

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

André de Gruy is the Mississippi State Public Defender. He founded the Mississippi Office of Capital Defense Counsel in July 2001, and has continuously served as director of that program, now a division of the Office of State Public Defender. He previously worked as an intern, staff attorney and director of the Mississippi Capital Defense Resource Center Inc. and as an assistant public defender in Hinds County. He is a 1990 graduate of Mississippi College School of Law. He served on the Mississippi Corrections and Criminal Justice Task Force and now serves on the Oversight Task Force. He served on the Mississippi Public Defenders Association Board of Directors for over 15 years including as President and chair of both the Training and Public Policy Committees. He is a “Life” member of MPDA. He is also a member of the National Association for Public Defense, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Mississippi Association for Justice. André has served on the Mississippi Public Defender Task Force and currently serves as a lawyer/advisor to the Mississippi Psychology Association’s Forensics Working Group and serves on Catholic Charities’ Poverty in Mississippi Task Force. He is married to Judge Elizabeth de Gruy and they have five children and two grandchildren

Carl Richey is the Founder and CEO of Justice Works™; a technology service provider specializing in case management systems for indigent defense programs and firms. The flagship product, defenderData™, is in use by over 15,000 legal professionals nationwide. Carl has been providing case management consulting and technology to public defenders since 1987.

Justin Cook is a Jackson-native and has been at the Office of State Public Defender since January of 2008. He received his undergraduate degree from the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. Justin attended law school at the University of Mississippi. He lives in Jackson with his wife, Ginger, his daughter, Eloise, his son Oliver and their beloved dog, Stella.

Khalil Cumberbatch is a formerly incarcerated national advocate for social justice issues. Khalil graduated from Herbert H. Lehman in 2014 where he was awarded the Urban Justice Award for his work with under served and marginalized communities that have ineffective access to social "safety nets." Khalil previously served as Manager of Training at JustLeadershipUSA, advancing campaigns to reduce mass incarceration. Khalil also serves as a lecturer at Columbia University School of Social Work. Currently, Khalil is the new Associate Vice President of Policy at the David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy where he leads The Fortune Society’s advocacy, policy, research, and community education efforts.

Jennifer Sellitti is Director of Training & Communications for the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, where she is responsible for teaching trial advocacy and substantive law to public defenders in all practice areas of the agency. She also represents clients charged with felonies ranging from drug possession to murder. Prior to her appointment to director, she was the managing attorney for the Middlesex Trial Region and an assistant deputy public defender in the Essex County Adult Region. Before joining the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, she worked as a staff attorney for the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Massachusetts. Jennifer began her legal career at Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, where she worked on the organization’s Prison Brutality Project investigating claims of prison violence and representing inmates housed in solitary confinement at super maximum security prisons in civil rights lawsuits against correctional facilities and individual officers.

Jennifer is a faculty member at trial advocacy programs across the country including the National Criminal Defense College, Bronx Defender’s Academy, Gideon’s Promise, and the Wisconsin Public Defender’s Trial Skills Academy; and she speaks nationally about issues surrounding legal representation for the accused. A member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, she serves on the Corrections Committee. She is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School and obtained a B.S. degree in public relations from Boston University. When she is not training lawyers or advocating for clients, Jennifer

spends as much time outdoors as possible and is an avid mountaineer, hiker, and crew member on a dive boat that discovers and explores shipwrecks in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Alexis Agathocleous is a staff attorney in the Innocence Project's strategic litigation unit, where he focuses on law reform efforts around eyewitness identifications. Prior to joining the Innocence Project in 2017, Mr. Agathocleous was Deputy Legal Director at the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), where he litigated federal civil rights cases involving prisoners' rights, gender and LGBTQ justice, racial and religious profiling, and the criminalization of dissent. Previously, he was the Director of the Reinvestigation Project at the Office of the Appellate Defender (OAD) in New York City, where he also represented indigent defendants on appeal from felony convictions as a senior staff attorney. Mr. Agathocleous was a Karpatkin Fellow with the Racial Justice Program at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and graduated from Brown University in 1997 and Yale Law School in 2003.

Keith Richey is an owner and Chief Operations Officer for Justice Works. Keith's extensive background in Customer Relationship Management, Quality Assurance, and Web Design have encompassed over 20 years of his career.

Cliff Johnson joined the law school faculty in 2014 after being selected as the first Director of the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center at the University of Mississippi School of Law. Professor Johnson oversees the Center's litigation efforts, focusing primarily in the areas of civil rights, social justice, and human rights, and he supervises law students participating in the MacArthur Justice Clinic.

Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Johnson practiced law in Mississippi for more than 20 years. After a federal clerkship and three years as an associate at the Jackson, Mississippi law firm of Butler Snow, Professor Johnson worked for five years as an Assistant United States Attorney during the Clinton administration. Immediately prior to coming to Ole Miss, he was a partner for 13 years at the Jackson law firm of Pigott & Johnson, where he handled a wide variety of complex civil and criminal matters.

