



# **2018 DC Prisoner and Reentry Symposium**

## **Envisioning a New Jail**

**September 21, 2018, from 9am to 5pm**  
**DC Bar, 901 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC**

***Speaker Biographies***

# **Acknowledgments**

**The CIC and PDS would like to thank the staff and interns of the CIC and PDS-CDD/PRLS who have gone above and beyond to help coordinate and facilitate this year's Symposium. We are grateful to the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church for their generosity and support to the CIC over the years, which made food and drink possible. We are deeply indebted to the Symposium presenters who freely gave their time and expertise.**

**Last, but not least, thank you to all of the participants of the 2nd D.C. Prisoner and Reentry Symposium. May we take what we have learned here today and make a better world for incarcerated and returning D.C. residents, their families, and the community.**

*Michelle Bonner Chiquisha Robinson*



## Symposium Co-Hosts



***Michelle Bonner***  
***Executive Director***

***D.C. Corrections Information Council Manager***

Michelle Bonner is the Executive Director of the DC Corrections Information Council. Michelle has audited and inspected prisons, jails and halfway houses as a DOJ-certified Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Auditor and as Board Chair of DC's Corrections Information Council from 2012 to 2014.

Michelle recently served as Chief Counsel of the Defender Legal Services (DLS) Division of the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA). Prior to joining NLADA, Michelle was Director of Legal Services at Our Place DC, which served incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women in Washington, DC. She also represented clients charged with criminal offenses in the District of Columbia in private practice as an appellate defense attorney, as a trial attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and as a Prettyman/Stiller Fellow at the Georgetown University Law Center.

She earned a bachelor's degree from The Johns Hopkins University and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a law degree from Stanford Law.



***Chiquisha Robinson***

***Prisoner & Reentry Legal Services***

***The Public Defender Service for  
the District of Columbia,  
Community Defender Division***

Chiquisha Robinson serves as the Manager of the Prisoner & Reentry Legal Services (PRLS) program in the Community Defender Division (CDD) of The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS). CDD provides legal advice and advocacy, social services, and community education and outreach to adults and children who are in the post-adjudication stage of a criminal or juvenile delinquency case arising out of the D.C. Superior Court.

As PRLS manager, Chiquisha and her team respond to the legal and social services needs of incarcerated people in the D.C. Jail and the Federal Bureau of Prisons by providing legal information and representation. Further, she represents newly released individuals and others with D.C. criminal records, assisting them in making a successful transition back into the community.

Prior to joining the CDD, Chiquisha was an attorney in the PDS Parole and Trial Division. She received her law degree from Boston College Law School and her undergraduate degree in Sociology from the Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.





***Major Jimmie H. Barrett***  
***Director of Corrections***  
***Arlington County Sheriff's Office***

Jimmie Barrett has been employed with the Sheriff's Office in Arlington, Virginia since 1992 and presently holds the rank of Major. He has been the Director of Corrections for the Arlington County Detention Facility since 2015.

He was a past Chairman of the Court Officers' & Deputies' Association (CODA), a subcommittee of The National Sheriffs' Association and is a Life Member of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Jimmie has published articles and instructed on the topic of Court Security/Judicial Threat Management for the National Sheriffs' Association and The Virginia Center for Policing Innovation across the country. He is the author of the book *Protecting Court: A Practitioners Guide to Court Security*. Jimmie holds a master's degree in Public Administration from George Mason University, and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Texas Lutheran University.



***Quincy L. Booth***  
***Director***  
***D.C. Department of Corrections***

Quincy L. Booth, Director for the D.C. Department of Corrections (DCDOC), is a proven results oriented and organizational development senior manager with over 15 years' experience in D.C. Government operations including leadership/policy development roles in public safety.

Prior to being appointed Director by Mayor Muriel Bowser, Mr. Booth served as Management Support Deputy Director for DCDOC. During his two year tenure in this role, Mr. Booth implemented an organizational realignment for his division and expanded key functions including EEO, Diversity and Policy.

As Chief of Staff in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Mr. Booth collaborated with the District's public safety agencies, other District agencies, City Council, and federal justice and interstate partners to provide expertise in strategic planning, government operations, and performance management.

Mr. Booth holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a B.S. in Marketing.





***David Bostwick, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP  
Justice Principal  
HDR***

As one of the country's leading justice consultants, David is a 30-year veteran in justice architecture focused extensively on justice facility planning and design. David has been instrumental in completing a variety of justice projects, including federal and state prisons, county jails, law enforcement facilities and courts projects throughout the country. He is laser-focused in working through the public planning process with his clients to develop solutions that are operationally efficient, sustainable and focused on their long-term needs. His experience spans planning services to more than 40 jurisdictions and design services to 25+ jurisdictions.

