

DENORMALIZING VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

A series of panel discussions about
JohnJayREC's study findings
on the effects of Cure Violence in
New York City communities and
across the world



Thursday 10/26



10:30 AM – 3:00 PM



**John Jay College:
6th floor, Moot Court**

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[THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017]

10:30 AM
BREAKFAST

10:45 AM
OPENING
REMARKS

11:05 AM
PANEL 1:
CURE VIOLENCE
ON THE
GROUND

The community level implementation of the Cure Violence approach in NYC

Moderator: Marcus McAllister (National Trainer, Cure Violence) [@CureViolence](#)

Panelist:

David Caba (Program Director, B.R.A.G) [@GoodShepherdNYC](#)

Rahson Johnson (Former Violence Interrupter, SOS Bed-Stuy) [@SOS_Brooklyn](#)

Shanduke McPhatter (Executive Director, G.M.A.C.C) [@generalvanguard](#)

Marisol Rivera (Outreach Worker Supervisor, SOS Morrisania) [@SOS_Bronx](#)

11:45 AM
PANEL 2:
WHAT IS CURE
VIOLENCE?

The public health approach and methods to gun violence prevention

Moderator: Brett Dahlberg (Freelance Journalist) [@BrettDahlberg](#)

Panelist:

Jessica Mofield (Deputy Director, Office to Prevent Gun Violence)

Timothy Washington (Man Up! Inc.) [@ManUpInc_Usa](#)

Ricardo Williams (Deputy Director of U.S. Programs, Cure Violence) [@CobeWilliams](#)

Gary Belkin (DOHMH Executive Deputy Commissioner) [@DrGaryBelkin](#)

12:25 PM
LUNCH

1:15 PM
PANEL 3:
THE STATE OF
CURE VIOLENCE
RESEARCH

Evaluation findings of the effectiveness of the Cure Violence approach in NYC

Moderator: Jeffrey Butts (Director, JohnJayREC) [@JeffreyButts](#)

Panelist:

Sheyla Delgado (Deputy Director of Analytics, JohnJayREC) [@SheylaNYC](#)

Trevor Fronius (Senior Research Associate, WestEd) [@WestEd](#)

Charlie Ransford (Director of Science & Policy, Cure Violence) [@RansfordCV](#)

Caterina Roman (Associate Professor, Temple University) [@CaterinaGRoman](#)

2:00 PM
PANEL 4:
CRITICAL LENS OF
CURE VIOLENCE

Examining policy and public health approaches to reducing gun violence

Moderator: Lois Beckett (Senior Reporter, The Guardian) [@loisbeckett](#)

Panelist:

Elizabeth Glazer (Executive Director, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice)

Jumaane Williams (City Council, 45th District) [@JumaaneWilliams](#)

Aletha Maybank (Deputy Commissioner, DOHMH) [@DrAlethaMaybank](#)

2:45 PM
Q & A



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PANEL 1: CURE VIOLENCE ON THE GROUND

The community level implementation of the Cure Violence approach in NYC

moderator:

Marcus McAllister

After spending over a decade in prison, Marcus was introduced to the Cure Violence program—starting off as a Violence Interrupter, then an Outreach Worker, and finally became a National Training Coordinator, where he teaches and trains other credible messengers in the Cure Violence health approach and working to prevent violence in communities throughout the US and the world.

panelists:

Rahson Johnson

Rahson Johnson began working at the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center as a Youth Programs Assistant for Y.O. S.O.S. and lead facilitator for a boys group at Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School. Rahson is passionate about working with young people and has done such services for over ten years.

Marisol Rivera

Marisol Rivera has been working for S.O.S Morrisania for three and a half years. She began as an outreach worker and is now the program's outreach worker supervisor. Marisol is motivated to help change the world by helping communities be safe. She believes in using hard work to make a difference in these violent neighborhoods.

David Caba

For more than 20 years David Caba has been serving the disadvantaged population through the fields of Human Services, criminal justice and harm reduction. Currently, Mr. Caba is the Program Director and Subject Matter Expert (SME) for Good Shepherd Services' Bronx Rises Against Gun Violence (B.R.A.G.) Programs and Training Department. Mr. Caba's role is to develop the program from its roots as a start-up to a fully staffed, resourced, aligned, branded and high functioning operation utilizing the highly successful evidence based Cure Violence (CV) model.

Shanduke McPhatter

After transforming his lifestyle, Shanduke now acts as the Executive Director and Founder of nonprofit Gangstas Making Astronomical Community Changes Inc. (G-M.A.C.C.). Founding the organization with his brothers James and Edgar McPhatter, G-M.A.C.C. acts as a voice and a vessel for the young and misguided. By connecting the street soldiers and scholars to the community, G-M.A.C.C has helped high-risk youths overcome the very same challenges they all once faced.

PANEL 2: WHAT IS CURE VIOLENCE?

