Health Behind Bars

What Obamacare Means for Courts, Prisons, Jails and Justice-Involved Communities

(And How to Report the Story)



MONDAY, OCT. 21

JOHN JAY COLLEGE, MOOT COURT

8:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:30am
PANEL 1
THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S
IMPRINT ON CORRECTIONAL
HEALTH CARE

Elizabeth Glazer, former deputy director, New York State Office of Criminal Justice Services

Amy Solomon, senior advisor, US Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs

Moderator: **Stephen Handelman,** Center on Media, Crime and Justice

9:30 - 9:45am **BREAK**

9:45 – 10:30am
PANEL 2
IF THEY BUILD IT,
WHO WILL COME?

Curtis Lowery, MD, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Center for Distance Health and ANGELS

Nicole Redmond, MD, University of Alabama Division of Preventive Health and Northern District of Alabama Reentry Council

Pam Rodriguez, Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities of Illinois

Moderator: Ivan Oransky, MD, New York University Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program and NYU Medical School

10:30 – 10:45am **BREAK**

10:45am – 12:00pm PANEL 3 WHY CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE QUALITY MATTERS

Julio Medina, Exodus Transitional Community

Donna Strugar-Fritsch, Health Management Associates

Natasha Williams, The Rose Group

Moderator: Katti Gray, The Crime Report

12:00 – 5:00pm **REPORTING SITE VISITS** (FOR FELLOWS)

Escorts/briefers:

Steven Rosenberg, Community Oriented Correctional Health Services

Homer Venters, MD, New York City Department of Corrections

5:00pm **RETURN TO JOHN JAY**

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

JOHN JAY COLLEGE, MOOT COURT

8:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 – 10:00am
PANEL 4
OBAMACARE AND
PRE-TRIAL JUSTICE

Tracie Gardner, Legal Action Center

Tim Murray, Pre-Trial Justice Institute

Moderator: **Cara Tabachnick,** CMCJ and The Crime Report

10:00 – 10:15am **BREAK**

10:15 – 11:30am
PANEL 5
THE MEDIA AND
CORRECTIONAL CARE

Discussion leader:

Tyeese Gaines, DO, MSNBC's The Grio and Yale School of Medicine

11:30 – 11:45am **BREAK**

11:45am – 1:00pm
PANEL 6
AFTER INMATES GO HOME—
AND MOST OF THEM DO

Alethea Simon, Greenhope Services for Women

Mercedes Smith, Women on the Rise Telling Her Story

Emily Wang, MD, Yale School of Medicine and Transitions Clinic Network

Moderator: **Curtis Stephen,** freelance journalist and Long Island University Department of Journalism

1:00 — 2:00pm **FELLOWS LUNCH**

2:00 – 3:30pm
PANEL 7
CARE FOR AGING, ADDICTED,
CHRONICALLY AND MENTALLY
ILL INMATES AND DETAINEES

Kathleen Maurer, MD, Connecticut Department of Corrections

Judge Robert Russell, Drug Treatment, Mental Health and Veterans Courts of Buffalo, NY; acting Judge of Erie County Court

Risdon Slate, board member, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Moderator: **Martin Horn,** distinguished lecturer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

3:30pm – 3:45 **BREAK**

3:45 – 5:15pm WHAT'S NEXT: THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF CORRECTIONAL CARE

Senator Joseph Vitale, chair, New Jersey State Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee

Therese Brumfield, VP of provider services, Corizon Correctional Healthcare

Tom Sullivan, health services director, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Steve Rosenberg, COCHS

Moderator: Stephen Handelman, CMCJ

5:15 – 6:00pm STORY DISCUSSION FOR FELLOWS

Fellow Biographies

Daffodil Altan, Center for Investigative Reporting

Daffodil Altan is a bilingual video producer at The Center for Investigative Reporting in California. A print and multimedia journalist, her work focuses on immigration, Latino and youth culture, criminal justice, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. Her reporting has appeared in Mother Jones, The Los Angeles Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, Latina Magazine and OC Weekly (where she was a staff writer). She has produced video for Frontline World, Telemundo and New America Media, in addition to her independent film work. Daffodil has received awards from the Los Angeles Press Club, The Society of Professional Journalists and the Imagen Foundation. She received a master's degree in journalism from U.C. Berkeley.

