LEADING WITH CONVICTION IN THE ERA OF TRUMP

APRIL 6, 2017 9AM - 2PM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
LERNER HALL
2920 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10027
SCHEDULE

8:30 AM - Breakfast

9:00 AM - A Welcome Message from the Speaker of the NYC Council

9:15 AM - Opening Panel
Leading with Conviction: What We Learned
Moderator: Christina Greer, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and the Department of American Studies, Fordham University
Glenn E. Martin, Founder and President, JustLeadershipUSA
Susan Sturm, George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility | Director, Center for Institutional and Social Change, Columbia Law School

9:45 AM - Panel 2
Leading from Within Dominant Institutions: Advantages & Challenges
Moderator: Vivian Nixon, Executive Director, College and Community Fellowship
DeAnna Hoskins, 2016 JustLeadershipUSA Leading with Conviction Fellow
Amy Solomon, Former Executive Director, Federal Interagency Reentry Council | Former Director of Policy, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
William Cobb, Deputy Director, Campaign for Smart Justice, ACLU
Udi Ofer, Director, Campaign for Smart Justice, ACLU | Deputy National Political Director, ACLU

10:45 AM - Performance / Break

11:00 AM - Panel 3
Mobilizing Power: How Leaders with Conviction Work on the Ground to Promote Policy and Culture Change
Moderator: Kathy Boudin, Co-Director and Co-Founder, Center for Justice, Columbia University
Vivian Nixon, Executive Director, College and Community Fellowship
Lul Tesfai, Senior Policy Director, CNA Corporation
Louis L. Reed, Program Manager, Mayor's Initiative for Reentry Affairs, City of Bridgeport, Connecticut
Maritza Bond, Director of Health & Social Services, City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

12:00 PM - Lunch

12:30 PM - History of the Future
Moderator: gabriel sayegh, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice
Karol Mason, Former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
Michael Thompson, Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center
Douglas Wood, Program Officer, Youth Opportunity and Learning, Ford Foundation
Daryl V. Atkinson, Civil and Human Rights Attorney | Advisory Board Member, JustLeadershipUSA

History of the Future Table Discussion
Facilitator: Susan Sturm, George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility | Director, Center for Institutional and Social Change, Columbia Law School
DARYL V. ATKINSON (MASTER OF CEREMONIES)
Civil and Human Rights Attorney
Advisory Board Member, JustLeadershipUSA

Daryl V. Atkinson is an experienced civil and human rights attorney and member of the JustLeadershipUSA Advisory Board. Mr. Atkinson was the Senior Staff Attorney at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice (SCSJ) where he focused on criminal justice reform issues, particularly removing the legal barriers triggered by contact with the criminal justice system. Prior to his tenure at SCSJ, Mr. Atkinson was a staff attorney at the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services (IDS) where he helped develop the Collateral Consequence Assessment Tool (C-CAT), an online searchable database that allows the user to identify the collateral consequences triggered by North Carolina convictions. Most notably in 2014, Mr. Atkinson was recognized by the White House as a “Reentry and Employment Champion of Change” for his extraordinary work to facilitate employment opportunities for people with criminal records. He received a B.A. in Political Science from Benedict College, Columbia, SC and a J.D. from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN.

MELISSA MARK-VIVERITO
Speaker of the New York City Council

Melissa Mark-Viverito serves as the Speaker of the New York City Council, the first Puerto Rican and Latina to hold citywide office. She represents the 8th District, which includes El Barrio/East Harlem and the South Bronx. Born in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, she worked for over a decade in local activism, nonprofit organizations and grassroots labor organizing before being elected to the City Council in 2005. She was unanimously elected to serve as New York City Council Speaker in January 2014. Led by Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, New York City has emerged as a national leader in the fight for comprehensive immigration reform. Speaker Mark-Viverito is also an outspoken advocate for local and national criminal justice reform.

OPENING PANEL
LEADING WITH CONVICTION: WHAT WE LEARNED

CHRISTINA M. GREER
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and the Department of American Studies, Fordham University

Christina Greer's primary research interests are racial and ethnic politics, American urban centers, presidential politics, and campaigns and elections. Prof. Greer’s book Black Ethnics: Race, Immigration, and the Pursuit of the American Dream (Oxford University Press, 2013) investigates the increasingly ethnically diverse black populations in the US from Africa and the Caribbean and was the recipient of the WEB du Bois Best Book Award in 2014 given by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. Professor Greer is currently writing her second manuscript and conducting research on the history of all African Americans who have run for the executive office in the U.S. Greer received her B. A. from Tufts University and her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University.
GLENN E. MARTIN
Founder and President, JustLeadershipUSA
Glenn E. Martin is the President and Founder of JLUSA. His goal is to amplify the voices of the people most impacted by mass incarceration and to position them as reform leaders. Glenn speaks from personal experience, having spent six years incarcerated in a New York State prison in the early 1990s. That experience has informed his career, which has been recognized with honors such as the 2017 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award and the 2014 Echoing Green Black Male Achievement Fellowship. Glenn is also the founder of the #CLOSErikers campaign. Prior to founding JLUSA, he was the Vice President of The Fortune Society, one of the most respected reentry organizations in the country, the Co-Director of the National HIRE Network at the Legal Action Center, and a Co-Founders of the Education from the Inside Out Coalition.

