

THE COLLABORATIVE

SHOULD GOVERNMENT POLICY AROUND VIOLENCE PREVENTION CHANGE COURSE?

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

The Honorable Juliana Stratton is the 42nd Lieutenant Governor of Illinois and is a lifelong Illinoisan. She was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago. Her dad is a doctor and her mom was a schoolteacher. She's a proud graduate of Kenwood Academy High School, the University of Illinois, and DePaul University College of Law. As a state representative, she spent every day fighting for her constituents and as Lieutenant Governor you will be able to count on her to stand up for you.

She's passionate about reforming the criminal justice system and has focused much her career on this work. As the Director of the Center for Public Safety and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, she provided training, technical assistance and research in support of community policing and problem-solving techniques. Previously, she led an independent nonprofit that promotes transparency and accountability by the Cook County Juvenile Court and was a senior policy advisor on matters relating to criminal and juvenile justice reform to the Cook County Board President.

Stratton is an attorney with over 20 years of experience working on matters related to constructive conflict in the workplace, communities and public safety. She has served as a mediator, arbitrator, administrative law judge, and a graduate-level negotiation skills instructor. She has brought people together to create fair workplaces for everyone and to help our businesses be better neighbors. This isn't just something she talks about, it's her life's work.

The Honorable Kwame Raoul was sworn in as the 42nd Attorney General of Illinois in January 2019. Raoul was born in Chicago to Haitian immigrants and brings a lifetime of legal and policy experience, advocacy, and public service to the Office of the Attorney General.

Attorney General Raoul earned his undergraduate degree from DePaul University and his juris doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He began his legal career as a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, handling matters at the trial and appellate level in the criminal, civil and juvenile divisions of the office. He subsequently served as a Senior Staff Attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago, handling primarily labor and employment matters. Raoul has also been a partner at two national law firms, serving in the health care and labor and employment practice groups.

In 2004, Attorney General Raoul was appointed to serve as the state senator representing the 13th Legislative District, where he was subsequently re-elected on multiple occasions to represent the district over the last 14 years. In the Senate, Raoul served as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, vice-chair of the Senate Criminal Law Committee and vice-chair of the Sentencing Policy Advisory Commission. As a senator, Raoul led negotiations and sponsored some of the most significant pieces of legislation that have become law over the past decade, including eliminating the death penalty, requiring background checks on private transfers of guns, law enforcement and criminal justice reform, workers' compensation reform, and some of the strongest voting rights protections in the nation.

Among Attorney General Raoul's many other achievements in the Senate were expanded opportunities for minority and women-owned financial services firms, legislation protecting student athletes from brain injury due to concussions, the Illinois Voting Rights Act and the addition of a voting rights protection amendment to the Illinois Constitution. He was a leader in expanding Illinois Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act and is known for his work in support of health care access.

PANELISTS AND MODERATORS:

Daniel Cooper joined MPC in October 2018 as the Director of Research. He brings experience in data analysis and visualization, policy analysis, and collaborative, action research. He provides research strategy and support across MPC's program areas.

Prior to MPC, Dan was the founding executive director of the Center for Equitable Cities at Adler University in Chicago after serving as the Associate Director of the Institute for Public Safety and Social Justice. During his time at Adler, he worked with organizations across Chicago on issues such as housing and community development, community organizing, violence prevention, justice system reform, and health equity. He is the co-author of the 2018 book *The War on Neighborhoods: Policing, Prison, and Punishment in a Divided City*—a narrative-driven exploration of the impact of urban blight and incarceration in Chicago, and a new vision for repairing urban neighborhoods.

He holds a doctorate in community research and action from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in urban planning and policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is also a class of 2017 Leadership Greater Chicago fellow. A native of Aurora, Illinois, He currently lives on Chicago's Northwest Side in Albany Park, one of the most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in the United States.

Toni Irving, Ph.D., is Executive Director of Get IN Chicago, an innovative public/private partnership that seeks to strengthen communities hardest hit by poverty and violence. The organization invests in programs targeted at at-risk youth and helps convene public and private organizations to help make Chicago safer and individual lives better.

Previously, Dr. Irving was Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn. She oversaw policy and planning, personnel, legislative and operations issues for public safety and human services agencies with combined budgets of \$8 billion. As Senior Advisor, she advised the governor on minority business and workforce development issues and on strategies to assist poverty- and violence-stricken communities.

Dr. Irving was a member of the faculty at the University of Notre Dame where she conducted research and teaching on law, literature and social policy. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia, Master of Arts degree from the University of Kent at Canterbury, England, and Ph.D. from New York University.

