding in 1997 until December, 2000; previously, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Beth Israel Health Care System for almost 20 years. Dr. Newman is Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health and Professor of Psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, and an adjunct faculty member of Rockefeller University. In January 2001, he was named the first Director of Beth Israel's newly established Baron Edmond de Rothschild Chemical Dependency Institute. He has been involved in addiction treatment throughout the world for more than 30 years.

Cheri O'Donoghue, Steering Committee Member, Families Rally for Emancipation and Empowerment

Cheri O'Donoghue is the mother of a former Rockefeller Drug Law prisoner, (Ashley O'Donoghue), a Steering Committee Member of FREE (Families Rally for Emancipation and Empowerment), and a community activist for repeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws. Cheri has been working on the repeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws for over four years, approximately the time her son served in prison. Initially, Ashley was given a 7 to 21 year sentence, but in August 2008, he was released through a work release program, and is now thankfully home with the family, where he is beginning to put his life back together. Cheri continues to be actively involved in this movement and is committed to seeing it through to the end.

Danielle C. Ompad, PhD, Associate Director for the Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies, The New York Academy of Medicine

Danielle C. Ompad is the Associate Director of the Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies (CUES) at The New York Academy of Medicine, where she is primarily responsible for the supervision of the research storefront and roving recruitment vehicle. Dr. Ompad has extensive experience in design, conduct and analysis of community-based studies focusing on illicit substance use, risky sexual behavior, and access to vaccines in urban populations. She has worked on several prospective and cross-sectional studies illicit drug users in Baltimore and New York City. Dr. Ompad completed a BS in Biology at Bowie State University, one of the oldest Historically Black Colleges/Universities in the U.S. She then completed an MHS and PhD in infectious disease epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. Dr. Ompad is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutrition, Food Studies and Public Health at New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

Jill Reeves, Member, Voices of Community Activists and Leaders

Jill is a leader in VOCAL-NY Users Union and has lobbied city, state and federal elected officials for a public health approach to drug use. She is currently involved in campaigns to decriminalize syringes in New York State, lift the federal funding ban on syringe exchange, and encourage overdose prevention through the proposed "Good Samaritan" law. Jill also works through VOCAL to educate injection drug users about Hepatitis C and buprenorphine, a substitution therapy for opioid dependence. She became involved in advocacy early on in her life, including running for City Council in Camden, New Jersey.

Tina Reynolds, MSW, Co-founder, Women on the Rise Telling HerStory

Tina Reynolds is Co-Founder of Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH). Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH) is an association of women who have been empowered by their own experiences while involved in the criminal justice system. WORTH transforms the lives of women who have been directly impacted by incarceration and changes public perception and policy. Reynolds has received a Master in Social Work from Hunter College. She is an adjunct professor at York, CUNY, and is a board member of Peace Development Fund and JusticeWorks Community. In her work over the past 15 years, Reynolds partnered with formerly and currently imprisoned women to challenge and offer solutions to policies and other barriers women and families face during and after incarceration. She has published pieces on the abolition of prisons, the impact of incarceration on women and children and is an editor of an anthology "Interrupted Life."

Kyung Ji Rhee, Director, Institute For Juvenile Justice Reform and Alternatives

Kyung Ji Kate Rhee has been widely recognized for her work on juvenile justice and prison system reform. Under her leadership, the Prison Moratorium Project, a social justice organization dedicated to stopping prison expansion and mass incarceration locally and nationally, led winning campaigns that stopped the expansion of the juvenile detention facilities in New York City and juvenile correctional facilities in New York State. As of 2009, Prison Moratorium Project became a project of Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions at Medgar Evers College. PMP is now known as the Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform and Alternatives (IJJRA). Ms. Rhee currently serves as director of IJJRA. She has been featured in a range of publications and magazines, including the Utne Reader (Top 30 Visionaries under 30), The Source (Top 10 Artists, Albums, & Political Players of the Year!), and the Gotham Gazette, among others. Ms. Rhee received her BA from the University of Chicago in Philosophy.

gabriel sayegh, Director, State Organizing and Policy Project, Drug Policy Alliance

gabriel sayegh is Director of the State Organizing and Policy Project at the Drug Policy Alliance (SOPP). The Project combines grassroots organizing strategies with research-driven advocacy to win effective reforms. Prior to joining the Drug Policy Alliance in 2003, Mr. sayegh worked as a session aide for Washington State Senator Debbie Regala, analyzing drug, criminal justice and welfare policies.

