YOUTH/POLICE CONFERENCE

April 24th–25th, 2015
Glen A. Lloyd Auditorium
Friday, April 24
Glen A. Lloyd Auditorium
The University of Chicago Law School

PANEL MODERATORS:
> Steve Edwards, Executive Director, the University of Chicago Institute of Politics
> Emmitt House, Youth/Police Project
> Jamie Kalven, Invisible Institute

ALL PANELS INCLUDE:
> Hyde Park Academy Students
> Keva McGee, Teacher, Hyde Park Academy
> Youth Guidance

OPENING REMARKS
2:00 pm
> Dean Michael H. Schill, the University of Chicago Law School
> Craig B. Futterman, Clinical Professor of Law, the University of Chicago Law School
> Jamie Kalven, Invisible Institute
PANEL I:
“How Youth See Police. How Police See Youth.”
2:45–4:00 pm
Countless interactions occur daily in urban America between black youth and police. An encounter between a police officer engaged in a legitimate investigative mission and a teen innocent of any wrongdoing can be fraught. It can go wrong in a variety of ways, often with major consequences for the individuals involved and for community-police relations. What do these encounters look and feel like? How are they experienced by youth? How are they experienced by police? How do they shape the ways each sees the other?

PANELISTS:
> Jennifer Eberhardt, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Stanford University
> Chaclyn Hunt, Invisible Institute
> Tytania Holliman, Student, Hyde Park Academy
> Tracie Keesee, Co-Founder, Center for Policing Equity, University of California Los Angeles; Denver Police Department (retired)
> Forrest Stuart, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences, the University of Chicago

PANEL II
“How it Makes Me Feel—Youth.”
4:15–5:30 pm
How do these encounters, and the contexts in which they occur, shape the attitudes and identities of black youth—the way they see themselves and their place in the world? How do these encounters affect their orientation toward law enforcement? How do these encounters affect their personal development and their ability to navigate public space?

PANELISTS:
> Emily Buss, Mark and Barbara Fried Professor of Law, the University of Chicago Law School
> Herschella Conyers, Clinical Professor of Law, the University of Chicago Law School
> Carla Shedd, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
> Margaret Beale Spencer, Marshall Field IV Professor of Urban Education, the University of Chicago
> Jamel Triggs, Youth Mentor/Mechanical Instructor, Blackstone Bikes at Experimental Station

RECEPTION
5:30–6:30 pm
Classroom Corridor

Saturday, April 25

PANEL III
“How it Makes Me Feel—Police.”
9:00–10:30 am
Every day we put police officers in what often feels like an impossible situation: Get gangs, guns, and drugs off our streets. Keep us safe from violence. At the same time, there is widespread criticism of the practice of stopping and searching black youth as a crime-fighting tactic. How do police experience this apparent catch 22? How do youth/police encounters impact law enforcement?

PANELISTS:
> Jane Castor, Chief of Police, Tampa Police Department
> Marq Claxton, Black Law Enforcement Alliance; New York Police Department (retired)
> Richard McAdams, Bernard D. Meltzer Professor of Law and Aaron Director Research Scholar, the University of Chicago Law School
> Howard Saffold, Executive Director, Positive Anti-Crime Thrust; Chicago Police Department (retired)

BREAK
10:30–10:45 am
**PANEL IV**

“They Have All the Power.”

10:45 am–12:15 pm

Why does police accountability matter in this context? How does the knowledge that severe abuses—brutality, sexual assault, false arrest, even death—have gone unpunished inform and shape encounters between youth and police? What are the costs and harms of the absence of accountability? How does the lack of accountability affect the relationships between youth and police? How does it impact our effectiveness in addressing crime and violence? How could improved accountability affect youth/police relations?

**PANELISTS:**

> Cathy Cohen, David and Mary Winton Green Professor of Political Science, the University of Chicago
> Craig Futterman, Clinical Professor of Law, the University of Chicago Law School
> Delores Jones-Brown, Professor of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
> Chris King, Managing Editor, *The St. Louis American*

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**PANEL V**

“I Can’t Imagine Anything Different.”

1:30–2:45 pm

Many view strained relations between police and minority youth as difficult if not impossible to change. They see the status quo as intractable. What is the impact of such attitudes? Is there reason to believe that relations can improve? What do constructive youth/police relations look like? How can police and youth work together to build better relationships?

