

MARCH 23, 2018

9AM TO 4PM

MILSTEIN WEST

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

*CHANGING THE CONVERSATION
TO CHANGE CRIMINAL JUSTICE:*

ACTIVISM AND LAWYERING

CO-SPONSORED BY:
THE BERNARD KOTEEN OFFICE OF
PUBLIC INTEREST ADVISING,
THE FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT,
& THE PLAYERS COALITION

FEATURING

ANQUAN BOLDIN, PLAYERS COALITION CO-FOUNDER

CARL DAVIS, PLAYERS COALITION MEMBER

CLINT SMITH, WRITER & PH.D. CANDIDATE,

HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DAMON HEWITT, EXECUTIVES' ALLIANCE FOR BOYS

AND MEN OF COLOR

DEHLIA UMUNNA, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

DEMARIO DAVIS, PLAYERS COALITION MEMBER

DEVIN MCCOURTY, PLAYERS COALITION CHAIR

EMILY BAZELON, NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE AND

SLATE'S POLITICAL GABFEST

HON. GLORIA TAN, MIDDLESEX JUVENILE COURT

JAKE SUSSMAN, FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT

JAMES MACKKEY, #STUCKONREPLAY

JASON DOWNS, DOWNS & COLLINS

JEFF ADACHI, SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER

JESSICA BRAND, FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT

LARRY KRASNER, PHILADELPHIA DA

MALCOLM JENKINS, PLAYERS COALITION CO-FOUNDER

MATT CREGOR, LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL

RIGHTS BOSTON

MITALI NAGRECHA, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL,

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY PROGRAM

PHILLIP ATIBA GOFF, PH.D., CENTER FOR POLICING

EQUITY

PREMAL DHARIA, CIVIL RIGHTS CORPS

RAHSAAN HALL, ACLU MA

ROB SMITH, FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT

SCOTT LEVY, THE BRONX DEFENDERS

AGENDA

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

WELCOME & MORNING OPENING

LOCATION: MILSTEIN WEST AB

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

SESSION 1A: THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE

LOCATION: MILSTEIN EAST A

MODERATOR: JUDGE GLORIA TAN

PARTICIPANTS: MATT CREGOR, DAMON HEWITT,
DEVIN MCCOURTY

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

SESSION 1B: DRUG & SENTENCING REFORM

LOCATION: MILSTEIN EAST B

MODERATOR: JESSICA BRAND

PARTICIPANTS: JEFF ADACHI, RAHSAAN HALL,
DEMARIO DAVIS

- 15 MINUTE BREAK -

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

SESSION 2A: THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY

LOCATION: MILSTEIN EAST A

MODERATOR: MITALI NAGRECHA

PARTICIPANTS: PREMAL DHARIA, SCOTT LEVY,
ANQUAN BOLDIN

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

SESSION 2B: SECOND CHANCES & REENTRY

LOCATION: MILSTEIN EAST B

MODERATOR: JAKE SUSSMAN

PARTICIPANTS: LARRY KRASNER, DEHLIA UMUNNA,
JAMES MACKAY, MALCOLM JENKINS

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

BREAK

BOX LUNCH SERVED, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

LUNCH PLENARY: INFLUENCING CHANGE

LOCATION: MILSTEIN WEST AB

EMILY BAZELON WILL LEAD A DISCUSSION WITH PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES WHO ARE USING THEIR INFLUENCE AND NATIONAL PLATFORM TO EFFECT CHANGE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

MOVING AWAY FROM JEFF SESSIONS & TOWARD A
21ST CENTURY PROSECUTOR: A PROSECUTOR'S ROLE
IN ENDING MASS INCARCERATION

LOCATION: MILSTEIN WEST AB

MODERATOR: ROB SMITH

PANELISTS: JEFF ADACHI, LARRY KRASNER,
MALCOLM JENKINS

- 15 MINUTE BREAK -

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

CHANGING VIEWS OF POLICING: HEALING POLICE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND ELIMINATING POLICE
BRUTALITY

LOCATION: MILSTEIN WEST AB

MODERATOR: JASON DOWNS

PANELISTS: PHILLIP GOFF, CLINT SMITH,
ANQUAN BOLDIN, CARL DAVIS

- CLOSING Q&A: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM -

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JUSTICE: ACTIVISM AND LAWYERING

SPECIAL THANKS TO LINDA BRADEN,
TASHA GRIFFITHS, AND THE ENTIRE OPIA STAFF FOR
THEIR HELP MAKING THIS EVENT HAPPEN.