The public health approach and methods to gun violence prevention

moderator:

Brett Dahlberg

Brett Dahlberg is pursuing a master's degree at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, concentrating on health and science reporting. Brett has reported on gun violence, mental health and election politics for local news outlets including WNYC and the West Side Spirit.

panelists:

Gary Belkin

Dr. Gary Belkin is the Executive Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene. Prior to his current position, he was the Medical Director for Behavioral Health in the Health and Hospitals Corporation of the City of New York, which operates 11 public hospitals in New York City. Dr. Belkin has served as Chief of Psychiatry (Interim) at Bellevue Hospital and has led large delivery systems and policy development in urban health settings, advancing innovative approaches to public mental health.

Jessica Mofield

Jessica Mofield is the Executive Deputy Director of the NYC Mayor's Office to Prevent Gun Violence. Prior to joining OPGV, she worked at Counseling Service of Eastern District of New York, where she served as a Substance Abuse Clinician and coordinated clients from ACS and federal probation. She earned a Master's degree in Counseling for Mental Health and Wellness from New York University. Ms. Mofield also holds a license as a LMHC and Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Timothy Washnigton

Timothy Washnigton is an East New York native, who has been employed with Man Up! Inc. for seven years. He is currently a Hospital Responder Site Manager, but has held various positions within the program, such as Outreach Worker Supervisor and Target Area Site Manager. He is dedicated to serving his community by helping reduce gun violence, deescalating potential conflicts, and creating opportunities to promote norm change with his participants.

Cobe Williams

Ricardo "Cobe" Williams works as Deputy Director for Cure Violence, selected as one of the top 10 NGOs by Global Journal in 2013. Cobe travels the globe and the US training violence interrupters in mediation and conflict resolution strategies for Cure Violence.

PANEL 3: THE STATE OF CURE VIOLENCE RESEARCH

Evaluation findings of the effectiveness of the Cure Violence approach in NYC

moderator:

Jeffrey Butts

Jeffrey A. Butts is the director of the Research & Evaluation Center at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. His work focuses on discovering and improving the effectiveness of policies and programs related to the justice system.

panelists:

Sheyla Delgado

Sheyla Delgado is Deputy Director for Analytics in the Research and Evaluation Center. Before joining the Center staff in 2013, she was a Rudin Fellow in Applied Justice Research. She works on projects focused on violence and leads the Center's evaluation of Cure Violence in New York.

Trevor Fronius

Trevor Fronius, Senior Research Associate in the Learning Innovations program at WestEd, has experience conducting rigorous evaluation studies grounded in criminology and public health. His recent international work has focused on the published systematic reviews of formal police-school programs in the United States and abroad, and intervention impacts on enrollment in developing nations.

Charlie Ransford

As the Director of Science and Policy, Charlie is responsible for advancing the theoretical basis for the Cure Violence Health Approach and building and leading a national effort to create a health sector framework around violence prevention. Over the years, he has been involved in many aspects of Cure Violence including data and evaluation, strategic planning, communications and dissemination of the model nationally and globally – including authoring several papers on the Cure Violence health approach.

Caterina Roman

Caterina Roman is a faculty member at Temple University in Philadelphia. She is particularly interested in how the physical and social environment intersects with personal characteristics to influence how people use public spaces, and in turn, how physical activity is associated with individual and community health. Her research often utilizes survey data combined with hard-to-access cross-systems data in an attempt to provide a broad and unique examination of the health of communities.

PANEL 4: CRITICAL LENS OF CURE VIOLENCE

Examining policy and public health approaches to reducing gun violence

moderator:

[Lois Beckett](#)

Lois Beckett is a senior reporter for The Guardian covering gun policy, criminal justice and the conservative movement in the United States.

panelists:

[Jumaane Williams](#)

Council Member Jumaane D. Williams represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn. He was elected in 2009, and re-elected in 2013. Williams currently serves as Deputy Leader of the New York City Council, and chair of the council's Committee on Housing and Buildings. He is also co-chair of the Council's Task Force to Combat Gun Violence, and a founding member of the Progressive Caucus, and is a member of the Black, Latino & Asian Caucus.

[Aletha Maybank](#)

Dr. Aletha Maybank is a highly proficient physician with demonstrated excellence in public health, health communications/media, preventive medicine, and leadership. Currently Dr. Maybank is a Deputy Commissioner in the NYC Dept. of Health and founding Director of the Center for Health Equity. She serves as Vice President of the Empire State Medical Association, the NYS affiliate of the National Medical Association

[Elizabeth Glazer](#)

Liz Glazer is the Director of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. In that role, she serves as the senior criminal justice policy advisor to the Mayor and First Deputy Mayor. Ms. Glazer oversees citywide criminal justice policy and develops and implements strategies across city agencies and partners to enhance public safety, reduce unnecessary incarceration, and increase fairness. Previously, Ms. Glazer served as the Secretary for Public Safety to NYS Governor Cuomo, where she was responsible for the oversight and management of eight state agencies, including Corrections, Parole, State Police and National Guard.

THANK YOU!

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