Anna Maria Barry-Jester, Univisión Anna Maria Barry-Jester is a producer and reporter for Univisión, covering health and health care reform. Her previous reporting on the social and political determinants of health has been published by ABC News, The Center for Public Integrity and the Associated Press, among other news outlets. As a producer for ABC News, she led coverage on a vearlong global health series that won a 2012 Overseas Press Club award and an Edward R. Murrow. A multi-year collaboration with the Center for Public Integrity investigating a mysterious epidemic of kidney disease killing thousands in Central America and South Asia was recognized with a Sigma Delta Chi award for public service from the Society of Professional Journalists and a Sidney Award from the Sidney Hillman Foundation. She received her BA from NYU in Latin American Studies and an MPH from Columbia University in Epidemiology and Global Health.

Lori Brasier, The Detroit Free Press
Lori Brasier has been a staff writer covering criminal justice at the Detroit Free Press for more than 20 years. She has won many state and national awards, including first place honors with the Society of Professional Journalists, Best of Gannett awards, and most recently the Silver Gavel, presented by the American Bar Association in recognition of her investigative work on the Michigan Department of Corrections. In addition to her awards, she has made numerous appearances on national

television, including Good Morning America, 20/20, and the Arts and Entertainment channel to discuss her work. She holds a BA in Journalism from California State University, Northridge.

Trey Bundy, Center for Investigative Reporting Trey Bundy covers vulnerable populations for The Center for Investigative Reporting in California—specializing in stories about youth, criminal justice, social services and mental health. Before becoming a reporter he worked for 10 years with children from backgrounds of abuse and neglect. His awards include: the national William Randolph Hearst Foundation award for Article of the Year, Before joining CIR he covered culture for the San Francisco Chronicle and youth for The Bay Citizen, where he regularly contributed to The New York Times. His work has also appeared in SF Weekly, KQED.org, NBC Bay Area, Huffington Post, TheAtlantic.com and other outlets.

Megan Cassidy, Casper Star Tribune (Wyoming) Megan Cassidy is the crime and courts reporter at the Casper Star-Tribune, the statewide newspaper in Wyoming. She recently graduated from the journalism master's program at the University of Missouri, and has been at the Star-Tribune for just over a year. Earlier, Cassidy worked as an intern reporter at an Englishlanguage newspaper in Buenos Aires.

Terry Collins, Associated Press

Terry Collins is a reporter for the Associated Press, where he covers criminal justice a.k.a. "Mayhem" across the San Francisco Bay Area-Northern California region. He has written about the nationwide effort by top law enforcement officials to thwart the billion-dollar epidemic of smartphone thefts; the ongoing saga of the Oakland Police Department to avoid a federal takeover: Occupy Oakland and the unprecedented near-ouster of the San Francisco Sheriff by his fellow city leaders. Collins previously worked at the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, where he wrote a critically-acclaimed series on the aftermath of the deadly shootings at Red Lake High School. He also was a member of a team that won numerous national awards for "Borrowing Trouble," a series that focused on the rise of payday lenders in Minnesota. Terry was also a reporter at the Kansas City Star. In 2013, Collins served as a judge for the National Headliner Awards.

Pedro Frisneda, El Diario

Pedro F. Frisneda is the Health Editor of El Diario/La Prensa —the nation's oldest Spanish language newspaper and the largest in New York City for 100 years. Born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela, where he obtained his bachelor degree in Journalism in 1994, he began his career as a News-Producer for Telven Channel 10, the third-largest television station in his native country. After he moved to the U.S. as Associate Editor for the weekly newspaper El Latinoamericano USA, he developed, researched and wrote front-page stories and indepth special investigations on diverse topics, paving special attention to the health issues of the Spanish community in New York City. The 18- year reporting veteran also worked as New York Correspondent for Tiempos Del Mundo, a weekly Spanish language newspaper published in 14 Latin American Countries and the cities of Washington DC, New York and Miami, Awards include: four Gold Awards from the National Association of Hispanic Publications, for his outstanding articles published in the Health Section of El Diario/La Prensa. He is a member of the Association of Health Care Journalists and currently resides in New York City.