David is a contributing author on jail design for the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and U.S. Department of Justice publication Jail Design Guide, and he has published articles on facility planning and design in Sheriff Magazine. Frequently called upon to share his expertise, he is leading a workshop on jail planning and design at the American Jail Association Conference co-sponsored by the NIC.



***Keir Bradford-Grey  
Chief Defender  
Defender Association of Philadelphia***

Ms. Bradford-Grey was appointed as Chief Defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia effective September 2015. Ms. Bradford-Grey has spearheaded initiatives to have clients develop the necessary tools to become more productive when re-entering their communities. To accomplish this task, she has established partnerships with others in the community – from judges to prosecutors to nonprofits – to advance client-centered representation, making communities safer and stronger in addition to empowering individuals. Additionally, Ms. Bradford-Grey has devoted time and resources toward “pre-entry” so that those who need it can get the help and services they deserve before being subjected to incarceration, thereby hopefully bypassing the collateral consequences that accompany confinement and possibly avoiding a criminal record altogether.

Prior to Mrs. Grey's appointment at the Defender Association of Philadelphia, she was Chief Defender for Montgomery County (PA), an assistant federal defender at the Delaware Federal Defenders Office and was an assistant public defender at the Defender Association of Philadelphia. Mrs. Grey has dedicated her career to public interest work. Ms. Bradford-Grey, earned her undergraduate degree in criminal justice at Albany State University, and received her law degree from Ohio Northern University School of Law.





***Kevin Donahue***

***Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice  
Office of the Deputy Mayor for  
Public Safety and Justice***

Appointed by then Mayor-elect Muriel Bowser in December 2014, Kevin Donahue serves as the Deputy City Administrator and the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice.

Mr. Donahue's use of data as a tool to improve core city functions began in 2008 when he served as Director of CapStat under Mayor Adrian Fenty. CapStat, a data-based accountability system.

Prior to joining the Bowser Administration, Mr. Donahue served as the Executive Director of the Federal government's Performance Improvement Council. Mr. Donahue also led the successful development of a reform agenda for the US General Services Administration following a damaging conference-spending scandal. Previously, Mr. Donahue worked at the US Department of the Treasury, serving as the Director for Strategic & Planning and Performance Improvement and a Senior Advisor to its Assistant Secretary for Management and CFO.

Mr. Donahue earned his bachelor's degree in government at Georgetown University. He also holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University.



***Nancy Fishman***

***Project Director, Center on Sentencing and  
Corrections  
Vera Institute of Justice***

Nancy joined Vera in 2013 as project director in the Center on Sentencing and Corrections. She supervises Vera's work on bail reform and reducing the overuse of jail incarceration, including technical assistance to jurisdictions participating in the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge. She has also supervised Vera's support for states participating in the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Justice Reinvestment Initiative and other projects focusing on systemic data-driven policy and practice reform of state and local criminal justice systems.

Prior to coming to Vera, Nancy oversaw the development and coordination of juvenile justice and youth development programs at the Center for Court Innovation. Other work has included six years at the New Jersey Institute of Social Justice, developing and managing a broad portfolio of work around prisoner reentry and barriers to economic success for urban residents.

She holds BA and JD degrees from Yale University and a MA in human development and social policy from Northwestern University.





***Michelle M. Garcia***  
***Director***  
***Office of Victim Services and Justice***

As Director, Ms. Garcia provides leadership and coordination of District funded programs that serve crime victims, prevent crime, and improve the administration of justice for victims and offenders. OVSJG also provides policy making expertise, advice, and counsel to the Executive on evidence-based practices that respond to, intervene in, and prevent violence.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Garcia worked with the Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime for nearly a decade, serving as the Director for over nine years. She previously served as a Program Specialist with the US Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime and has over twenty years of experience working on the local, state, and national level in the movements to end stalking, sexual assault, and domestic and dating violence.





***Jamila Hodge***  
***Director, Prosecution Reform Program***  
***Vera Institute of Justice***

Jamila Hodge is the Director of the Prosecution Reform Program at the Vera Institute of Justice. Jami and her team work with elected prosecutors to end mass incarceration, address racial disparities, and to make their offices more accountable to the communities they serve.

She joined Vera after serving for 12 years as an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, DC. During her tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Jami handled both local and federal crimes and tried more than 30 cases. Jami also served detail assignments as a senior advisor in the Department of Justice Office of Legal Policy, and as an Advisor for Criminal Justice and Drug Policy in the White House Office of the Vice President during the Obama administration.

Jami holds a JD from Duke University School of Law, and a BA in psychology and sociology from the University of Michigan.