She is an Aspen Institute Scholar, a member of the National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices, Juvenile Justice Leadership Council, the executive committee of the Juvenile Justice Commission, The Wayfarers Club, and The Economic Club of Chicago. In 2011, Dr. Irving received the MacArthur Foundation "Champion for Change" award, recognizing her efforts to reform juvenile justice. Born in Philadelphia, she has resided in Chicago since 2000.

Jennifer Keeling has dedicated her career to advancing equity, innovation and outcomes in the nation's education, workforce development, and criminal justice systems. She currently serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships for Chicago CRED, which was founded in 2016 by former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and is supported by the Emerson Collective. CRED's singular mission is to achieve a transformative reduction in gun violence in Chicago. In her role, Jennifer leads the development of a citywide strategy for comprehensive violence reduction in partnership with a multi-sector collaborative of stakeholders.

Prior to joining CRED, Jennifer was the Director of Ecosystem Advancement for LRNG (an education technology start-up) where she led a national network of 12 cities as they developed and implemented out-of-school learning networks for youth. Jennifer also served as the founding Director of Thrive Chicago, a collective impact effort that seeks to improve outcomes for young people across the cradle to career pipeline. In this role, she grew Thrive from an initiative at the Mayor's Office to an independent non-profit that serves as the coordinating hub across hundreds of organizations. Prior to Thrive, Jennifer was the Director of Policy for the Chicago Jobs Council, a respected advocacy organization focused on improving access to workforce development and career pathway opportunities for people living in poverty. Jennifer began her nonprofit career at the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City, working directly with formerly homeless women as they prepared to enter the work force.

Jennifer holds a BA in sociology from Middlebury College and an MA from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration, where she was a McCormick Tribune Fellow.

Alden Loury joined WBEZ in July 2018 as senior editor of the race, class and communities desk, which provides enterprise reporting on those topics as well as housing, immigration and employment.

Previously, Alden served as the director of research and evaluation for the Metropolitan Planning Council for two years where he examined and wrote about population loss, demographic shifts, job trends and racial segregation.

Prior to joining MPC, Alden served as an investigator and later as a policy analyst for the Better Government Association. In more than four years at the BGA, Alden documented abuses with legislative scholarships, campaign finance expenditures and ward remapping and later analyzed data and lobbied for reforms to increase government transparency, efficiency and accountability.

Prior to joining the BGA, Alden spent 12 years at The Chicago Reporter, initially as a reporter, then senior editor and finally as publisher. He authored, edited or provided research for more than 50 investigative projects examining the impact of race and class in drug sentencing, jury verdicts, jury selection, lottery ticket sales, fatal police shootings and subprime mortgage lending, among others.

Alden has discussed his work on ABC7, CBS2, Chicago Public Radio, CNN, FOX32, NBC5, WGN-TV, and WTTW Chicago Tonight. His research has appeared in The Chicago Defender, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Crain's Chicago Business, Forbes, Los Angeles Times, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

Alden is a Chicago native who grew up in the LeClaire Courts public housing development and later the Auburn Gresham community on the city's south side. He is married with three daughters.

Evan F. Moore is a digital content producer-news with the Chicago Sun-Times. His work has appeared in various publications such as Rolling Stone, DNAinfo, ESPN's The Undeclared and Chicago Magazine. In 2018, he won the Peter Lisagor Award for best independent blog entry. In 2017, he was a finalist for the Lisagor Award for best non-deadline reporting in a newspaper or magazine. Evan is also an adjunct faculty member of DePaul University's College of Communication.

Jonah Newman joined The Chicago Reporter in October 2014, after two years at The Chronicle of Higher Education, in Washington, D.C. He is a database reporter, which means he uses data of all kinds to tell stories that investigate, explore and, ultimately, complicate our understanding of the world. In 2017, Jonah and data editor Matt Kiefer received an award for innovation in investigative reporting from Investigative Reporters and Editors for their work on "Settling for Misconduct." He has also received a National Award for Education Reporting for data journalism and is a two-time finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists. His work has also appeared in the Chicago Sun-Times, Marketplace, Thirty

Two Magazine and Tablet Magazine. Newman received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

Senator Robert Peters was recently appointed to represent the 13th District in the Illinois State Senate. Prior to that, Senator Peters was an organizer and served as the Director of Reclaim Chicago. He worked with The People's Lobby along with ONE Northside and President Toni Preckwinkle to pass the Cook County Minimum Wage increase to \$13 an hour, which gave thousands of workers a pay increase across suburban Cook County. While at Reclaim Chicago, he helped lead an effort of 300,000 doors and dials for Kim Foxx for State's Attorney's historic victory in 2016. During this time, he worked with national organizations to draw attention to one of the most important criminal justice reform races in the country. Using the momentum of that victory, he worked with The People's Lobby, the Chicago Community Bond Fund and President Preckwinkle to pressure Chief Judge Tim Evans to issue an order in July 2017, which required all Cook County judges to set affordable bail amounts for all defendants. This order has led to a 30% reduction in the population of Cook County Jail so far.