Gilman Halsted, Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) Gilman Halsted, the Criminal Justice reporter for WPR in Madison, WI, covers the courts and the prison system, as well as general assignment stories. Before entering journalism, he spent 10 years as as a social worker and then English teacher in Bangladesh, Washington DC, India and Wisconsin. He has produced spot stories and features for NPR's Morning Edition and All Things Considered. He has also contributed pieces to the following public radio news magazines: Justice Talking, Independent Native News, The World and Voice of America. He has a bachelor's degree from the School for International Training in Vermont, and a Masters in Teaching English as a Second Language from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California. He has been honored by the Associated Press-Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Press Club and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association. He also won the regional Edward R. Murrow award from the Radio and Television News Directors Association for coverage of the Perrier conflict.

Nora Hertel, Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism

Nora G. Hertel joined the Center as an intern in summer 2013, after completing her master's degree from the UW-Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She served as the managing editor for MadisonCommons.org and published works with Isthmus as both an intern and freelancer. Her work has also appeared in the Wisconsin State Journal and The Country Today. She enjoys producing audio and video reports as well. Her short documentary on female boxer Andrea Nelson won an award from the Wisconsin Union Directorate.Hertel received a

bachelor's degree from Lawrence University, and an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Lori Kersey, Charleston Gazette (West Virginia) Lori Kersey has been covering health for West Virginia's largest newspaper, the Charleston Gazette, since September 2011. The West Virginia Press Association gave Kersey and her coworkers the 2013 best written news story award for coverage of a gas explosion in Sissonville, West Virginia that destroyed five houses. Born and raised in the Charleston area, she studied print journalism at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va. and earned a master's degree in communication at Morehead State University. Prior to the Gazette, she worked for a community newspaper in Ohio and another in Kentucky.

Victoria Law. Truthout.com (Freelance) Victoria Law frequently covers criminal justice issues, including incarcerated women's health care. Her first book, Resistance Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women, explores resistance and organizing among women imprisoned in the United States. She devoted an entire chapter to prison medical treatment and women's actions to challenge inadequate care. Her book won the 2009 PASS (Prevention for a Safer Society) Award; a second edition was released in 2012. In 2012, Law worked with WORTH (Women on the Rise Telling Her Story) to launch their Birthing Behind Bars campaign, which utilizes women's stories of pregnancy behind bars to push for changes in prison reproductive health policies.

Simon McCormack, The Huffington Post
Simon McCormack works for The Huffington
Post's Crime and Weird verticals. He started
as a full-time employee at the Post, where he
worked on the Trends desk, which files stories
for multiple verticals across the site. McCormack
has worked to bring the issue of prisoner rights
to the forefront of HuffPost's crime coverage
and to shine a light on a population that is often
too easily ignored. He has been a professional
journalist for six years and is originally from
Albuquerque.

Patricia Murphy, KUOW (Seattle, WA)
Patricia Murphy is an award-winning reporter at KUOW Public Radio in Seattle, where she focuses on military affairs, veterans issues and criminal justice. Murphy's most recent series, "Less than Honorable," investigated how the military handles more than 3,000 sexual assault cases each year. Her 2011 collaboration with the Seattle Times, "The Weight of War," looked at heavy loads carried by troops and the increase in chronic orthopedic injuries as a result; the series won a national award for Excellence in Health Care Journalism from the Association of Healthcare Journalists. She also received a national Edward R. Murrow Award for a

documentary on IV drug use. In 2012, Murphy was inducted into the Dart Society, a network of journalists who cover trauma, conflict and social injustice. In a briefing document accidentally sent to her by an Army public affairs officer, she was described as "a professional, no-nonsense reporter who comes to the table fully prepared," though her colleagues at KUOW might also describe her as the station cut-up. She holds a BA from Emerson College in Boston.

Lekan Oguntoyinbo, The Crisis (Freelance) Lekan Oguntoyinbo is a national award-winning independent journalist with a passion for writing about broad policy issues and their impact on average citizens. In his 25-year career as a reporter, he has written extensively about government, politics, law enforcement, courts, the criminal justice system, minority issues and the changing face of America. More recently, he has written about the impact of the Affordable Care Act on farmers and labor unions as well as on an array of professions in the healthcare industry, including dental assistants, pharmacy techs and social workers. Lekan's work has appeared in numerous regional and national publications, such as Business Week, Sports Illustrated. The Washington Post and Health Traveler magazine. He is currently a contributing reporter for several news outlets, including healthcallings.com, dice.com and Farm Futures