During 2005-2006, Professor Johnson was a Fulbright Scholar at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden. While in Sweden, he taught Law and History of the American Civil Rights Movement at the Institute and Lund University Law School. Professor Johnson also conducted research and lectured throughout Sweden on the political and social challenges resulting from Sweden's immigration policy and integration efforts. Since 2006, Professor Johnson has lectured in Sweden on numerous occasions, including speeches at the Nobel Museum and Wallenberg Institute graduation ceremonies. He returns to Stockholm each year to serve as moderator of an international symposium for human rights lawyers from developing countries.

Professor Johnson received his B.A. in Political Science, with high honors and special distinction, from Mississippi College in 1989 and his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1992, where he was a Charles Evans Hughes Fellow and a member of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

Professor Johnson is a member of the University of Mississippi Allies Program – a network of faculty and staff who visibly support students who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. The members of Allies also work to foster a campus climate in which all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, may feel safe, supported, respected, and affirmed.

John Clark is a Senior Manager for Technical Assistance at the Pretrial Justice Institute. In over thirty years at the Institute, John has provided technical assistance to hundreds of jurisdictions around the country, providing guidance on implementing evidence-based pretrial justice practices. He has authored numerous articles relating to pretrial justice in such publications as: the American Bar Association's *The Improvement of the Administration of Justice* series; *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*; the *Journal of Court Innovation*; and *Judicature*. He began his career in the pretrial justice field in the 1970s as a pretrial services officer in the District of Columbia. He has a Master's Degree in the Administration of Justice from American University. He is a lifetime member of the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies and is the recipient of the Association's most prestigious honor, the Ennis J. Olgiati Award.

Will Cash is a Technical Assistance Manager with the Pretrial Justice Institute. He provides training and technical assistance expertise to PJI partner organizations, practitioners and policymakers. He has extensive experience collaborating with criminal justice administrators, practitioners, and service providers, developing and delivering implementation strategies across local, state, and federal jurisdictions. Prior to joining PJI, Will served with the Colorado Department of Public Safety's Division of Criminal Justice to promote the use of evidence-based correctional practices and the use of implementation science within Colorado's judicial department and the departments of public safety, corrections, and human services. He is a seasoned trainer and public speaker with a knack for translating conceptual frameworks into sustainable solutions and practices. Having begun his career creating education and employment opportunities for and in service to justice-involved individuals, he brings to his work a commitment to equity and justice reform.

Christopher M. Campbell, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor for the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Portland State University. He earned his doctorate in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Washington State University with an emphasis on community supervision outcomes. At Portland State University, Dr. Campbell teaches courses on research methods, juvenile delinquency, offender rehabilitation, and community-based treatment. His research emphasizes the use of mixed (quantitative and qualitative) methods in evaluation and explanatory research related to evidence-based practices. Dr. Campbell's most recent work has focused on the causes of crime, identifying risk factors for recidivism in community corrections, and examining client perceptions toward public defenders. Broadly, his work investigates how the mechanisms of procedural justice intersect with other processes of "what works" in various criminal justice areas. Dr. Campbell's work can be found in journals such as *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, and most recently *Criminology and Public Policy*.

Lindsey Vann is the Executive Director of Justice 360 in Columbia, South Carolina. She represents individuals facing death sentences and juveniles facing lengthy prison sentences, especially life without parole. Lindsey tracks all death penalty and juvenile life without parole cases in South Carolina and has authored several resources designed to assist criminal defense attorneys in their representation of clients at the trial and post-conviction levels in death penalty and life without parole cases. She is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Richmond School of Law. She previously served as a law clerk to a federal district court judge, the Honorable James R. Spencer in the Eastern District of Virginia.

Donald E. Campbell is an Associate Professor of Law at Mississippi College School of Law, where he teaches courses including Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Property, Wills and Estates, Land Use & Planning, and Construction Law. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Mississippi College School of Law. He also received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Florida. Prior to joining the MC Law faculty, Professor Campbell practiced law in Jackson and served as a law clerk for the Honorable Leslie Southwick on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He has authored a number of articles and coauthored

a treatise on legal and judicial ethics in Mississippi with the late Jeffrey Jackson entitled *Ethics and Professional Responsibility for Mississippi Lawyers and Judges*, published by LexisNexis in 2016. He has also published a textbook on ethics entitled *Professional Responsibility & Ethics: Readings, Notes & Questions* with Great Hall Press which is currently in its 3rd edition. He serves on the Ethics Committee of the Mississippi Bar and previously served as Reporter for the Mississippi Code of Judicial Conduct Study Committee. Professor Campbell is a frequent speaker on ethics to lawyers and judges.