Russell Simmons, Chairman, Rush Community Affairs

Russell Simmons heads Rush Philanthropic and serves as the Chairman of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, which is dedicated to bringing religions and ethnicities together. Rush Philanthropic is dedicated to providing disadvantaged urban youth with significant exposure to the arts, as well as providing exhibition opportunities to under-represented artists and artists of color. The co-founder of Def Jam Recordings, Mr. Simmons is a hip-hop pioneer whose groundbreaking work has influenced music, fashion, finance, television and film, as well as the face of modern philanthropy. In 2007, USA Today named Russell Simmons one of the "Top 25 Most Influential People of the Past 20 Years." He has been played a critical role in bringing the influence of hip-hop culture to many facets of business and media since the genre's inception in the late 1970s.

P. David Soares, Albany County District Attorney

David Soares is the Albany County District Attorney. Previously, as an Assistant District Attorney, and now as the DA, he has helped to redefine the role of the Albany County DA as the criminal justice prosecution arm for the entire State of New York with a focus on public integrity. Mr. Soares received a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Cornell University and attended Albany Law School. Mr. Soares worked his way through law school at the Albany County Airport Authority and the District Attorney's Office, where he later became an Assistant District Attorney under Sol Greenberg. As Albany County's first community prosecutor, Mr. Soares established the Community Accountability Board, which continues to successfully involve community members in deterring youth from crime and drugs.

Sharon Stancliff, MD, Medical Director, Harm Reduction Coalition

Sharon Stancliff is the Medical Director of the Harm Reduction Coalition where she oversees SKOOP, an overdose prevention project, and runs a buprenorphine demonstration project. She is also a medical consultant for the AIDS Institute, New York State Department of Health. She is board certified in Family Medicine, certified by the American Society of Addiction Medicine and completed the AIDS Institute-sponsored Nicholas Rango HIV Clinical Scholars Program at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. She has worked with drug users in methadone maintenance, primary care and at syringe exchanges and has published articles related to harm reduction and drug treatment.

Liz Sullivan, Human Right to Education Program Director, National Economic and Social Rights Initiative

Ms. Sullivan works with parents and advocates to promote policy change in public education to guarantee students' right to dignity and to a quality education. She has carried out research projects to document human rights violations in U.S. public schools, and has provided trainings to parents, youth and organizers about how to incorporate human rights standards and strategies into their advocacy. She has worked as a consultant with Human Rights Education Associates and as Project Coordinator at the Center for Economic and Social Rights, where she authored the report *Civil Society and School Accountability: A Human Rights Approach to Parent and Community Participation in NYC Schools*. She holds a BA from Brown University and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Monica Sweeney, MD, MPH, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, NYC DOHMH

Monica Sweeney is the New York City Health Department's Assistant Commissioner for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control. There, she has managed the expansion of the NYC Condom Campaign, the launch of the Bronx Testing Campaign, and has overseen the first effort to estimate HIV incidence in New York City. Before coming to the Department of Health, Dr. Sweeney served as medical director, and then vice president of medical affairs at the Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center in Brooklyn, where she provided primary care for 18 years. She has also served as a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, as president of the Kings County Medical Society, and as Co-chair of the Physician Prevention Advisory Council. Dr. Sweeney is also an assistant professor at SUNY Downstate's School of Public Health and adjunct professor at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education. Dr. Sweeney is the author of *Condom Sense: A Guide to Sexual Survival in the New Millennium*.