**PANELISTS:**

> Demitrous Cook, Chief of Police, Glenwood IL
> Adam Green, Associate Professor of American History, Department of History, the University of Chicago
> Mariame Kaba, Founder and Director of Project NIA
> Chris Magnus, Chief of Police, Richmond, California Police Department
> Jonathan Masur, John P. Wilson Professor of Law and David and Celia Hilliard Research Scholar, the University of Chicago Law School

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**CLOSING SESSION**

“Where Do We Go From Here?”

2:45–3:45 pm

The final panel, in which all panelists and the audience will participate, will be devoted to a discussion of next steps and prescriptive strategies for addressing the issues explored in the course of the conference.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

3:45 pm
**Panelists’ Profiles**

**Emily Buss**

Emily Buss’s research interests include children’s and parents’ rights and the legal system’s allocation of responsibility for children’s development among parent, child, and state. In recent years, she has focused particular attention on the developmental impact of court proceedings on court-involved children, including foster youth and youth accused of crimes. In addition to courses focused on the subjects of her research, Buss teaches civil procedure, evidence, and family law.

Buss received her BA summa cum laude from Yale University in 1982 and her JD from Yale Law School in 1986. After graduating from law school, Buss clerked for Judge Louis H. Pollak of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court. From 1989 to 1990, Buss worked as a staff attorney in the Child Advocacy Unit of the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau. In 1990, Buss joined the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia, and from 1993 to 1996, she served as the Center’s deputy director.

**Jane Castor**

During her 30 years as Tampa Police Officer, Chief Jane Castor has built a reputation for working side by side with citizens, neighborhood leaders, activists and business owners to solve crime problems and improve our community. Those strong partnerships are now the foundation of the Department’s crime reduction strategy, leading to unprecedented success in making Tampa a safer city. Since it’s induction in 2003, Chief Castor’s Focus on Four crime reduction plan has been the driving force behind Tampa’s 65.8% reduction in crime.

Chief Castor was elected president of her police academy class and quickly moved through the ranks. She has served in nearly every capacity within the Department from Patrol, Narcotics, Family Violence and Sex Crimes to Criminal Intelligence, the Field Training Program and Administration.

In 2003, then Lieutenant Castor assumed the lead role in the Department of Homeland Security’s Tampa Bay Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), she has become a pioneer in using homeland security trends in local law enforcement. Chief Castor holds a Master’s of Public Administration from Troy State University and is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy.

Most notably, Chief Castor was named Law Enforcement Executive of the Year by the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives in 2009.

**Marquez (Marq) Claxton**

Marquez (Marq) Claxton retired as a Detective from the New York City Police Department in 2005. His more than 20 year Police career included both patrol and investigative assignments including Plainclothes Anti-Crime, the Organized Crime Control Bureau/Narcotics Division as an investigator and undercover and as an investigator with the Social Club Task Force within the Public Morals Division. As a precinct Detective, Marq conducted thousands of investigations and ultimately became the Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Coordinator and the Identity Theft Coordinator.

During his active law enforcement career, Marq utilized personal and professional experiences to educate the public on a variety of issues concerning community relations & law enforcement. A co-founder and former spokesperson for 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care™, Marq was instrumental in developing innovative programs that addressed a wide range of issues including ‘Police Community Relations’, ‘Conflict Resolution’, ‘Gang Prevention and Awareness’, ‘Youth Safety & Awareness’, ‘Senior Safety’ and “What to Do When Stopped by the Police” to name a few.

Marq currently serves as the Director of Public Relations & Political Affairs for the BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT ALLIANCE™. Marq’s organizational and affiliation history includes: Co-Chair of the “Gangs, Guns & Gainful Employment” subcommittee of the New York State Democratic Conference’s ‘Operation SNUG; member of the New York State Blue Ribbon Commission of Gang Violence Prevention; life-member of the NAACP; member of CEMOTAP (Committee to Eliminate Media Offensive to African People); and a board member for South Carolina based not-for-profit community support network-THE UJIMA GROUP.

**Cathy Cohen**

Cathy J. Cohen is the David and Mary Winton Green Professor of Political Science and chair of the department. She has served as the Deputy Provost for Graduate Education and is the former Director of the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture at the University of Chicago. Cohen is the author of two books: Democracy Remixed: Black Youth and the Future of American Politics (Oxford University Press 2010) and The Boundaries of Blackness: AIDS and the Breakdown of Black Politics (University of Chicago Press 1999) and co-editor with Kathleen Jones and Joan Tronto of Women Transforming Politics: An Alternative Reader (NYU, 1997). Her work has been published in numerous journals and edited volumes including the American Political Science Review, GLQ, NOMOS, and Social Text. Cohen is principal investigator of two major projects: The Black Youth Project and the Mobilization, Change and Political and Civic Engagement Project. Her general field of specialization is American politics, although her research interests include African-American politics, women and politics, lesbian and gay politics, and social movements.
Jennifer Eberhardt

Jennifer Eberhardt received a BA (1987) from the University of Cincinnati, a master’s (1990) and PhD (1993) from Harvard University. From 1995 to 1998, Jennifer Eberhardt received a BA (1987) from the University of Cincinnati, a master’s (1990) and PhD (1993) from Harvard University. From 1995 to 1998, she worked at the Rand Corporation, and from 1998 to 2002, she was an assistant professor of psychology and public policy at Stanford University. She is currently a co-director of SPARQ, a social psychological research initiative to address pressing social problems.

Demitrous Cook

Demitrous Cook is currently Chief of Police for the Village of Glenwood, Illinois. He can be contacted at policechief@villageofglenwood.com.

Demitrous Cook is currently Chief of Police for the Village of Glenwood, Illinois. Chief Cook retired as Deputy Chief of Investigations from the Evanston Police Department and is currently in his thirty-fifth year of police service. He received his M.S. degree from Lewis University and is a graduate of Northwestern University’s School of Police Staff and Command; Northwestern University’s Executive Leadership Course; The Senior Management Institute for Police at Harvard University and the FBI MLEEDS. Chief Cook is an active member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, The Police Executive Research Forum and The International Assoc. of Chiefs of Police. He also serves as Vice-President of the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT), coordinating SWAT operations for South Suburban Cook County. Chief Cook grew up on the south side of Chicago in the Altgeld Gardens Public Housing Complex and currently resides in the south suburbs with his wife Lucia Cook and daughter Laila Cook. He can be contacted at policechief@villageofglenwood.com.

Steve Edwards

Steve Edwards is Executive Director of the University of Chicago’s Institute of Politics, which is led by former White House Senior Advisor David Axelrod. Previously, he was an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared on the BBC, Bloomberg, PBS and PRI. Most recently, he spent nearly 14 years at WBEZ, Chicago’s NPR member station, where he served as host of the acclaimed daily shows The Afternoon Shift and Eight Forty-Eight.

Craig B. Futterman

Craig B. Futterman was the Director of Public Interest Programs and Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School. He graduated with the highest distinction from Northwestern University in 1988, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and economics. He then graduated from Stanford Law School in 1991. Following law school, he was a trial attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Cook County Public Defender’s Office. In 1994, he joined Futterman & Howard, Chtd., a boutique Chicago law firm concentrating on complex federal litigation. There, Mr. Futterman specialized in civil rights lawsuits, focusing on matters involving police brutality and racial discrimination. He has litigated a number of noteworthy cases, including Jaffe v. Redmond, 116 S.Ct. 1923, a federal civil rights suit, where Mr. Futterman successfully represented the family of an African American father shot and killed by a suburban police officer. The case also created a federal evidentiary privilege for psychotherapists and their patients. He additionally litigated People Who Care v. Rockford Board of Education, 851 F.Supp. 905 (N.D.Ill. 1994); 90 F.3d 1307 (7th Cir. 1996), 171 F.3d 1083 (7th Cir. 1999), a class action Constitutional lawsuit that demonstrated a decades-long pattern of educational discrimination and segregation which permeated almost every aspect of Rockford’s school system. Mr. Futterman founded the Civil Rights and Police Accountability Project of the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic in Fall 2000.