MEET THE PARTICIPANTS

ANQUAN BOLDIN

ANQUAN BOLDIN IS CO-FOUNDER OF THE PLAYERS COALITION AND A RECENTLY RETIRED VETERAN OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE. BOLDIN WAS THE 2003 NFL OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, WAS SELECTED FOR THREE PRO BOWLS AND WON SUPER BOWL XLVII WITH THE BALTIMORE RAVENS. WALTER PAYTON MAN OF THE YEAR” IN 2015.

CARL DAVIS

CARL DAVIS IS A DEFENSIVE END FOR THE BALTIMORE RAVENS. HE PLAYED COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA. DURING THE 2016 SEASON, DAVIS FOUNDED THE TRENCHWORK FOUNDATION THAT’S BASED IN HIS HOMETOWN OF DETROIT. TRENCHWORK FOUNDATION’S MISSION IS TO MAINTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HELP CHILDREN STAY COMMITTED TO HEALTHY LIVING AND EDUCATION.

CLINT SMITH

CLINT SMITH IS A WRITER, TEACHER, AND DOCTORAL CANDIDATE AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY STUDYING INCARCERATION, EDUCATION, AND INEQUALITY. HIS WRITING HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORKER, THE ATLANTIC, THE PARIS REVIEW, THE NEW REPUBLIC, AND NUMEROUS OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

DAMON HEWITT

DAMON HEWITT IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EXECUTIVES’ ALLIANCE FOR BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR, A UNIQUE NETWORK OF 42 NATIONAL, LOCAL, AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS COMMITTED TO CHANGING POLICIES AND SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS SHIFTING THE FALSE NARRATIVES ABOUT OUR NATION’S SONS, BROTHERS, AND FATHERS. DAMON HAS WORKED AT THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.

DEHLIA UMUNNA

DEHLIA UMUNNA IS A CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL (HLS), AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE LAW SCHOOL’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE (CJI), WHERE SHE SUPERVISES THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS IN THEIR REPRESENTATION OF ADULT AND JUVENILE CLIENTS IN CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS IN THE MASSACHUSETTS COURTS.

DEMARIO DAVIS

DEMARIO DAVIS IS A LINEBACKER FOR THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS. HE WAS DRAFTED BY THE JETS IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THE 2012 NFL DRAFT. DEMARIO IS A NEW YORK JETS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLAYERS COALITION. DEMARIO HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM WORK OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF.

DEVIN MCCOURTY

DEVIN MCCOURTY IS A THREE-TIME PRO-BOWL SAFETY AND DEFENSIVE CAPTAIN FOR THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS, AND THE CHAIR OF THE PLAYERS COALITION EDUCATION & ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE. HE PLAYED COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY. ALONGSIDE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMERS ROD WOODSON AND RONNIE LOTT, HE IS ONE OF ONLY THREE NFL PLAYERS TO EARN ALL-PRO HONORS AT BOTH SAFETY AND CORNERBACK. MCCOURTY AND HIS TWIN BROTHER JASON CO-FOUNDED TACKLE SICKLE CELL, A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR SICKLE CELL DISEASE.

EMILY BAZELON

EMILY BAZELON IS A STAFF WRITER AT THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE AND IS THE TRUMAN CAPOTE FELLOW FOR CREATIVE WRITING AND LAW AT YALE LAW SCHOOL. SHE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF THE NATIONAL BEST-SELLER "STICKS AND STONES: DEFEATING THE CULTURE OF BULLYING AND REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF CHARACTER AND EMPATHY" AND A CO-HOST OF SLATE'S "POLITICAL GABFEST," A WEEKLY PODCAST.