SUSAN STURM
George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility
Director, Center for Institutional and Social Change, Columbia Law School
Susan Sturm is the George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility and the founding director of the Center for Institutional and Social Change at Columbia Law School. Her publications focus on advancing full participation and collective impact, higher education transformation, education and reentry, legal education, and institutional change. She collaborates with a wide variety of higher education and community based organizations and networks involved in initiatives aimed at increasing full participation. She is the co-principal investigator for a Ford Foundation grant, in collaboration with Hostos Community College and Bronx Community College, on Building Corridors to College in the South Bronx, and served as a Principal Investigator on a Ford Foundation grant on Building Learning Communities at the Intersection of Education and Criminal Justice, and an Aspen Ascend Grant to develop a multi-generational approach to education for communities affected by criminal justice involvement. She has facilitated dialogues about full participation, race, and identity for Imagining America and as part of the Aspen Institute Socrates Program. In 2007, she received the Presidential Teaching Award for Outstanding Teaching at Columbia.

PANEL 2
LEADING FROM WITHIN DOMINANT INSTITUTIONS: ADVANTAGES & CHALLENGES

VIVIAN D. NIXON
Executive Director, College and Community Fellowship
The Reverend Vivian Nixon is Executive Director of College and Community Fellowship (CCF), an organization committed to removing individual and structural barriers to higher education for women with criminal record histories and their families. As a formerly incarcerated woman and prior CCF program participant, Rev. Nixon is uniquely positioned to lead the charge to help justice-involved women and their families have a better future. While incarcerated, Rev. Nixon spent time as a peer educator for the adult basic education program at Albion State Correctional Facility in New York. Following her release, she was ordained by the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) and currently serves as an associate minister at Mt. Zion AMEC in New York City. She is a Columbia University Community Scholar and a recipient of the John Jay Medal for Justice, the Ascend
Fellowship at the Aspen Institute, the Soros Justice Fellowship, and the Petra Foundation Fellowship. She is a co-founder of the Education from the Inside Out Coalition (EIO), a collaborative effort to increase access to higher education for justice-involved students and serves on the advisory board of JustLeadershipUSA. Rev. Nixon holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York Empire College.

DEANNA HOSKINS

2016 JustLeadershipUSA Leading with Conviction Fellow
DeAnna Hoskins is a 2016 JustLeadershipUSA Leading with Conviction Fellow. She is originally from Cincinnati and holds a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. Ms. Hoskins is a Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor and certified as an Offender Workforce Development Specialist. She has experienced the reentry system from all perspectives as she is herself a previously incarcerated individual who has successfully transitioned back into the community, ultimately receiving a pardon from Governor Ted Strickland.

AMY SOLOMON

Former Executive Director, Federal Interagency Reentry Council
Former Director of Policy, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
Amy Solomon served seven years as an appointee in the Obama Administration, most recently as Executive Director of the Federal Interagency Reentry Council and Director of Policy for the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP). Under Amy's leadership, the Council spearheaded substantial policy reforms including the federal Ban the Box rule, fair housing guidance, the Second Chance Pell initiative, Medicaid guidance for the justice-involved population, and a critical child support reform. Amy provided policy guidance and leadership for OJP, which grants more than $2 billion each year to improve public safety and the fair administration of justice in states and localities. Amy also worked closely with the White House and Justice Department leadership to shape, launch, and implement a broad range of domestic policy and justice reform initiatives.

WILLIAM COBB

Deputy Director, Campaign for Smart Justice, ACLU
William (Bill) Cobb, Deputy Director of the ACLU's Campaign for Smart Justice, which is dedicated to ending mass incarceration in the United States by cutting the jail and prison populations by 50 percent and addressing racial disparities in the criminal justice system. He currently serves on the boards of Community Legal Services, Philadelphia Legal Assistance, and Ardella's House. Bill is a member of the City of Philadelphia’s Special Committee on Criminal Justice Reform. Bill is a JustLeadershipUSA alum from the inaugural 2015 cohort.

UDI OFER

Director, Campaign for Smart Justice, ACLU
Deputy National Political Director, ACLU
Udi Ofer is Deputy National Political Director of the ACLU and the Director of the ACLU’s Campaign for Smart Justice, which is dedicated to ending mass
incarceration in the United States by cutting the jail and prison populations by 50 percent and addressing racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Mr. Ofer brings more than 15 years of experience as a civil rights lawyer to the ACLU. From 2003-2013, he worked at the New York Civil Liberties Union, where he founded the Advocacy Department. There he challenged the NYPD’s stop-and-frisk practices and spearheaded the effort to pass legislation banning racial profiling by the NYPD and creating an NYPD Inspector General’s office. From 2013-2016, he served as Executive Director of the ACLU of New Jersey.