Adam Green

He received his BA from the University of Chicago (1985) and his PhD from Yale University (1998). He teaches and research in a variety of fields, including twenty-first century U.S. history, African American history, urban history, cultural studies and social movements. He has written and co-edited
Delores Jones-Brown J.D., PhD is a Professor in the Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice Administration and the founding Director of the Center on Race, Crime and Justice (CRCJ) at John Jay College. She has taught graduate courses in the John Jay Police Studies Certificate Program aimed at developing police leaders who can work effectively with multicultural populations. Her recent work has focused on the legal, practical and ethical implications of police practices in New York City, particularly with regard to its racial impact. In 2008, she helped plan, organize and execute the College's first tripartite convening of police practitioners, academic researchers and community-based organizations and advocacy groups to discuss the topic: Stop, Question and Frisk: Policy, Practice and Research, as an important aspect of police accountability. Subsequent convenings have compared police practices in the UK and the US and explored viable alternatives for achieving effective community-based policing. She is the lead author of “Stop, Question and Frisk Policing Practices in New York City: A Primer,” a highly cited report describing the contours of stop and frisk policing in New York from 2002 to 2013. The revised primer is accessible through www.stopandfriskinfo.org, an archive of academic and public policy research on policing. The site was co-developed by Dr. Jones-Brown and launched by the CRCJ in 2013. Dr. Jones-Brown's publications include an award-winning book, three co-edited volumes and numerous book chapters, journal articles and legal commentaries related to race and policing. Her work has been supported by the Open Society Foundations, Atlantic Philanthropies, and the Tides Foundation. She is an executive board member of the Center for Policing Equity, a research consortium that promotes police transparency and accountability by facilitating innovative research collaborations between law enforcement agencies and empirical social scientists. She recently gave testimony on community policing research before President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

Mariame Kaba

Mariame Kaba is the founding director of Project NIA. From 2004 to 2009, she was a program officer at the Steans Family Foundation where her work focused on education, youth development and evaluation. Mariame has been active in the anti-violence against women and girls movement since 1989. Her experience includes coordinating emergency shelter services at Sanctuary for Families in New York City, serving as the co-chair of the Women of Color Committee at the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network, working as the prevention and education manager at Friends of Battered Women and their Children (now called Between Friends), serving on the founding advisory board of the Women and Girls Collective Action Network (WGCAN) and being a member of Incite! Women of Color against Violence. Mariame was also a member of the editorial board of the journal Violence against Women from January 2003-December 2008. She is the co-editor [along with Michelle VanNatta] of a special issue of the journal about teen girls’ experiences of and resistance to violence published in December 2007.

Mariame was the primary adult ally and co-founder of the Rogers Park Young Women’s Action Team. She has served on several boards and is proud to be a founding member and founding board chair of the Chicago Freedom School. Mariame considers herself above all to be a social justice
educator. She has taught high school and college students in New York City and in Chicago. She has developed and taught courses about the history of black education, youth violence, urban education, and contemporary social issues at Northeastern Illinois University and at Northwestern University.

Mariame has written and published several articles and essays about urban education, youth leadership, and the significance of hair in the black community. She co-authored the Status of Girls in Illinois report along with Melissa Spatz and Michelle Vannatta. Most recently, Mariame has published a series of neighborhood-specific juvenile justice data snapshots and co-authored a report about juvenile arrests in Chicago titled “Arresting Justice” (with Caitlin Patterson).

**Tracie L. Keesee**

Tracie L. Keesee, PhD, is the project director of the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, a Department of Justice project led by the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College and designed to improve relationships and increase trust between minority communities and the criminal justice system, as well advance the public and scholarly understandings of the issues contributing to those relationships. Dr. Keesee, a retired 25 year police veteran, is also the co-founder and director of research and community partnerships for the Center for Policing Equity, which promotes police transparency and accountability by facilitating innovative research collaborations between law enforcement agencies and empirical social scientists, and seeks to improve issues of equity—particularly racial and gender equity—in policing both within law enforcement agencies and between agencies and the communities they serve.

Dr. Keesee holds a BA in Political Science from Metropolitan State College, academic certifications in Public Policy and Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver, an MA in Criminal Justice from the University of Colorado at Denver, and a PhD from the University of Denver in Intercultural Communications. She is a graduate of the 203rd class of the FBI National Academy. Dr. Keesee has published several articles across a variety of collected anthologies and peer-reviewed scientific journals.

