

MOVING JUSTICE FORWARD
Justice Collaboratory Conference
October 5-6, 2017

The Justice Collaboratory has been actively engaged in the public and institutional discourse on criminal justice reform efforts. We use innovation to create new paradigms of justice in order to advance systemic and institutional reform.

The Justice Collaboratory's vision, *Justice Forward*, reaches beyond specific crime control rationales, arguing that, in order for justice reform to be successful, it must be to enhance the *legitimacy* of the system by increasing cooperation and trust between individuals, communities, and the state. The Collaboratory also employs a multi-disciplinary approach, refocusing attention on the intersections of the criminal justice with other fields such as education and health.

As described below, the Justice Collaboratory is hosting a conference centered on the Justice Forward vision, and generally focused on prevention, policing, and prosecution, e.g. the "front end" of the criminal justice system. The conference will 1) highlight the innovations that have advanced criminal justice reform over the past decade and 2) strategize how to best to sustain the momentum of these innovations in order to push them forward.

Goal: To answer and plan for the following question: how can criminal justice reform advance in the absence of sustained federal leadership?

Areas of Emphasis: Education, health, communities, and the justice system.

MOVING JUSTICE FORWARD AGENDA – OVERVIEW

Thursday, October 5th

12:00 – 1:00 pm	Working lunch: welcome and introductions, instructions Location: The Policy Lab at Yale, room A001, 77 Prospect St., New Haven
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Highlighting innovative reform working groups: Education, Policy Lab Main Health, Policy Lab Main Communities, room B0121 Justice, Policy Lab Board Room
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Break/networking
2:15 – 3:45 pm	Innovative reform meetings, continued
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Transition from Policy Lab to Yale Law School for Keynote Address Location: Yale Law School Auditorium, 127 Wall St., New Haven
4:00 – 4:15 pm (p)	Welcome from Yale Law School Dean Heather Gerken
4:15 – 5:30 pm (p)	Keynote panel: advancing reform in the absence of federal leadership
5:45 – 6:45 pm (p)	Keynote Reception Location: Yale Law School, Dining Hall
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Dinner at Roía, 261 College St., New Haven

Friday, October 6th

8:45 – 9:00 am (p)	Welcome Opening Remarks Location: Yale Law School room 120, 127 Wall St., New Haven
9:00 – 10:30 am (p)	Plenary panel: collaborating in and across sectors in support of reform Location: Yale Law School room 120
10:30 – 10:50 am	Report outs from Thursday sessions Location: Yale Law School room 120
10:50 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 12:30 pm	Create the plan: collaborating for results Education, Yale Law School room 112 Health, Yale Law School room 109 Communities, Yale Law School room 111 Justice, Yale Law School room 110
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Working lunch: final reports wrap-up Location: YLS room 120

(p): public session

MOVING JUSTICE FORWARD DETAILED AGENDA

Thursday, October 5th

12:00 – 1:00 pm. Working lunch: welcome and introductions

Location: The Policy Lab at Yale, room A001, 77 Prospect St., New Haven

Conference organizers will welcome and introduce guests, offer an overview of the Justice Collaboratory, and discuss the purpose and goals of the conference.

1:00-3:45. Working Group 1 - Highlighting innovative reforms in education

Location: Policy Lab Main

This session concerns innovative reforms that align the education and justice systems in order to create new paradigms of justice. Eschewing zero-tolerance and tough-on-crime policies, this discussion explores the intersection of these systems as a site for enduring reform efforts. The moderator will lead an informal but robust discussion among the leaders for the first 45 minutes or so, followed by an open conversation among all attendees.

Leading Questions:

- How can we ensure that schools are creating pathways away from the criminal justice system and towards pro-social activities and institutions, particularly for students in-need or at risk?
- How can we continue the progress made in terms of school discipline and ending the schools-to-prison pipeline?
- What more can be done to give equal access to high quality educational opportunity for children in disadvantaged communities experiencing high levels of crime?
- How can schools and the justice system partner more effectively to prevent youth violence?

Moderator: Carla Shedd, Associate Professor of Urban Education and Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center

Discussion Leaders:

- George Sugai, Professor and Co-Director, Center of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports
- Thomas Mariadason, Director, The Justice Project at Advancement Project
- Jaime Koppel, Deputy Director, Communities for Just Schools

1:00-3:45. Working Group 2 - Highlighting innovative reforms in health, victimization, & trauma

Location: Policy Lab Main

This session concerns the alignment of the health and justice systems in order to support reform. How can efforts made under the previous administration to address critical issues such as mental health, addiction, victimization, and trauma be sustained and enhanced? The moderator will lead an informal but robust discussion among the leaders for the first 45 minutes or so, followed by an open conversation among all attendees.

Leading Questions:

- The ACA represented an enormous opportunity to bring new services and resources to the “frequent flyers” in both the criminal justice and health systems – how can that work be sustained?
- What’s the future for the Obama administration efforts to increase awareness of and treatment for victimization and trauma?

- What are the best substance abuse treatment programs / diversion programs to keep people out of jail?

Moderator: Emily Wang, Associate Professor and Co-Founder, Transitions Clinic Network

Discussion Leaders:

- Ashwin Vasani, Executive Director, Health Access Equity Unit, NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Linda Mellgren, former Senior Social Science Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, US Department of Health and Human Services Education
- Thomas Abt, Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Development, Harvard

1:00-3:45. Working Group 3 - Highlighting innovative reforms in community-based practice

Location: Policy Lab room B0121

This session concerns the community as a locus for justice reform. In communities suffering from high rates of crime and violence, accumulated and concentrated socioeconomic disadvantage is a fact of life. Despite this, community or neighborhood-level interventions are uncommon, frequently unevaluated, and suffer from a lack of conceptual clarity. This panel will feature an informal but robust discussion among moderator and discussion leaders for the first 45 minutes or so, followed by an open conversation among all attendees.