PANEL 3
MOBILIZING POWER: HOW LEADERS WITH CONVICTION WORK ON THE GROUND TO PROMOTE POLICY AND CULTURE CHANGE

DR. KATHY BOUDIN
Co-Director and Co-Founder, Center for Justice, Columbia University
Dr. Kathy Boudin is the Co-Director and Co-Founder of the Center for Justice at Columbia University. She is an adjunct lecturer at Columbia School of Social Work where she has been the Director of the Criminal Justice Initiative, Supporting Children Families and Communities. Her work focuses on the causes and consequences of mass incarceration, and the development of strategies to both transform the current criminal justice system in the United States and to deal with the day-to-day damage that the system has caused.

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LUL TESFAI
Senior Policy Director, CNA Corporation
Lul Tesfai is a Senior Policy Director with the CNA Corporation. In this role, Lul leads efforts to strengthen the career and technical education (CTE) research
base and support current and developing CTE programs, particularly those focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Prior to joining CNA, Lul was the Director of Policy in the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) at the U.S. Department of Education. In this role, Lul supported policy and strategy development for OCTAE, which is responsible for the Department's CTE, adult education, corrections education and immigrant integration portfolio. Lul has also worked as a policy consultant for the California Senate Office of Research, an educational consultant to several school districts across the country, and a public school teacher. Lul holds a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.P.P. from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the UC Berkeley.

LOUIS L. REED

Program Manager, Mayor's Initiative for Reentry Affairs, City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

Louis L. Reed is the Program Manager for the Mayor's Initiative for Reentry Affairs, City of Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is the Founder and Chief Visionary Officer of the Louis L. Reed Empowerment Group which specializes in life coaching, addiction recovery support, offender reentry management, executive coaching, and relationship counseling, and the Executive Director of Vision of Purpose, a social justice organization based in Connecticut.

MARITZA BOND

Director of Health & Social Services, City of Bridgeport, Connecticut

Maritza Bond is a Public Health leader with over 16 years experience. Bond currently serves as the Director of Health & Social Services for the City of Bridgeport, the largest urban in Connecticut. In this role, Bond leads efforts on creating a culture of health and wellness with a focus on addressing social determinants of health and health equity. This includes a commitment to strengthening public-private partnerships; increasing connection between public health and clinical medicine; and implementing an outcomes driven approach to program and policy development. Prior to joining the City of Bridgeport, Bond served as the Executive Director for a local nonprofit organization, Eastern Area Health Education Center (AHEC) where she provided leadership to bring educators, health care professionals, and community leaders together regionally and statewide to ensure health care access and enhance the workforce in Connecticut. At Eastern AHEC, Bond was instrumental in training bilingual individuals working in health care settings in major cities, such as, the city of Bridgeport to become qualified interpreters. This also includes leading efforts to recruiting minorities and nontraditional students into health care careers.

HISTORY OF THE FUTURE

GABRIEL SAYEGH

Co-Founder and Co-Director, Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice

gabriel sayegh is co-founder and co-director of the Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice. For nearly 20 years, sayegh has worked on campaigns to end mass incarceration the war on drugs, promote fair economies and racial equity, and more. From 2003 – 2015 he worked at the Drug Policy Alliance, in many capacities, including as Managing Director of Policy and Campaigns. At DPA, he led numerous policy reform campaigns in cities and states around the country, including the coalition effort to roll back the Rockefeller Drug Laws in New York, campaigns to
reform New York’s marijuana arrests laws and pass medical marijuana legislation, and efforts to reduce overdose fatalities through health-based approaches to drug policy.

KAROL MASON
Former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Karol Mason was nominated to serve as the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice by President Barack Obama on February 13, 2013 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 25, 2013. As head of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), she oversaw an annual budget of more than $4 billion. Under Karol’s leadership, agencies across the Administration formalized their relationships with the community of justice-involved people, opening channels for justice-involved people to provide feedback informing OJP’s and other federal agencies’ policy and program decisions. Notably, OJP hired its first Second Chance Fellow and its first career person who was formerly incarcerated, to lead OJP’s corrections portfolio and re-entry work.

MICHAEL THOMPSON
Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Michael Thompson has worked on criminal justice policy issues for nearly 20 years. He started with The Council of State Governments (CSG) in 1997 as a policy analyst and the sole staff person assigned to the criminal justice program for CSG’s Eastern Regional Conference. Under his leadership, that program launched major projects in the areas of victim rights, criminal justice/mental health collaboration, and prisoner reentry. Since transforming the regional criminal justice program into the national CSG Justice Center, Mike designed the Justice Reinvestment Initiative and conceptualized the organization’s work in school discipline. The CSG Justice Center’s work has prompted major policy initiatives that have enjoyed broad bipartisan support in states across the country.

DOUGLAS WOOD
Program Officer, Youth Opportunity and Learning, Ford Foundation

Douglas Wood is part of the Youth Opportunity and Learning team. His grant making has focused on helping students transition from high school to college and also on improving the college completion rates of underserved students. He brings to his role at Ford broad experience in prekindergarten to 12th grade, as well as higher education policy and administration. Douglas holds master of education and doctor of education degrees in administration, planning, and social policy from Harvard University; a master’s degree in English from Middlebury College; and a bachelor’s degree in history from Wofford College, where he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

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