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**The Impact of Incarceration and Reentry on Community Health and Well-Being:  
A Workshop**

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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

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**Kathleen M. Brown, Ph.D., N.P.**

Kathleen Brown, N.P., Ph.D., is a Practice Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a Nurse Practitioner in women's health, and received her Master's and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Brown's research interests are related to victimization. In the 1990s, she introduced a sexual assault nurse examiner program to every county in Pennsylvania that has a hospital. These programs forged new relationships between nursing, law enforcement, and crime laboratories, bringing compassionate, efficient and effective care to adult and child victims of hands-on sex crimes. More recently, Dr. Brown brought sexual assault nurse examiner programs to the entire State of New Jersey, creating an excellent nurse-based response to sexual victimization throughout the state. In 2013, she introduced a first-of-its-kind sexual assault nurse examiner program to the Philadelphia jail system. Outcome studies are being conducted by Dr. Brown and nurses employed by this large urban jail system. Currently Dr. Brown and a Philadelphia-based ex-offender community partner have created the "Breaking the Cycle" Program, designed to house women trafficked for sex in transitional homes for one year. The program focuses on assisting in the areas of addiction, mental health and physical health. Dr. Brown teaches Victimology, Forensic Mental Health, and Forensic Science. Dr. Brown is a sought after expert witness in sexual assault and sexual homicide cases by both prosecution and defense in criminal and civil cases.

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**Scott Burris, J.D.**

Scott Burris is a Professor of Law and Public Health at Temple University, where he directs the Center for Public Health Law Research. He work focuses on how law influences public health, and what interventions can make laws and law enforcement practices healthier in their effects. Professor Burris is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis (A.B.) and Yale Law School (J.D.).

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**Johnna Christian, Ph.D.**

Johnna Christian, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor at the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University-Newark. She has published research about family visitation at prisons, the social and economic implications of maintaining ties to incarcerated people and reentry and reintegration after incarceration. She is co-editor of the forthcoming book, *Moving Beyond Recidivism: Expanding Approaches to Research on Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration* (NYU Press) and is a member of the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network.

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**Jamie J. Fader, Ph.D.**

Jamie J. fader, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor and Graduate Chair in the Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University. She has a Doctorate in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Fader is an expert in youth justice, transitions to adulthood among vulnerable youth, urban crime, and qualitative research methods. Her book, *Falling Back: Incarceration and Transitions to Adulthood among Urban Youth* (Rutgers University Press, 2013) won the 2016 American Society of Criminology Michael J. Hindelang book award for the "most outstanding contribution to research in criminology" and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences book award for an "extraordinary contribution to the study of crime and criminal justice." She is in her 13<sup>th</sup> year of following a sample of young men incarcerated during adolescence, now in their 30s, and has developed a series of in-depth case studies documenting their continued system involvement and

the precarity of their daily experiences as adults and as men. Her current book-length project examines the confluence of adulthood, masculinity, and crime in the context of a high-reentry community in Philadelphia.

### **Larry Krasner, J.D.**

Lawrence S. Krasner, J.D., is the City of Philadelphia's 26th District Attorney. Before he was elected, Mr. Krasner served of-counsel at Greenblatt, Pierce, Funt, and Flores, LLC. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Chicago in 1983 and his law degree from Stanford Law School in 1987, where he was selected to the Stanford Law Review. After multiple offers of employment in prosecutors' and public defenders' offices throughout the country, he worked as a public defender in Philadelphia from 1987–1991 and was then promoted to the Federal Public Defender's Office in Philadelphia (1991–1993). In 1993 he started his own private practice, specializing in criminal defense and police misconduct matters. He has remained in private practice ever since. During that time, Mr. Krasner has tried thousands of bench and jury trials in criminal and civil court in the Philadelphia area as well as other counties and states. Throughout his 30 year career, Mr. Krasner has been committed to social justice, having defended protesters pro bono who were involved with movements including ACT UP, Black Lives Matter, progressive clergy with POWER, Casino-Free Philadelphia, DACA Dreamers, Decarcerate PA, anti-gun clergy with Heeding God's Call, anti-poverty and homelessness advocates with Kensington Welfare Rights Union, Occupy Philly and Reclaim Philadelphia, and Grannies for Peace, among many others.