***The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton***  
***The United States House of Representatives***  
***House Committee on Transportation and***  
***Infrastructure***  
***Representing the District of Columbia***

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, now in her fourteenth term as the Congresswoman for the District of Columbia, is the Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. She serves on two committees: the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Before her congressional service, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to serve as the first woman to chair the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She came to Congress as a national figure who had been a civil rights and feminist leader, tenured professor of law, and board member at three Fortune 500 companies. The Congresswoman's work for full congressional voting representation and for full democracy for the people of the District of Columbia continues her lifelong struggle for universal human and civil rights.

After receiving her bachelor's degree from Antioch College in Ohio, she simultaneously earned her law degree and a master's degree in American Studies from Yale University.





***Marc M. Howard***  
***Professor of Government and Law and***  
***Director of the Prisons and***  
***Justice Initiative***  
***Georgetown University***

Marc Morjé Howard is Professor of Government and Law at Georgetown University. He is the founding Director of the Prisons and Justice Initiative (PJI), which brings together scholars, practitioners, and students to combat the problem of mass incarceration. His most recent book is *Unusually Cruel: Prisons, Punishment, and the Real American Exceptionalism* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

Having previously taught for years at the Jessup Correctional Institution, a maximum-security prison in Maryland, Howard is also deeply committed to providing education for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people. PJI recently launched the Georgetown Prison Scholars Program at the DC Jail, which offers Georgetown courses (both credit-bearing and non-credit) to incarcerated men and women. Howard also co-directs the Georgetown Pivot Program, to support a cohort of 15-20 returning citizens (formerly incarcerated people) who will spend a year studying entrepreneurship, business, and the liberal arts while also working part-time at Georgetown.

Howard received his B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics from Yale University, his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and his J.D. from Georgetown University.



***Sheriff Antionette V. Irving***  
***Sheriff's Office***  
***City of Richmond***

On January 1, 2018, Dr. Antionette V. Irving became Sheriff of the City of Richmond facilitating one of the largest Sheriff's Offices in the Commonwealth, to include over 450 sworn and civilian staff members.

Sheriff Irving enjoyed a 26+ year career in the Henrico Sheriff's Office and was the first woman to be promoted to the rank of Major in either the Henrico Sheriff's Office or Police Department. As she steps in to her new role, Sheriff Irving will focus on establishing a culture of excellence at the Sheriff's Office by focusing on the professional development of the staff, establishing strong community partnerships, and equipping residents of the Justice Center with the resources they need to prepare themselves for successful reentry into society.

In addition to her BA in Criminal Justice from Shaw University, Sheriff Irving earned her Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, and her PhD in Business Administration with a concentration in Criminal Justice from Northcentral University.





***Ed Lazere***  
***Executive Director***  
***D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute***

Ed has led the work of the DC Fiscal Policy Institute since its inception in 2001. Under his leadership, DCFPI has become the primary source of independent information on the DC budget and one of the most influential policy organizations focused on the District. Lazere is recognized as a leading expert on the District's budget and tax system, and he is looked to as a resource on a number of policy issues such as affordable housing and welfare-to-work programs.

Ed's work at the DC Fiscal Policy Institute has received numerous honors, including awards from Bread for the City, the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, the DC Employment Justice Center, the DC Primary Care Association, the Center for Nonprofit Advancement, DC Jobs With Justice, and the Healthy Families/Thriving Communities Collaborative Council

Ed earned an undergraduate degree from Harvard College and a Master's in public policy from the University of Maryland.



***Amy K. Lopez***  
***Deputy Director of Professional***  
***Developments and College and Career***  
***Readiness***  
***D.C. Department of Corrections***

Ms. Lopez began her career as a public school teacher and then administrator in Texas, her home state. She found her way into correctional education as the Superintendent of Education for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and was later recruited to initiate education reforms for the 160,000 inmates in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice by the Windham School District.

In 2016, Obama-era Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates recruited Ms. Lopez to build a school district within the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In May of 2017, the initiatives were no longer supported, and Ms. Lopez joined the DC DOC family, where she has pioneered innovative program opportunities.

She is a graduate of Texas Tech University, earned her M.Ed. from Lubbock Christian University, and is currently a Doctoral candidate at Sam Houston State University.





***Carole Olshavsky***  
***Vice President, Program Management***  
***Pizzuti***

Carole J. Olshavsky, FAIA, brings years of project oversight and design experience to her role as Pizzuti's Vice President of Program Management.

A graduate of Kent State University, Carole received her architectural license in 1973 and was appointed state architect of Ohio in 1985, a position she held for three years. In 1988, she was promoted to deputy director of the Ohio Division of Public Works, a position she held until 1991. During her tenure, Carole initiated a master plan study for the renovation of the Ohio Statehouse; the \$100 million renovation project was completed in 1996.

After working for several years for a private firm, Carole joined Columbus City Schools in 2003 as Senior Executive of Capital Improvement. Carole led a 15-year, \$1.3 billion school reconstruction program. Under Carole's leadership, 42 school projects - including a dozen historic renovations - were completed during the first 10 years of the program.



***Cigarette Parks***  
***Project Manager***  
***Pizzuti***

Cigarette is responsible for development and construction project controls activities at Pizzuti. As Project Manager, she manages subcontractors and provides oversight of project budgets and schedules on industrial warehouse, office and tenant improvement projects ranging in value from \$3 million to \$8 million.

Cigarette performs all LEED project administration functions including collection of design and construction phase supporting documentation, template submittal and credit calculations. She also provides assistance in prevailing wage administration.

Cigarette's project list includes serving as Project Manager for the Franklin County Board of Elections facility and Project Controls Manager for the Franklin County Public Safety Center.

A retired Commander with 21 years of U.S. Navy service, Cigarette is a Registered Contractor in the City of Columbus.

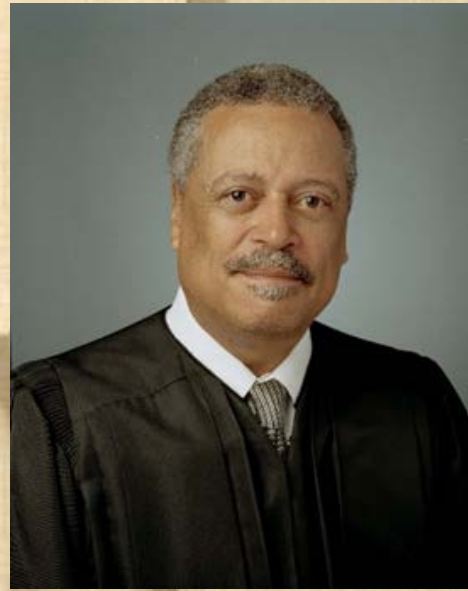




***Chief Deputy Geoff Stobart  
Chief Deputy of Research, Development,  
and Major Projects  
Franklin County Sheriff's Office,  
Columbus, Ohio***

Chief Deputy Geoff Stobart is the Chief Deputy of Research, Development, and Major Projects for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Ohio. With a career spanning over 27 years, Chief Stobart has gained wide and deep experience within the Sheriff's Office. Prior to taking his current position, he managed the Office's largest division and was responsible for the custody and care of more than 2,000 inmates in two jails, and for the security of all individuals working and visiting in Franklin County government buildings. He has been assigned to every Division of the Office spending time in Patrol, Community Relations, Internal Affairs, and Investigations.

Chief Stobart obtained a Graduate Certificate in Management Development from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations of Cornell University and is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He serves on the Franklin County Re-Entry Coalition, and the Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board.



***The Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan  
United States District Court for  
the District of Columbia***

On October 3, 1984, Judge Sullivan was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. On November 25, 1991, Judge Sullivan was appointed by President George H. W. Bush to serve as an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

On June 16, 1994, Judge Sullivan was appointed by President William J. Clinton to serve as United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Upon his appointment as a United States District Judge, Judge Sullivan became the first person in the District of Columbia to have been appointed by three United States Presidents to three judicial positions.

Judge Emmet G. Sullivan was born in Washington, D.C., and attended public schools in the District of Columbia until his graduation from McKinley High School in 1964. In 1968, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Howard University and, in 1971, a Juris Doctor Degree from the Howard University School of Law.





***Nkechi Taifa***  
***Advocacy Director for Criminal Justice***  
***Open Society Foundations***

Nkechi Taifa is the advocacy director for criminal justice at the Open Society Foundations. Her areas of expertise include federal sentencing reform, executive clemency, law enforcement accountability, and re-entry. Taifa also convenes the Justice Roundtable, a Washington-based advocacy coalition that advances criminal justice reforms.

Taifa is the founding director of the Equal Justice Program at Howard University Law School and was adjunct professor at both Howard Law and American University Washington College of Law. She was legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, serving as principal spokesperson for its Washington Office on criminal justice and civil rights issues. Taifa also served as public policy counsel for the Women's Legal Defense Fund and as staff attorney for the National Prison Project.



***Don Wheat***  
***Senior Vice President, Public & Private***  
***Projects***  
***Pizzuti***

Don Wheat serves as Pizzuti's Senior Vice President of Public and Private Projects. As Franklin County's Owner Representative, Don served as Pizzuti's senior project manager for the new Franklin County Courthouse and Pavilion in Columbus, Ohio, providing oversight and management of all project activities including design, construction management and master planning. Don led the recent update of the Franklin County Government Center Master Plan, and completed the renovation of Franklin County's Hall of Justice old courts building into a modern judicial services building.

A registered architect with more than 30 years of experience in architecture and owner representation, Don has a strong background in all aspects of the profession, with particular emphasis on project management, strategic and master planning, programming, conceptual design, construction documents and cost management.