Anne Swern, First Assistant District Attorney, King County

Anne J. Swern, the First Assistant District Attorney to Charles J. Hynes, District Attorney of Kings County (Brooklyn), has served as a prosecutor for 28 years. She is the executive in charge of the acclaimed Drug Treatment Alternative-to-Prison (DTAP) Program, dedicated to diverting prison-bound non-violent predicate felons into residential substance abuse treatment. Ms. Swern is also the District Attorney's Office's senior executive supervising Brooklyn's three substance abuse treatment courts and supervises the Treatment Alternatives for the Dually Diagnosed (TADD) Program. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the National District Attorney's Association. She served on the New York State Commission on Drugs and the Courts and assisted in the preparation of the report, *Confronting the Cycle of Addiction and Recidivism*. She is an adjunct associate professor at Brooklyn Law School and has guest lectured at a number of institutions.

Ramon Velasquez, Member, New York Aids Housing Network

Ramon is a leader in the NYC AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN), support group facilitator, and former drug user. After serving a 17 year prison sentence, Ramon ended up in Bellevue Men's Shelter determined to turn his life around. Shortly afterwards, he became involved with Praxis Housing Initiatives and found a new home. He believes that there should be more alternatives to incarceration and better programs for people returning from prisons and jails.

David Vlahov, PhD, RN, Senior Vice President for Research, The New York Academy of Medicine

Dr. Vlahov is Director for the Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies at the New York Academy of Medicine, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, and Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Vlahov has conducted studies of urban populations in Baltimore for over 20 years including several longitudinal cohort studies for which he received the NIH MERIT Award. More recently, Dr. Vlahov led epidemiologic studies in Harlem and the Bronx, which have served as a platform for subsequent individual- and community-level intervention studies and community based participatory research to address social determinants of health. Uniting these interests, Dr. Vlahov initiated the International Society for Urban Health, serving as its first President. Dr. Vlahov is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Urban Health*, has edited two books on urban health and published over 560 scholarly papers.

Terrance Wansley, Co-Founder, 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care and retired NYPD

Terrance Wansley began his law enforcement career in 1986. In 1988, Officer Wansley was assigned to the Brooklyn South Task Force. He became a unit delegate in the New York City Police Department Guardians Association, the nation's largest African American law enforcement fraternal organization, and was eventually elected First Vice President. In 1992, Officer Wansley was transferred to the Tactical Narcotics Team of the Organized Crime Control Bureau and promoted to Detective. In 1995, Detective Wansley was assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau. Det. Wansley investigated numerous allegations of police misconduct. In March of 2001, Det. Wansley was promoted to the rank of Detective Second Grade. After 20 years and 15 days of service, Det. Wansley retired from the New York City Police Department. As a Co-Founder of *100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care*, Detective Wansley has co-authored the "What to Do When Stopped by The Police" information packet.

Marsha Weissman, MPA, Executive Director, Center for Community Alternatives

Marsha Weissman is the Executive Director of the Center for Community Alternatives (CCA), which provides direct services, training, technical assistance and research in the field of community corrections and related human services. In 1990, Ms. Weissman developed the first alternative-to-prison substance abuse treatment program in New York State serving women. The Center's Youth Advocacy Program serves as an alternative for youth in the legal system. As Executive Director of CCA, Ms. Weissman oversees numerous community corrections and drug treatment programs funded by a wide range of public and private agencies. She has been actively involved in the design and implementation of the Syracuse Community Treatment Court. Ms. Weissman is a member of several boards and coalitions including the New York State Association of Alternative Sentencing Programs and the New York Coalition for Women Prisoners.

Hon. Keith Wright, Chair, NYS Assembly Social Services Committee

A native of Manhattan, Assemblyman Keith L.T. Wright of the 70th A.D. has earned a reputation as a dedicated and thoughtful public servant who gets results for his constituents. Active in his Harlem community, Wright has helped grow small businesses, create affordable housing, and increase opportunities for youth. Wright was elected to the Assembly in 1992 and appointed Assistant Majority Whip in 1998. As Chair of the Social Services Committee, Wright is currently charged with the important task of leading the fight for financial, medical and other support services for lower income households throughout New York State. These services include welfare, energy assistance programs, and Medicaid, and Assemblyman Wright has historically been a vocal supporter for the expansion of such programs in Harlem, New York City and New York State at-large. As a member of the Corrections Committee and the Task Force on Criminal Justice Reform, Wright is an advocate for criminal justice reform.