Deanna Pan, Northwest Inlander (Spokane, WA) Deanna Pan is a news reporter for the *Pacific* Northwest Inlander, an alt weekly in Spokane. where she covers social services and state politics. During her tenure at the *Inlander*, she's written two cover stories, including one on Washington's broken system for civilly committing violent sex offenders. Previously, Pan was a fellow at MotherJones, where she was one of three reporters responsible for producing the magazine's widely-cited in-depth investigation into mass shootings across the country. The project examined the weapons and mental health history of more than 60 mass shooters and won a Sigma Delta Chi Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. Before graduating from Ohio State University in 2012, she interned at the Columbus Dispatch. Her narrative story for the Dispatch about a teenager who died from a prescription-drug overdose won a first place Ohio APME award for enterprise reporting.

Louise Radnofsky, Wall Street Journal
Louise Radnofsky is the health policy reporter
for the Wall Street Journal's national news
bureau in Washington, D.C. She has covered
the beat since October 2011, reporting on
implementation of the federal health-care law,
the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and
abortion policy, and was part of the Journal's
prize-winning team covering the Supreme
Court decision on the constitutionality of the
Affordable Care Act. She joined the Journal
in March 2008, and previously covered the

economic stimulus package and government operations, including the growth of federal criminal law. She was a National Press Foundation Paul Miller Washington Reporting Fellow in 2009-2010, and a fellow at the 2010 Loyola Journalist Law School. Radnofsky was born in Memphis, Tenn. but grew up in London. She has history degrees from University College, Oxford and a Master's from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Yanick Rice Lamb, Freelance health and social issues iournalist, Howard University Yanick Rice Lamb currently writes for, among others, MSNBC's The Grio and the Afro-American Newspapers, where she is developing a series on incarceration. She was an editor at The New York Times before joining the company's magazine division as a senior editor for health and education at Child. She went on to become editor-at-large at Essence, founding editor of BET Weekend magazine and editor-in-chief of Heart & Soul, a national health and fitness magazine. A 2011 fellow of the Association of Health Care Journalists, she is interim assistant chair of Howard University's Department of Media, Journalism and Film. She is writing a series on incarceration for the Afro-American Newspapers. Her book projects include Born to Win: The Authorized Biography of Althea Gibson and Health & Healing for African Americans.

Eric Whitney, Colorado Public Radio/NPR (Freelance)

Eric Whitney has 20 years of public radio reporting experience, the last five as a fulltime health reporter focused on health policy for Colorado Public Radio. Earlier this year, he gave up his staff job to report more for NPR and Kaiser Health News (KHN), as an NPR/KHN Health Care in the States fellow. A fellowship from the Annenberg Foundation is providing additional support for reporting in Florida and Michigan later this year. A residential fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2000 cemented Whitney's interest in health reporting. That led to a reporting trip to Africa in 2001, and a year spent freelancing from Cape Town, South Africa in 2004. Whitney has worked for several public radio stations in Colorado, a regional radio service based in Montana, and has contributed to the Denver Post and High Country News.

Jacque Wilson, CNN.com

Jacque Wilson is a health writer and producer at CNN.com. As a multimedia journalist for the site, she analyzes new scientific studies, covers breaking news and produces in-depth feature stories on people who represent the latest health trends. She also runs the CNN Health Twitter feed @CNNHealth. While she particularly loves to write about diet and fitness, she is always interested in learning more outside of her areas of expertise.

Elijah Wolfson, Medical Daily

As Editorial Director of *Medical Daily*, Elijah Wolfson is responsible for supervising the development and execution of original content creation on the site. He is passionate about exposing issues of health inequality both domestically and globally, and has written on subjects ranging from the heritability of IQ and the poverty-diabetes connection to the global impact of polio eradication. He is a New Jersey native who switched coasts to attend the

University of California, Berkeley, from which he graduated with a BA in Rhetoric and Creative Writing. Before joining New York-based *Medical Daily* in 2012, Elijah was Editorial Director of Healthline.com, where he managed the site's content strategy and execution. Wolfson is also an award-winning screenwriter and filmmaker, and is currently a contributor to *Huffington Post's* health section.