Leading Questions:

- Some envision the community as a *setting* for interventions, while others conceptualize it as a *resource* for interventions. How can we bring some clarity to what it means to be “community-based?”
- Evaluations and outcomes of community-based crime & victimization prevention efforts have been inadequate - why haven't we been able to get results with this framing?
- Should community-based interventions target the *preconditions* for crime prevention (poverty reduction, for ex.)?
- What are the crucial elements and missteps of community interventions that should be used to define the vision for “community-based” interventions?

Moderator: Monica Bell, Assistant Professor, Yale Law School

Discussion Leaders:

- Andrew Papachristos, Professor, Yale University
- Julia Ryan, Program Director for Community Safety, LISC
- Andrea James, Founder, Families for Justice as Healing
- Ronald Davis, Principle Consultant at 21 Century Policing, LLC

1:00-3:45. Working Group 4 - Highlighting innovative reforms in the justice system

Location: Policy Lab Board Room

Aspirations to promote just outcomes for individuals touched by criminal justice institutions have resulted in important innovations. However, some of the most impactful advancements may come from work across justice agencies. Despite support for these types of programs, there are significant hurdles to be crossed, including but not limited to institutional inertia. This session focuses on opportunities to recognize and develop synergistic collaborations to move justice

forward. The moderator will lead an informal but robust discussion among the leaders for the first 45 minutes or so, followed by an open conversation among all attendees.

Leading Questions:

- What has happened to the reforms prompted by the 21st Century Taskforce on Policing? How can such reform be supported?
- Procedural justice has been welcomed by many in the field, but real understanding remains somewhat superficial – how can procedural justice reach the next stage of implementation?
- A new generation of prosecutors are pushing for justice reform – how can their efforts be supported?

Moderator: Phil Goff, Center for Policing Equity, Professor, John Jay

Discussion Leaders:

- Cyrus Vance, Jr., NY County District Attorney
- Adam Mansky, Director of Operations, Center for Court Innovation
- Tracie Keese, Deputy Commissioner of Training, NYPD
- Ana Bermudez, Commissioner, NYC Dept of Probation

4:00 – 5:30 pm. Welcome and keynote: advancing reform in the absence of federal leadership

Location: Yale Law School Auditorium, 127 Wall St., New Haven

Heather Gerken, Dean of the Law School, and Tracey Meares, founding director of the Justice Collaboratory, will welcome guests and speakers. The keynote panel will highlight the most important areas of justice reform and discuss how they can be advanced under an administration that is hostile to progressive change. The moderator will lead a 45-minute discussion among panelists, followed by questions from the audience.

Moderator: Tracey Meares

Panelists:

- Karol Mason, President, John Jay College
- Vanita Gupta, President and CEO, Leadership Council on Civil and Human Rights
- Ronald Davis, Principle Consultant at 21 Century Policing, LLC
- Cyrus Vance, Jr., District Attorney, New York County

Questions:

- Under the Obama administration, what were the most important criminal justice reform efforts?
- How can they be preserved/supported/enhanced?
- What are the most important issues we are facing with criminal justice reform under the current administration? What can we do to address these issues?

5:30 – 6:45 pm. Keynote reception

Location: Yale Law School Dining Hall

The public is welcome to join conference speakers for cocktails and light hors-d'oeuvres following the keynote address in the Yale Law School dining hall.

7:00 – 9:00 pm. Dinner at Roía, 261 College St., New Haven

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

8:45 - 9:00 am. Welcome address and opening

Location: Yale Law School room 120, 127 Wall St., New Haven

Opening welcome address: Mike Lawlor, Under Secretary for Criminal Justice Policy and Planning, State of Connecticut

9:00 - 10:30 am. Plenary panel: collaborating in and across sectors in support of reform

Location: Yale Law School room 120

This panel concerns how best to organize in support of justice reform. Representatives from academia, government, philanthropy, and the community will discuss how best to organize amongst themselves and across sectors in support of justice reform.

Moderator:

Thomas Abt, Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy and Law Schools

Panelists:

- Nina Vinik, Program Director, Joyce Foundation
- Nicholas Turner, President and Director, Vera Institute of Justice
- Brent Peterkin, Statewide Coordinator, Project Longevity
- Carroll Bogert, President, The Marshall Project
- Elizabeth Glazer, Director, NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

10:30-10:50am. Report outs from Thursday working groups

Location: Yale Law School room 120

In this session, moderators from the previous day's sessions will report out on 2-3 key innovative reforms most worthy of ongoing effort and support.

10:50-11:00 am. Break into thematic "create the plan" break-out groups

Education, Yale Law School room 112

Health, Yale Law School room 109

Communities, Yale Law School room 111

Justice, Yale Law School room 110

11:00 – 12:30 pm. Create the plan: collaborating for results

In these sessions, thematic session participants – education, health, community, and justice– will reconvene in break out rooms to develop 1-2 concrete suggestions for collaborative ventures in each area. In each session, participants should ask how the Justice Collaboratory and participating partners can concretize ventures, working together in support of justice reform. Ideally, this will result in 4-8 concrete proposals for discussion at the next session.

12:30-1:30pm. Working lunch and wrap up

Location: YLS room 120

Working groups report back on the concrete ventures they have identified, with a brief discussion following. Conference organizers thank guests and coordinate next steps.