**Chris Magnus**

Chris Magnus has been the Police Chief of Richmond, California—a highly diverse, urban community of 110,000 residents in the San Francisco Bay Area—for the past 9 years. He has been significantly involved in strengthening ties between the community and its police force, addressing historically high levels of crime, and implementing reforms within the police department. Both violent and property crime in Richmond are currently at their lowest levels in over a decade. Chief Magnus is involved in regional community corrections efforts, improving services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, as well as a myriad of youth programs and activities.

Prior to taking the Richmond position, Magnus was the Police Chief of Fargo, North Dakota for 6 years where he played a key role in implementing the first two-state regional dispatch system in the nation, a forensic children’s interview center, and a refugee liaison program for the area’s many new immigrants and refugees.

**Jonathan Masur**

Jonathan Masur received a BS in physics and an AB in political science from Stanford University in 1999 and his JD from Harvard Law School in 2003. After graduating from law school, he clerked for Judge Richard Posner of
the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and for Chief Judge Marilyn Hall Patel of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. He taught at the Law School as a Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law before joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor in 2007. Masur received tenure in 2012. He served as Deputy Dean from 2012 to 2014 and as the Herbert and Marjorie Fried Teaching Scholar from 2011 to 2013. He was named the John P. Wilson Professor of Law in 2014.

His research and teaching interests include patent law, administrative law, behavioral law and economics, and criminal law.

Richard H. McAdams

Professor McAdams is the Bernard D. Meltzer Professor of Law and Aaron Director Research Scholar. He writes on criminal law and procedure, social norms, the expressive function of law, inequality, and law and literature. He is co-editor of the 2013 volume on *Fairness in Law and Economics* and the author of the forthcoming book, *The Expressive Powers of Law*. He has served as a member of the National Science Foundation Advisory Panel for Law & Social Sciences, the editorial board of the Annual Review of Law and Social Science, and the Board of Directors of the American Law and Economics Association.

Before joining the Law School in 2007, McAdams taught on the law faculties at the University of Illinois, Boston University, and IIT Chicago-Kent. He was a visiting professor at the University of Virginia School of Law and the Yale Law School and a visiting fellow at Australian National University. McAdams received his BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his JD from the University of Virginia. After graduation, he clerked for Chief Judge Harrison L. Winter of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

He consults community organizing initiatives and community-based organizations, including prison ministries and public schools.

Howard Saffold

Reformer Howard Saffold, a former police officer who has dedicated his life to correcting wrongs in the criminal justice system, was born on January 26, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois, to Eva and DeWitt Saffold. Saffold held odd jobs while attending Farragut High School. Upon graduation in 1959, he joined the U.S. Army. He married Carol Randall Saffold in 1960 and completed his military service in 1962. Saffold worked as an expeditor for the regional office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs before the Chicago Police Department hired him as a beat officer in 1965.

As a police officer, Saffold faced discrimination and witnessed police brutality, causing him to contemplate resigning. When the Afro-American Police League was founded in 1968 by Renault Robinson, he immediately joined, recruited others and eventually served as the League’s president. When a 1976 court decision forced the Chicago Police Department to change its discriminatory hiring and promotional practices, membership soared. In 1978, Saffold co-founded the National Black Police Association, serving as its president as well. In 1979, he co-founded Positive Anti-Crime Thrust with fellow Afro-American Police League leader Renault Robinson; promoting cooperation between police and the communities they serve.

When Harold Washington unsuccessfully ran for mayor of the City of Chicago in 1977, Saffold provided security on a volunteer basis. When Washington ran again and won in 1983, one of Mayor Washington’s first official acts was to name Saffold as chief of executive security, making Saffold responsible for selecting, training and assigning personnel. Saffold served in the same capacity for Mayor Eugene Sawyer after Mayor Washington’s untimely death.

In 1991, Saffold retired from the Chicago Police Department and resurrected the Positive Anti-Crime Thrust. As CEO, he attempts to stem the flow of young black men into the prison system.

Saffold holds a BS in Business Administration from Chicago State University and an MA in urban studies from Northeastern Illinois University. He was honored by the Midwest Community Council in 1988, the Peoria Afro-American Police League in 1993 and the South Austin Coalition in 1994. He consults community organizing initiatives and community-based organizations, including prison ministries and public schools.