HON. GLORIA TAN

JUDGE GLORIA TAN SITS ON THE MASSACHUSETTS JUVENILE COURT, WHERE SHE HEARS CASES REGARDING DELINQUENCY AND CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES. A LEADING NATIONAL AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, JUDGE TAN PREVIOUSLY WAS A CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR AT HLS'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE, A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES, AND AN ATTORNEY FOR CPCS'S YOUTH ADVOCACY DIVISION.

JAKE SUSSMAN

JAKE SUSSMAN IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AT FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT. HE GRADUATED FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, WHERE HE WAS A ROOT-TILDEN-KERN PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLAR. PRIOR TO JOINING FPP, JAKE PRACTICED IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR OVER 14 YEARS, WHERE HE HANDLED CRIMINAL AND CAPITAL CASES IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS, AS WELL AS LITIGATED CIVIL RIGHTS AND POLICE MISCONDUCT CASES.

JAMES MACKAY

JAMES MACKAY IS AN ACTIVIST, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, MEMBER OF THE YOUTHBUILD USA NATIONAL ALUMNI COUNCIL AND FOUNDER OF A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT CALLED #STUCKONREPLAY.

JASON DOWNS

AS A PARTNER AT DOWNS COLLINS, JASON HANDLES CIVIL LITIGATION, CRIMINAL DEFENSE, AND LEGAL MATTERS THAT INVOLVE AN OVERLAP IN BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. PREVIOUSLY, HE WAS THE TRAINING DIRECTOR AT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PDS). JASON REPRESENTED FREDDIE GRAY'S FAMILY.

JEFF ADACHI

JEFF ADACHI IS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. BEFORE BEING ELECTED AS PUBLIC DEFENDER IN MARCH 2002, MR. ADACHI WORKED AS A DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR 15 YEARS AND IN PRIVATE PRACTICE FOR 2 YEARS.

JESSICA BRAND

JESSICA BRAND IS THE LEGAL DIRECTOR AT FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT. SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED AT THE TEXAS DEFENDER SERVICE IN THE CAPITAL TRIAL PROJECT, WHERE SHE CONSULTED WITH TRIAL TEAMS IN DEATH PENALTY CASES ACROSS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CONDUCTED STATE-WIDE TRAININGS ON UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH, PERFORMING CAPITAL DEFENSE INVESTIGATION, AND PREPARING A CASE FOR LIFE.

LARRY KRASNER

LARRY KRASNER WAS ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF PHILADELPHIA ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017. AS ONE OF PHILADELPHIA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN AND HIGHLY REGARDED PROGRESSIVE ATTORNEYS, FOR 30 YEARS HE HAS BEEN FEARLESSLY DEMANDING FAIR TREATMENT AND JUSTICE FOR PHILADELPHIANS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS.

MALCOLM JENKINS

MALCOLM JENKINS IS A TWO-TIME PRO-BOWL SAFETY AND DEFENSIVE CAPTAIN FOR THE 2018 SUPER BOWL CHAMPION PHILADELPHIA EAGLES, AND THE CO-FOUNDER OF THE PLAYERS COALITION. HE PLAYED COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. THE WINNER OF THE 2017 NFLPA BYRON "WHIZZER" WHITE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD, HE IS THE FOUNDER OF THE MALCOLM JENKINS FOUNDATION WHICH FOCUSES ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS EMPHASIZING MENTORSHIP, CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, LIFE SKILLS, HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN THE STATES OF NJ, OH, PA AND LA.

MATT CREGOR

MATT CREGOR JOINED THE LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IN 2014, AND HANDLES A VARIETY OF EDUCATION MATTERS, INCLUDING SCHOOL DISCIPLINE, SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND STUDENT ASSIGNMENT. PRIOR TO JOINING THE LAWYERS' COMMITTEE, MATT WORKED AT THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. AND THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

MITALI NAGRECHA

MITALI NAGRECHA IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT INITIATIVE WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY PROGRAM AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. MITALI PREVIOUSLY CO-AUTHORED THE BRENNAN CENTER'S 2010 REPORT "CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT: A BARRIER TO REENTRY," AND HAS WORKED AS SENIOR DIRECTOR OF POLICY AT THE FORTUNE SOCIETY AND SENIOR POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THEN-MAYOR CORY BOOKER WITH THE CITY OF NEWARK OFFICE OF REENTRY.