### **Clinton Lacey**

Clinton Lacey is Director of the District of Columbia Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS), DC's cabinet-level juvenile justice agency, since 2015. Director Lacey has more than 25 years of experience working with youth and families—19 of which have been focused in the field of juvenile and criminal justice. He joined the New York City Department of Probation as the Deputy Commissioner for adult operations in 2011. In this capacity, he was responsible for the oversight of a division that supervises approximately 24,000 clients on probation and leading a series of innovative initiatives designed to reform the Probation Department's key policies, while building a host new relationships with system and community partners. In June of 2006, Director Lacey held a project manager position at the W. Haywood Burns Institute, working in several jurisdictions around the nation with stakeholders engaged in the Institute's process of addressing racial disparities in local juvenile justice systems. In this capacity, he trained and collaborated with a cross-section of stakeholders, including judges, probation officials, prosecutors, public defenders, educators, advocates, community organizers and the court involved youth and families themselves. Director Lacey also served as the director of the Youth Justice Program at Vera Institute of Justice, and as the associate executive director of Friends of Island Academy, developing and managing services for 16 to 24-year-olds involved in the juvenile and criminal justice systems of New York City. He has a B.A. in Latin American and Caribbean History from Herbert H. Lehman College (City University of New York) and is a graduate of the Institute for Not-for-Profit Management at Columbia University.

### **Marjie Mogul, Ph.D.**

Marjie Mogul, Ph.D., is the Senior Director of Research at Maternity Care Coalition, a maternal-child health and early care and education non-profit organization serving pregnant women and families with young children in Southeastern Pennsylvania, including the MOMobile at Riverside. Her research focuses on the development, testing and implementation of evidence-based interventions in maternal and child health using a multifaceted approach which includes policy and practice. She has presented at numerous national conferences on women in the criminal justice system, including the American Society of Criminology, the American Public Health Association and the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare. She was an invited attendee to a White House Convening on Women in the Criminal Justice System and published a New York Times Letter to the Editor on Women Behind Bars. She serves on the Philadelphia Reentry Coalition and the Coalition's subcommittees on Health and Wellness and Data and Metrics. The MOMobile at Riverside is an innovative program which provides parenting, doula and lactation support to pregnant and postpartum women inside Riverside Correctional Facility, Philadelphia's county jail for women. Dr. Mogul works closely with direct service staff to evaluate program outcomes.

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**Alison Neff, M.S.W, D.S.W.**

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Alison Neff, M.S.W, D.S.W., is the Clinical Director of the Center for Carceral Communities, where she coordinates psychosocial care for people released from incarceration. A doctoral candidate in the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania, her work focuses on organizational processes that empower marginalized communities receiving care in social service agencies. Alison trains agencies and service providers in implementing evidence-based treatment and organizational modalities like cognitive-behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing. She has worked closely with community partners such as the Community College of Philadelphia and the MENTOR program in Philadelphia, as well as with Housing Works in New York to address the needs of marginalized clients, such as people with a history of incarceration, substance use, and homelessness. Ms. Neff also maintains her part-time practice as an emergency room social worker at an inner-city Philadelphia hospital, where she provides brief interventions for patients experiencing a range of medical and psychosocial crises. She previously worked as a clinical supervisor and therapist for children, adolescents, and families in the child welfare system, where she provided both brief therapy for children and families in crisis, as well as long-term clinical services.

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**Jim Parsons, M.S.**

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As vice president and research director at the Vera Institute of Justice, Jim Parsons is responsible for shaping Vera's research agenda and working closely with practitioners, government officials, and partner institutions to implement research findings. He previously served as both the director of the Substance Use and Mental Health Program and research director of the International Program. His work has included studies measuring the overlap of mental illness and incarceration in New York City and Washington, DC; the provision of jail-to-community reentry services in New York City and Los Angeles; an evaluation of drug law reforms in New York City; and research on the challenges that people with serious mental health disorders face accessing effective legal defense representation. Jim directed Justice and Health Connect, a federally funded initiative to improve information sharing as a tool for coordination between justice and health systems. His international work includes a number of projects to develop and implement empirical rule of law indicators for the UK Department for International Development and United Nations Department for Peacekeeping Operations, and the American Bar Association. Prior to joining Vera, Jim worked at the Center for Research on Drugs and Health Behavior and the Institute for Criminal Policy Research in London where he conducted community studies of HIV prevalence among injecting drug users and evaluated needle exchange programs and prison reentry services.

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**Kempis "Ghani" Songster**

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Kempis "Ghani" Songster was imprisoned in 1987 for murder. Despite the fact that Kempis was only 15, he was certified as an adult, convicted of first-degree murder, and received a mandatory life sentence without parole. He's what's called a juvenile lifer. While in prison, Kempis developed and facilitated prison programs such as Cultural Awareness and Self-Enhancement (CASE) and From Trauma to Triumph, and also co-designed and co-facilitated the Fathers And Children Together (FACT) program. He has also co-founded outside nonprofits such as The Redemption Project ([TheRedemptionProject.org](http://TheRedemptionProject.org)) and Ubuntu Philadelphia ([UbuntuPhilly.org](http://UbuntuPhilly.org)); and is a founding member of Right To Redemption (R2R), which helped launch Philadelphia's Coalition to Abolish Death By Incarceration (CADBI). After 30 years of incarceration, Kempis was released from prison, at the age of 45. Since his release, he has joined the staff at the Amistad Law Project (<https://www.youcaring.com/amistadlawproject-1099350>), where he continues to work for the release of others, as well as to end the sentencing of human beings to life without parole/death by incarceration. He has also joined the memberships of the Old and New Project (<http://www.oldandnewproject.net>) and Ecosocialist Horizons ([www.ecosocialisthorizons.com](http://www.ecosocialisthorizons.com)). Kempis continues to organize actively for healing justice and a more livable planet.