Carla Shedd

Carla Shedd is Assistant Professor of Sociology and African American Studies at Columbia University. Shedd received her PhD in Sociology from Northwestern University. Her research and teaching interests focus on: crime and criminal justice; race and ethnicity; law; inequality; and urban sociology. Shedd has been published in the *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Methods & Research*, and she has also received fellowships from the Russell Sage Foundation and the Ford Foundation. Shedd’s first book, *Unequal City: Race, Urban Schools, & Perceptions of Injustice* (forthcoming Fall 2015, Russell Sage), focuses on Chicago public school students, and is a timely examination of race, place, education, and the expansion of the American carceral state. Shedd’s current research focuses on New York City investigating how young people’s linked institutional experiences influence their placement on and movement along the *carceral continuum*. Shedd is the Spring 2015 Scholar-in-Residence at the Vera Institute of Justice.
Margaret Beale Spencer

Margaret Beale Spencer is the Marshall Field IV Professor of Urban Education and Professor of Life Course Human Development at the University of Chicago in the Comparative Human Development Department. She is an alumna of the Committee on Human Development and earned her doctoral degree in child and developmental psychology. Before returning to Chicago, she held the inaugural Chair as the Board of Overseers Professor in the Interdisciplinary Studies of Human Development Program of the Psychology in Education Division in the Graduate School of Education at the University. At UPenn she directed two research units: the Center for Health Achievement Neighborhoods Growth and Ethnic Studies (CHANGES), and was the inaugural director of the WEB Du Bois Collective Research Institute. Spencer’s Phenomenological Variant of Ecological Systems Theory (PVEST) of human development serves as the foundation for her gendered and race-ethnicity acknowledging research emphasis, which addresses human vulnerability, resiliency, and identity and competence formation processes for diverse youth both in the United States and abroad.

In addition to Spencer’s ongoing program of basic research, she frequently collaborates with groups for the purpose of applying the research findings to settings having a stated mission or purpose which addresses youths’ emerging capacity for healthy outcomes and constructive coping methods. Given that the basic evaluation research activities of intervention collaborations occur in challenging contexts, the outcomes of the collaborations have significant implications for policy and for understanding not just the “what” or outcomes of human development but the “why” and “how” for achieving positive and healthy developmental trajectories. As a recursive scholarly orientation, the life-course identity development and coping process knowledge accrued have implications for Spencer’s ongoing theory-building efforts as well as her basic program of scientific research.

Forrest Stuart

Forrest Stuart’s research engages a fundamental and pressing concern for both sociological and criminological theory: how authorities attempt to more effectively control marginal social groups, and how those populations counteract and even resist such efforts. This theoretical agenda has resulted in three research projects. The first investigates the role of policing, criminal justice, and social welfare in the lives of marginalized and stigmatized urban communities. The second examines the unexpected resilience of the labor movement in Los Angeles. The third centers more explicitly on theory and methodology, exploring new ways of conceptualizing and studying urban poverty and crime.

Stuart’s current book project is an in-depth ethnography of Los Angeles’ Skid Row district, an area long regarded as the “homeless capital of America.” Beginning in the early 2000s, Skid Row became distinguished as the site of one of the most aggressive broken windows policing campaigns to date, characterized by arguably the largest concentration of standing police forces found anywhere in the United States. Drawing on five years of fieldwork, interviews, and archival research, the project analyzes daily life on Skid Row’s streets. Examining the interactions between police officers and the neighborhood’s impoverished and homeless inhabitants, Stuart documents the emergence of a new model of urban social control that combines both rehabilitative and punitive interventions, what he terms “therapeutic policing.” The project considers how this new configuration of social welfare, urban development, and criminal justice is re-constituting the meanings and contours of poverty, crime, and urban space, as well as the relationship existing between the police and the policed.

Jamel L. Triggs

Jamel L. Triggs is U.S. Marine veteran and active community leader, who has been involved with Blackstone Bicycle Works (BBW) since he was 14 years old. Blackstone Bicycle Works, often referred to as ‘Blackstone Bikes’, or simply ‘Blackstone’, is a youth education program of the Experimental Station. It’s a bike shop dedicated to promoting ecological practices and empowering youth, teaching mechanical skills, job skills, and business literacy to boys and girls from the under-served Woodlawn neighborhood and Chicago’s broader south side. Today, he serves Blackstone Bikes as their full-time Youth Mentor/Mechanical Instructor for young boys and girls alike.
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