Speaker Biographies

Therese Brumfield is vice president of provider operations at the Nashville, TN-based Corizon Correctional Healthcare, where she negotiates and oversees all the company's contracts to deliver correctional medical services. Before assuming her current post, she was Corizon's director of provider operations, and her duties included implementing, executing and monitoring performance standards. She has more than 20 years of experience in the health care field. Brumfield earned a BS from Aquinas College and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Tveese Gaines, DO, is health editor for MSNBC's The Grio. She practices emergency medicine at several community hospitals in New Jersey and is a clinical professor of emergency medicine at Yale School of Medicine. She has appeared as a medical expert on MSNBC and WNBC and written for Boston Magazine and NBC6 in Miami. Dr. Gaines earned a BS in African-American studies and an MA in journalism from Northeastern University. She earned her DO at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her medical residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital, where she was chief resident. She is a member of the Association of Health Care Journalists and National Association of Black Journalists, and on the American Medical Association's Minority Affairs Section governing council.

Tracie Gardner is New York state policy director for the Legal Action Center, where she leads lobbying, community organizing and budget and legislative advocacy regarding criminal justice, HIV/AIDS and addiction. Recently, her work has

focused on Medicaid enrollment and health care access for those involved with the criminal justice system. Gardner also consults nationally on the aforementioned topics. The founder and coordinator of the Women's Initiative to Stop HIV, Gardner also has been a staffer at the Gay Men's Health Crisis, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies and Funders Concerned about AIDS. She earned a BA from Mount Holyoke College.

Elizabeth Glazer, is the New York State Office of Criminal Justice Service's former deputy secretary for public safety, and previously chaired the New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. Her prior federal and municipal posts include serving as chief of the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York's organized crime, violent gangs and crime control strategies sections. As New York City's Department of Investigation's first deputy commissioner; and as the Westchester County (NY) District Attorney Office's first deputy district attorney. Glazer also has been special counsel in the New York State Attorney General's Office. Early in her career, she was New York City's Department of Juvenile Justice's director of management information services. Glazer earned a BA from Harvard University and a JD from Columbia Law School.

Katti Gray is a contributing editor at *The Crime Report*. A veteran journalist who specializes in coverage of criminal justice, health care and education, her work has appeared in *The Washington Post, The Grio, The Root, The Sun, Salon, Reuters Health, Newsday, Essence, Diverse Issues in Higher Education,*

dailyRX, and others. Gray is a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, the Association of Health Care Journalists and the National Association of Black Journalists. She teaches in Hunter College's Department of Film and Media Studies, runs New York University's Urban Journalism Workshop, and previously was an adjunct professor at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She was on a team of Newsday staffers who won a 1997 Pulitzer Prize.

Stephen Handelman has been director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice at John Jay College since 2007. He is executive editor of *The* Crime Report, and hosts John Jay's monthly program for CUNY-TV, "Criminal Justice Matters." A veteran journalist and award-winning foreign correspondent and author, he has worked for the Toronto Star and Time magazine. His byline also has appeared in, among others, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Independent (UK), The Christian Science Monitor, Popular Science and Foreign Affairs. Handelman authored, among other titles, Comrade Criminal: Russia's New Mafiva and co-edited How They Got Away With It: Lessons from the Financial Meltdown." He earned an MPA from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and is a member of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, and the Council on Foreign Relations; and serves as consulting managing editor of Americas Quarterly

Martin Horn is a distinguished lecturer in corrections at John Jay College. He also serves as executive director of the New York State Sentencing Commission, and managing director of KeyPoint Government Solutions, which performs investigations and risk mitigations for organizations including the federal Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protections. Previously, he served as Department of Corrections commissioner for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, executive director of the New York State Division of Parole, and director of the New York State Department of Correctional Services. Previous posts include commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction and New York City Department of Probation. He began his career as a New York State parole officer, and earned an MA in criminal justice from John Jay.

Curtis Lowery, MD, is chairman of the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences department of obstetrics and gynecology, and founder of the university's Center for Distance Health. Considered a pioneer in telemedicine for prisons and other entities, he received the AT&T Center for Telehealth Research & Policy's Hugo Gernsback Award for Clinical Innovation. The Harvard University Ash Institute of Government and the Rural Telecommunications Conference cited Lowery for his development of ANGELS (Antenatal & Neonatal Guidelines, Education and Learning System), a Medicaid-funded effort

providing specialized infant and maternal care for patients including incarcerated women. Dr. Lowery helped create the framework through which Arkansas health insurers handle telemedicine, which has increased Medicaid reimbursement. A National Institutes of Healthfunded researcher, Dr. Lowery earned his MD from the University of Alabama and a BS from Alabama's University of Montevallo.

Kathleen Maurer, MD, is the Connecticut Department of Correction's director of health services and its medical director. Before assuming her current post in 2011, she was assistant medical director at Correctional Managed Health Care, a division of the University of Connecticut Health Center, which contracts with, among others, the state corrections department. During her career, Dr. Maurer has provided hands-on clinical care and medical program management in the private sector. In the realm of correctional care, she is particularly interested in the quality of patient care and in facilitating re-entry programs through integration of community and correctional healthcare. Dr. Maurer earned her MD from Yale School of Medicine. Also, at Yale, she earned an MPH. She holds an MBA from the University of Connecticut and is board-certified in internal, occupational and environmental medicine.

Julio Medina is founder and president of New York City's Exodus Transitional Community, which has helped more than 5,000 formerly imprisoned men and women with their return to mainstream society. Medina's experience as a former inmate has informed his subsequent career. He currently also serves as assistant director and an instructor in Sing Sing Correctional Facility's master of professional studies program. Medina has been interviewed by, among others, C-Span, The Christian Science Monitor, CNN, MSNBC, The New York Times, New York Daily News and Newsday. Exodus was the subject of a PBS documentary, "The Hard Road Home." He was former First Lady Barbara Bush's guest for the 2004 State of the Union Address and then President George W. Bush's guest for his signing of the federal Second Chance Act. Medina earned a BA from the State University of New York at Albany and an MDiv from New York Theological Seminary, where he is studying for a doctorate in ministry.

Tim Murray is executive director of the Washington, DC-based Pre-trial Justice Institute and consults nationally and internationally on pretrial practices and reform. Also, as executive director of the Institute for Justice Planning, a subsidiary of the larger pre-trial institute, Murray supports the criminal justice reform efforts of various jurisdictions. Previously during his more than four decades as a criminal justice practitioner, Murray was lead developer of the Miami-Dade County (FL) Drug Court, the nation's first such entity, and the first director of the US Department of Justice

Drug Court Program Office. Murray has been the US Bureau of Justice Assistance's director of policy and planning and its director of program development. He was on the start-up team for the US Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration. Murray is a lifetime member of the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies and winner of its highest honor, the Ennis J. Olgiati Award.

Ivan Oransky, MD, vice president and global editorial director of Medpage Today, is a professor at New York University's Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program, and New York University's School of Medicine. He blogs at Embargo Watch and Retraction Watch. Previously, he was executive editor of Reuters Health, managing editor of Scientific American's online edition, deputy editor of The Scientist, and editor-in-chief of the nowdefunct Praxis Post. Dr. Oransky has written for publications including The Boston Globe, the Lancet, The New Republic and Slate; and was coauthor of the Common Symptom Answer Guide. He has taught health and medical journalism at the City University of New York's Graduate School of Journalism. Dr. Oransky earned a BS at Harvard University and an MD in psychiatry at NYU School of Medicine. He is vice president of the Association of Health Care Journalists.

Nicole Redmond, MD, practices internal medicine at Cooper Green Outpatient Medical Clinic and is an assistant professor in the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Division of Preventive Medicine. Her published research has focused on, among other topics, health disparities among the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated. She is chairperson of the Northern District of Alabama Reentry Council's Healthcare and Rehabilitation Working Group and lead investigator for the Alabama site of the Center for Medicaid & Medicare-funded Transitions Clinic Network, which does primary health care planning and evaluation for chronically ill persons who are released from prison. She cofounded the Society of General Internal Medicine Criminal Justice and Health Interest Group, and is a member of the Young Professionals Board of the UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center. Dr. Redmond earned a MD and PhD from the Medical University of South Carolina and a MPH from Harvard University's School of Public Health, and completed her medical residency at Emory University.

Pam Rodriguez is president and CEO of Illinois' Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) and directs TASC's Center for Health Justice, which consults on public policy globally. Rodriguez serves on several boards and task forces focused on alternatives to incarceration, including the federal Coordinating Council of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council and Redeploy Illinois. For the National Institute

of Drug Abuse-funded Criminal Justice-Drug Abuse Treatment Studies Steering Committee, Rodriguez represents Texas Christian University's Institute of Behavioral Research, one of that federal project's six research sites. The co-author of several journal articles on the role of health care and addiction recovery for criminal justice populations, Rodriguez earned a MA in social service administration from the University of Chicago and a BS from Bemidji State University.

Steven Rosenberg is founder of the California-based Community Oriented Correctional Health Services, which pursues a public health approach to serve those who cycle through the nation's jails, chiefly by connecting them with community-based health care. Rosenberg has more than 30 years of experience providing technical assistance and directing projects aimed at increasing access to health care for, among other populations, the formerly incarcerated. Health care policy and finance, including Medicaid protocols, are among Rosenberg's areas of concentration.

Judge Robert Russell, is a Buffalo (NY) City Court associate judge and acting judge of the Erie County Court. Russell is presiding judge of Buffalo's Drug Treatment Court, which he founded in 1995; its Mental Health Court, which he created in 2002; and the nation's first Veterans Treatment Court, which Russell founded in 2008. Russell also serves on the National Advisory Board of the Judges' Criminal Justice and Mental Health Leadership Initiative, Russell is a past chairman of National Association of Drug Court Professionals' board of directors and a past president of the New York State Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals. He has been honored by the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Erie County Bar Association, National Vietnam Veterans of America and National Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Russell earned a BS from Morris Brown College and a JD from Howard University Law School.

Alethea Simon, is vice president of programs and policy at New York City's Greenhope Services for Women, a residential, employment and outpatient treatment services program in Harlem, NY for the formerly incarcerated and their children. On behalf of Greenhope, Simon serves as a liaison to the New York City Alternative to Incarceration Coalition. Also, she sits on the executive committee of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Work for Success employment initiative for the formerly incarcerated and co-chairs the Manhattan Recovery Community Coalition. Simon earned a doctorate in rehabilitation counseling from Southern Illinois University of Carbondale and a MA in vocational rehabilitation counseling from New York University, A certified rehabilitation counselor (CRC), she also has been an adjunct professor at NYU, Nyack College and The College of New Rochelle.

Risdon Slate chairs the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Florida Southern College and was a gubernatorial appointee to Florida's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Commission. He has testified before the Florida Senate Subcommittee on Health Care and before a US House of Representatives Judiciary Subcommittee about mental illness' impact on the criminal justice system and his own personal experiences with bipolar disorder. Previously, he was a probation officer for the federal government and an assistant to the warden at a medium/ maximum, death row prison in Columbia, SC. Among other books, Slate authored Criminalization of Mental Illness: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System. His research interests include the interface of the mental health and justice systems and the stresses experienced by criminal justice practitioners. He is on the National Alliance of Mental Illness board of directors. Slate received his PhD in criminal justice from the Claremont (CA) Graduate School, a MCJ from the University of South Carolina and a BS in criminal justice from the University of North Carolina.

Mercedes Smith is an outreach/policy specialist at Women on the Rise Telling Her Story, a New York City-based advocacy and consultancy run by formerly incarcerated women. While at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in upstate New York, she was inmate coordinator of the Teen/Pre-Teen Overnight Program, led parenting workshops, obtained her HIV peer education/ counseling certificate, was named president of the Inmate Liaison Committee and earned a veterinarian assistant certificate while also training guide dogs. Currently a human services/ social work student at Bronx Community College, she is continuing an education begun at Bedford Hills, where she completed courses offered by Mercy College. Smith is certified as an anger management specialist and mentors other formerly incarcerated women. Smith produced the documentary, "Removing the Stigma of Incarceration with Think Outside the Cell."

Amy L. Solomon, is senior advisor to the Assistant Attorney General at the federal Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs. Solomon established and chairs the Federal Interagency Reentry Council staff working group, which supports the Cabinetlevel Reentry Council, an entity representing 20 federal agencies, and has spearheaded policy and streamlined coordination in areas including public safety, public housing, employment, education, veterans' issues and access to treatment, health and benefits. She also represents the Department of Justice in interagency efforts focused on urban policy, neighborhood revitalization, and place-based strategies. Before joining the Justice Department in 2010, Solomon, among other positions, spent a decade directing policy-oriented projects related to prisoner reentry and public safety at the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center. She

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