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**Naomi F. Sugie, Ph.D.**

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Naomi F. Sugie is an Assistant Professor in the Criminology, Law and Society Department (and by courtesy, the Sociology Department) at the University of California, Irvine. Her research engages with issues of punishment and crime, employment, families, inequality, and new technologies for research with hard-to-reach groups. Her recent projects focus on prisoner reentry and the consequences of criminal justice contact for employment, mental health, and political participation. In the Newark Smartphone Reentry Project, she created a smartphone application to study job search and employment experiences of men recently released from prison in Newark, NJ. Her work is published in journals such as *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Social Forces*, and *Social Problems*, and

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has been supported by the *National Institutes of Health*, *National Institute of Justice*, and *National Science Foundation*. Sugie earned a Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Policy, as well as a specialization in Demography, from Princeton University.

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**Antonia M. Villarruel, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN\***

Antonia M. Villarruel, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN, is the Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and Director of the School's WHO Collaborating Center for Nursing and Midwifery Leadership. As a bilingual and bicultural nurse researcher, Dr. Villarruel has extensive research and practice experience with diverse Latino and Mexican populations and communities, and health promotion and health disparities research and practice. She incorporates a community-based participatory approach to her research. Specifically, her research focuses on the development and testing of interventions to reduce sexual risk behaviors among Mexican and Latino youth. She has been the PI and Co-PI of over eight randomized clinical trials concerned with reducing sexual and other risk behaviors. As part of this program of research, she developed an efficacious program to reduce sexual risk behavior among Latino youth – entitled *Cuidate!* The program is disseminated nationally by the CDC as part of their Diffusion of Evidence Based Interventions program and the Office of Adolescent Health. In addition to her research, Dr. Villarruel has assumed leadership in many national and local organizations. She is a co-chair of the Strategic Advisory Council of the AARP/RWJ Center for Health Policy Future of Nursing Campaign for Action and serves on the board of the ABIM Foundation. She has received numerous honors and awards including membership in the National Academy of Medicine and selection as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

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**Charmaine Smith Wright, M.D., M.S.H.P.**

Charmaine Wright, M.D., M.S.H.P., specializes in internal medicine and pediatrics as the Christiana Care Health System in Wilmington, Delaware. She received her M.D. from Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in internal medicine and pediatrics at Harvard's Combined Med-Peds program, where she was selected chief her final year. During residency, she nurtured her interest in maternal-child health and nutrition throughout the lifespan. She completed a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and Masters in Health Policy Research at the University of Pennsylvania, and joined faculty there in 2010 as an Assistant Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine with a secondary appointment in the Department of General Pediatrics at CHOP. She works in the field of health behaviors, self-efficacy, and goal setting in two main arenas: 1) To understand the associations that exist between pregnancy behaviors, mother and child by studying prospective and retrospective cohort data, and implementing an RCT testing a postpartum weight loss intervention, and 2) To improve weight loss and self-efficacy among obese primary care patients some of whom are awaiting bariatric surgery. Her goal is to design family weight loss interventions with and for vulnerable communities. She was previously core faculty at the Med-Peds Residency Program at University of Pennsylvania and CHOP.

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**Winston F. Wong, M.D., M.S.◇\*\***

Winston F. Wong, M.D., M.S., serves as Medical Director, Community Benefit, Kaiser Permanente, and is responsible for the organization's partnerships with communities and institutions in advancing population management and evidence based medicine, with a particular emphasis on safety net providers and the elimination of health disparities. As a Captain of the Commissioned Corp of the U.S. Public Health Service from 1993–2003, Dr. Wong was awarded the Outstanding Service Medal. Wong has served on a number of national advisory committees, including those sponsored by the National Quality Forum, CMS, and the Institute of Medicine addressing issues of access and quality for diverse populations, most recently as a member of the IOM Committee on the Integration of Primary Care and Public Health. In 2013, Dr. Wong was appointed to the Institute of Medicine's Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice. He is also a Board member of the California Endowment, the Essential Hospitals Institute, and the School Based Health Alliance. Bilingual in Cantonese and Toisan dialects and a graduate of UC Berkeley and the UC San Francisco School of Medicine, Dr. Wong continues a small practice in Family Medicine at Asian Health Services, a federally qualified health center based in Oakland, where he previously served as Medical Director. Dr. Wong was featured as a "Face of Public Health" in the May 2010 issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

