

Juvenile Justice: Passages, Prevention and Intervention

University of Florida Levin College of Law

Room 180 The Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 - 8:30

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45

Welcome

Robert Jerry, Dean, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law

Nancy Dowd, David H. Levin Chair, Director, Center on Children & Families, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law

8:45 – 10:15

I. Contexts of Delinquency

Claudia Wright, Juvenile Justice Monitor, Office of the Attorney General, Maryland

“Making Systems Integration Work”

Leslie Harris, Dorothy Kliks Fone Professor, School of Law, University of Oregon

“Pressures to Remove from Home in Child Welfare Cases -- And How to Resist Them”

Alonzo DeCarlo, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Chicago State University

“The Politics of Mental Health and Juvenile Justice with Minority Adolescents in Urban America”

Emily Buss, Mark and Barbara Fried Professor of Law, University of Chicago

Commentator

(moderator, Professor Meshon Rawls, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Director, Gator TeamChild Clinic)

10:15 – 10:30 Break

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II. Disproportionate Minority Contact

Kenneth Nunn, Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law

“The Black Nationalist Cure to Disproportionate Minority Contact”

James Forman, Professor, Georgetown University School of Law

“Class(blindness), Race and Crime”

Theresa Glennon, Feinberg Professor of Law, James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University

“Looking for Air: Excavating Destructive Educational and Racial Policies to Build Successful School Communities”

Dr. Randy Nelson, Consultant to Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

“Effectively Addressing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)”

Judge Irene Sullivan, Unified Family Court 6th Circuit (FL), Commissioner on the Florida Blue Print Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform

Commentator

(moderator, Professor Monique Haughton-Worrell, University of Florida Levin College of Law)

12:00 – 1:30

LUNCHEON PLENARY SPEAKER:

SHAY BILCHIK

**Research Professor and Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform,
Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Georgetown University**

“The Ebb and Flow of Juvenile Justice in America”

Over the past 20 years we have seen extreme changes in the philosophical underpinnings of the juvenile justice systems across the country. This swing of the pendulum is not new to us, but in the past we made our case for a more appropriate, proportionate and consistent response to juvenile offending without the strong research that now exists in support of this position. Our Luncheon Speaker, Shay Bilchik, will address our ability to use this research to create and sustain this more effective response to juvenile crime, and the policy, practice and leadership implications related to these efforts. He will explore these issues from both a developmental and multi-system perspective, focusing on the use of data, the reengineering of how we structure our work, and the need to partner in the development of family and community resources in preventing delinquency, reducing recidivism and achieving better outcomes for our system involved youth.

1:30 – 3:15

III. Gender Issues

Lawanda Ravoira, Director of the NCCD Center for Girls and Young Women

“A Call for Gender Equity in the Juvenile Justice System”

Tamar Birkhead, Assistant Professor, Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law

“The Youngest Profession: Consent, Autonomy, and Child Prostitution”

Sarah Valentine, Legal Research Coordinator and Associate Law Librarian, CUNY School of Law

“Supporting Non-standardized Children: Promising Futures for Queer Youth”

Joy Patton, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

“A Structural Equation Model of Risk, Protection, and Desistance among Female Adolescents who are Violent.”

Jen Woolard, Associate Professor, Psychology Department, Georgetown University

Commentator

(moderator: Shani King, Co-Director Center on Children & Families, University of Florida Levin College of Law)

3:15 - 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:00

IV. Changing the Paradigm, Changing Approaches

Robert Schwartz, Executive Director and Co-founder, Juvenile Law Center

“How the Lens of Adolescent Development Has Changed the Juvenile Justice Paradigm”

Mark Fondacaro, Professor, Department of Psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

“Retributive Injustice: Toward a Comprehensive Risk Management Model of Juvenile Justice,”

Dana Shoenberg, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

“Productive Approaches to addressing DMC”

Laurie Garduque, Program Director, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Program on Human and Community Development, Models for Change Program

“Opportunities and Challenges to Systems Reform”

Lonn Lanza-Kaduce, Professor, Department of Criminology, University of Florida

Commentator

(moderator: Kelly Weisberg, Visiting Hurst Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law, and Professor of Law, University of California Hastings College of Law)

5:00 – 7:00 Reception

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20

8:00 - 8:30 Registration Welcome Continental Breakfast

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V. Developmental Perspectives

Elizabeth Scott, Harold R. Medina Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

“Moral Panic, Precommitment and the Developmental Model of Juvenile Justice”

Jeffrey Fagan, Professor of Law & Public Health, Director, Center for Crime, Community and Law, Columbia Law School

“What’s in Your Pockets? Police Influences on Legal Socialization of Children and Adolescents”

Alex Piquero, Criminology, Professor, Florida State University

“Differential Deterrence: Studying Heterogeneity and Changes in Perceptual Deterrence among Serious Youthful Offenders”

Randee Waldman, Director, Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic

Steve Reba, Equal Justice Works Fellow Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic

Emory University School of Law

“Would You Like to Speak with your Mother? Parents as Counselors/Parents as Snitches”

Chris Slobogin, Professor of Law and Professor of Psychiatry, Vanderbilt University Law School
Commentator

(moderator: Dr. Lauren Fasig, Research Director, Center for Children and Families, University of Florida Levin College of Law)

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VI. Programs for Change

David Katner, Professor of Clinical Law and Director, Tulane Law School Juvenile Law Clinic
“Daycare and Delinquency”

Eric Dawson, Executive Director and co-founder, Peace Games
“Changing the Conversation: Seeing Young People as Peacemakers”

Khary Lazarre White, Executive Director & Co-Founder of Brotherhood/Sister Sol, NYC
“The Brotherhood/Sister Sol: A Rites of Passage Based Prevention Program”

Thalia N.C. Gonzalez, Assistant Professor, Politics Department, Occidental College
Benjamin Cairns, Restorative Justice Coordinator, North High School, Denver Public Schools
“Moving Beyond Exclusion: Integration Restorative Practices and Impacting School Culture in Denver Public Schools”

Bart Lubow, Director of Juvenile Justice Strategy Group at the AECF
Commentator

(moderator: Professor Kristin Henning, Deputy Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center)

12:00 – 2:00

LUNCHEON PLENARY SPEAKER:

GEOFFREY CANADA

FOUNDER, PRESIDENT AND CEO, THE HARLEM CHILDREN’S ZONE

“The Crisis Facing Youth – What Adults & Communities Can Do to Save Our Children”

American youth face problems that many of us never imagined. The issues of violence, gangs, drugs, and failing schools are not confined to one city, or community. You find these problems in urban and rural, rich and poor communities. The answers are not to be found in any one strategy; individuals, families, schools and communities must develop a plan of action to save our children. With hard work, dedication, and a prioritizing of our resources, we can create a safe, caring and stimulating environment for all children.

2:00 – 3:00

Geoffrey Canada Book Signing & Reception