John Pfaff is a Professor of Law where he teaches criminal law, sentencing law, and law and economics. Before coming to Fordham, he was the John M. Olin Fellow at the Northwestern University School of Law and clerked for Judge Stephen F. Williams on the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

Professor Pfaff's research focuses primarily on empirical matters related to criminal justice, especially criminal sentencing. He has paid particular attention to trying to understand the causes of the unprecedented 40-year boom in US incarceration rates. His recent work has illuminated the previously-underappreciated role that prosecutorial discretion has played in driving up prison populations.

The second looks at how to incorporate evidence-based practices into the judicial review of scientific and empirical evidence. For his work on this issue Professor Pfaff received a two-year grant from the John Templeton Foundation and the University of Chicago's Arete Initiative for the study of wisdom.

Brendan Shiller is the managing partner at Shiller Preyar. A lifelong resident of Chicago, Brendan has extensive experience in a variety of areas of law, including criminal defense, white collar criminal defense, civil rights, zoning, licensing, and others. Shiller has a wide range of clients including several elected officials, the president of a major local business association, and small and mid-sized business owners.

Shiller graduated first in his class from John Marshall Law School in 2003. At John Marshall, Shiller received the John N. Jewitt Scholarship for the highest rank in the studies of the first year; the Arba N. Waterman Scholarship for the highest rank in the second year; and the Edward T. Lee Scholarship for the highest rank in the third year. He also received the Graduate School Scholarship as the highest ranking day division student; the West Publishing Company Prize for the highest grade point average in the day division after the first year; and the Lexis/Nexis Prize for the highest standing in the last year. Shiller was a Dean's Scholar at John Marshall, a member of the Order of John Marshall honorary society, and recipient of the Fred F. Herzog Scholarship. During the spring 2003 semester, he was a member of the John Marshall team at the Georgia State Trial Competition.

While attending law school, Brendan interned for the Lawyer's Committee for Better Housing, the Office of the State Appellate Defender, and he externed for the Honorable Judge Robert W. Gettleman of the Northern District of Illinois. He was also a member of the John Marshall Law Review Staff and the Moot Court Council.

Representative Justin Slaughter serves as the Illinois State Representative of the 27th District. He is a full-time state legislator and was recently appointed the Chair of House Judiciary Criminal Committee.

Before being elected, Rep. Slaughter served in various capacities at the county and state levels. He worked as the Chief of Staff for then State Senator Kwame Raoul. He went on to be a Policy Advisor for Governor Pat Quinn and then went on to work for a state agency. Rep. Slaughter was the Deputy Director of Programs for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. From there, having worked for the state for about eight years straight, he transitioned over to Cook County. He was Chief of Staff/ District Director, for Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore as well as in Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's administration.

Representative Slaughter earned his B.A. in Political Science from University of Chicago and his Master's degree in public policy and Administration from Northwestern University. A native Chicagoan, Slaughter grew up on the South Side in the Washington Heights community where he currently still resides.

Senator Sue Rezin was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in November of 2010 and was then appointed to the Illinois State Senate. She was sworn in as State Senator on December 14, 2010 and has since been elected twice to represent the 38th Legislative District. In 2015, she was appointed Assistant Leader in the Senate Republican Caucus.

Senator Rezin is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program. She is also the recipient of the Partnership of the Year Award from the Grundy County Economic Development, the Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR Friend of Agriculture Award, and the Highest Voting Record Supporting the Agricultural County Award from the Will County Farm Bureau. In 2015, Sen. Rezin received the Illinois Valley Women of Distinction Award. In 2016, Sen. Rezin received the Women in Politics Making a Difference Award by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). In 2018, she received the Illinois Farm Bureau Friend of Agriculture Award.

As a graduate of Augustana College, Senator Rezin earned a degree in International Business and Political Science with a minor in Hispanic Studies. For the past sixteen years, she has been the co-owner and manager of her family's real estate company. Senator Rezin and her husband, Keith, reside in Morris and have four children.

Tanya Watkins a Community leader and activist is the Acting Executive Director/Lead Organizer for SOUL—Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation. SOUL is a member of the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability (GAPA), the coalition of community groups with whom BPI is working on police reform. SOUL helps low-income people of color build and leverage power for their communities. As a mother, writer, and community organizer, Tanya's is a strong and effective voice for police reform.