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## PANEL MODERATORS

### **Julie A. Baldwin, Ph.D.\*\***

Julie Baldwin, Ph.D., is a professor of health equity research in the Department of Health Sciences at the College of Health and Human Services of Northern Arizona University. Prior to this position, she was a professor at the University of South Florida (USF) College of Public Health in the Department of Community and Family Health (2005 to 2015). Dr. Baldwin's research over the years has focused on both infectious and chronic disease prevention targeting children, adolescents, and families. Cross-cutting themes which have characterized her work include: utilizing community-based participatory research approaches, working with underserved and/or marginalized populations, and addressing health disparities by developing and implementing culturally competent public health interventions. She has been PI or Co-PI of several federally funded projects from such agencies as CDC, NIMH, NIAAA, NIDA, NIMHD, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and HRSA/AMERSA-SAMHSA/CSAT. For almost 25 years, Dr. Baldwin has had a consistent program of applied research addressing HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention in youth, with a special emphasis on American Indian adolescents and their families. She continues to contribute significantly to this field of research today, as the Co-Director of a NIDA Research Education grant, the "Institute for Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health" and Co-Director of another NIDA grant entitled, the "Intertribal Talking Circle for the Prevention of Substance Abuse in Native Youth." Dr. Baldwin earned her doctorate in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education in 1991 from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. For nearly 15 years, she worked primarily with tribal communities in northern Arizona to design culturally relevant health promotion programs for youth and their families. From 1994-2004, she served as a tenured faculty member at Northern Arizona University, with a joint appointment in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman Arizona College of Public Health. As an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, she has made a life-long commitment to serving diverse communities and to advocating for health promotion programs for children, adolescents and families.

### **Kendall M. Campbell, M.D.\*\***

Kendall M. Campbell, M.D., is the Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion and Director of the Research Group for Underrepresented Minorities in Academic Medicine at the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine. He is also a tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine. Dr. Campbell earned his MD from the University of Florida College of Medicine and came to East Carolina University from Florida State University College of Medicine, where he served as Co-founder and Co-Director for the Center for Underrepresented Minorities in Academic Medicine. He has interests in recruitment and retention of underrepresented minority students and faculty and has dedicated his research to this area and to the area of underrepresented patients in the clinical setting. He has over 35 publications and has spoken nationally on this topic. His professional career includes previous academic appointments at the University of Florida (UF) College of Medicine in the Department of Community Health and Family Medicine and as Assistant Dean for Minority Affairs. During this time, he also served as Medical Director and Chief at Shands UF Eastside Community Practice, an interprofessional practice for the underserved. His clinical interests have traditionally been for underserved patients for which he has developed medication access initiatives, integrated pharmacy services and social serves with primary care and led community health education initiatives to benefit the community. Dr. Campbell has received honors and awards for his service to the field of medicine including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award, the Exemplary Teacher Award, and the Advancing the Mission of the College of Medicine Faculty Council Award. Dr. Campbell was also a 2014-2016 Fellow of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), sponsored by the American Board of Family Medicine. In addition to this fellowship, which led to membership on the NAM Roundtable on Health Equity, he has also completed the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) certificate program.

### **Melissa Simon, M.D., M.P.H.\*\***

Melissa Simon, M.D., M.P.H., is Vice Chair of Clinical Research, and an Associate Professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and preventive medicine at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Simon's primary research interests are aimed at eliminating health disparities among low income, medically underserved women across the lifespan. Integrating health services research with social epidemiologic models, Dr. Simon's research focuses on interventions (such as patient navigation and community health outreach workers) that aim to reduce and eliminate such disparities. Within this context, Dr. Simon prefers to leverage culture and community to achieve these goals and thereby

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integrates community based participatory research framework into her work. Dr. Simon leads the NCI Biospecimen Management Program (BMAP) for Region 5 which is a multi-site transdisciplinary partnership that aims to increase collaborative biospecimen research and improve minority and medically underserved populations participation and retention in biospecimen and clinical trial research. Dr. Simon also co-leads the NCI minority serving institution-comprehensive cancer center P20 center grant that unites Northeastern Illinois University with the RHLCCC through social science research to reduce cancer disparities and through improving the pipeline of minority students and students interested in health disparities research. Dr. Simon received her M.D. from Rush Medical College (2000), had her residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital (2004), a Fellowship at Northwestern McGaw/Northwestern Memorial Hospital (2006), and is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities.

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