PHILLIP ATIBA GOFF, PH.D

PHILLIP ATIBA GOFF, PH.D. IS THE INAUGURAL FRANKLIN A. THOMAS PROFESSOR IN POLICING EQUITY AT JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. HE IS THE CO-FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER FOR POLICING EQUITY, AND AN EXPERT IN CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF RACIAL BIAS AND DISCRIMINATION, AS WELL AS THE INTERSECTIONS OF RACE AND GENDER.

PREMAL DHARIA

PREMAL DHARIA IS THE LEGAL DIRECTOR AT CIVIL RIGHTS CORPS, WHICH SHE JOINED AFTER NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS OF REPRESENTING PEOPLE CHARGED WITH CRIMES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., MARYLAND, AND THE MILITARY COMMISSION IN GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY AT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PDS), WHERE SHE PRACTICED FOR NINE YEARS.

RAHSAAN HALL

RAHSAAN HALL IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE RACIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MASSACHUSETTS. IN THIS ROLE, RAHSAAN HELPS DEVELOP THE ACLU OF MASSACHUSETTS' INTEGRATED ADVOCACY APPROACH TO ADDRESS RACIAL JUSTICE ISSUES.

ROB SMITH

ROB SMITH IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT, PREVIOUSLY WAS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL, WHERE HE TAUGHT CRIMINAL LAW AND EVIDENCE. SMITH'S SCHOLARSHIP HAS APPEARED IN THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, CORNELL LAW REVIEW, AND IOWA LAW REVIEW, AMONG OTHER JOURNALS.

SCOTT LEVY

SCOTT LEVY DIRECTS THE BRONX DEFENDERS FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS PROJECT. SCOTT RECEIVED HIS J.D. CUM LAUDE IN 2007 FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, WHERE HE WAS THE SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR FOR THE HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW. FOLLOWING GRADUATION, SCOTT CLERKED FOR THE HONORABLE NANCY GERTNER IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ABOUT THE PLAYERS COALITION

THE MISSION OF THE PLAYERS COALITION IS TO FOCUS ON SOCIAL AND RACIAL EQUALITY WHERE OUR INFLUENCE AND SUPPORT CAN IMPACT SYSTEMIC SOCIAL AND CIVIC CHANGE. THOSE INCLUDE PRIORITIZING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, POLICE & COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION & ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, PRIMARILY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. IN 2017, THE PLAYERS COALITION WAS CO-FOUNDED BY NFL PRO-BOWL SAFETY AND 2017 NFLPA BYRON "WHIZZER" WHITE WINNER, MALCOLM JENKINS, AND RETIRED WIDE RECEIVER AND NFL 2015 WALTER PAYTON MAN OF THE YEAR WINNER, ANQUAN BOLDIN. THE PLAYERS COALITION CONTINUES TO GROW IN NUMBERS OF AMBASSADORS WITH THE COLLECTIVE GOAL OF MAKING AN IMPACT ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS THROUGH ADVOCACY, ENGAGEMENT AND PROVIDING RESOURCES. FOR MORE INFORMATION FOLLOW @PLAYERSCOALITION ON INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK AND @COALITIONPLAYER ON TWITTER.

ABOUT THE FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT

THE FAIR PUNISHMENT PROJECT SEEKS TO HIGHLIGHT EFFORTS AIMED AT DISMANTLING MASS INCARCERATION AND ENDING EXCESSIVE AND HARSH PUNISHMENTS THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY HARM INDIVIDUALS OF COLOR WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ENDING THE DEATH PENALTY AND JUVENILE LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE.

ABOUT THE BERNARD KOTEEN OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

ADVISING

THE BERNARD KOTEEN OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST ADVISING IS A CAREER SERVICES OFFICE AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL THAT ENCOURAGES LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LAWYERS TO INCORPORATE AN ONGOING COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE WORK THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS.