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Political Economy and Access to Justice
Judicial Education Seminar (PEAJJES)**

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WELCOME!

The **Political Economy & Access to Justice Judicial Education Seminar (PEAJJES)** seeks to provide a framework for judges to unpack, interrogate, and synthesize academic research, law, and lived experience in order to identify and generate best practice models for strengthening Louisiana's juvenile and criminal justice systems. The goal of the seminar is to deepen judges' knowledgebase and attunement to the day-to-day, interrelated operations of the justice system in their communities, strengthen insight into how the administration of justice intersects with the economy and the law, and explore how the law impacts challenges that the State of Louisiana has historically grappled with, including high rates of income inequality, recidivism, and domestic violence, and comparatively poor overall quality of life indicators.

Retired and currently presiding judges in the State of Louisiana are eligible to register for enrollment in the seminar. The registration review process is informed by the seminar's desire to foster balance of representation from each of the seven districts that comprise Louisiana's Supreme Court.

The seminar takes place annually, from Thursday to Saturday, immediately preceding the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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ABOUT THE MURPHY INSTITUTE AT TULANE UNIVERSITY

Established in memory of Charles H. Murphy, Sr. (1870-1954), and inspired by the vision of Charles H. Murphy, Jr. (1920-2002), The Murphy Institute at Tulane University exists to help Tulane University faculty and students understand the economic, moral, and political problems we all face and think about. More important, the institute exists to help us understand how these problems have come to be so closely interconnected.

The Institute consists of five overlapping programs that reinforce each other: an undergraduate major in Political Economy, a graduate program offering an M.A. in Political Economy with Data Analytics, the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, the Center for Public Policy Research, and the Center on Law and the Economy.



Gary "Hoov" Hoover is the Executive Director of the Murphy Institute at Tulane University. He is also a professor of economics and affiliate professor of law at Tulane University.

From 2015 until 2020, Dr. Hoover was a President's Associates Presidential Professor and the Chair of the Economics Department at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Hoover received his PhD in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis in 1998. Since then, he has published numerous scholarly research papers, book chapters, and reviews on topics concerning public policy considerations of income redistribution/poverty, political economy, and ethics in the economics profession. Dr. Hoover is the co-chair of the *American Economic Association Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession*. He is the current president of the *Southern Economic Association*, and the founding and current editor of the *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*.

Dr. Hoover has been a visiting scholar at the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin. He is a network member at the Center for Economic Studies & ifo Institute in Munich, Germany. He has also been a guest professor at the Universities of Hannover and Konstanz in Germany, the University of Vienna in Austria and X'ian University in China.



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2024 Schedule

Day 1: Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:00-9:00AM **Registration, Breakfast, Welcome, and Icebreaker**

Registration for the conference begins at 8:00 AM. Dr. Gary Hoover, Professor of Economics and Executive Director of The Murphy Institute will deliver the welcome. Activities follow that introduce participants to one another and to seminar goals and objectives; establish the seminar as a space for open, honest dialogue; lay the ground rules for discussion; and provide an overview of the seminar schedule.

9:00-10:30AM **Political Economy 101: A Primer for Judges**

This session introduces participants to major concepts and methods of political economy as an academic and applied discipline. The session builds understanding of theories underlying how and why economic considerations inform people's decision-making and behavior, the power of free markets, and the government's influence on both human behavior and free market economies.

Presenter: **Dr. Kristen Broady**, Senior Economist and Economic Advisor and Director of the Economic Mobility Project, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, holds a BA in criminal justice from Alcorn State University and an M.B.A. and Ph.D. in business administration, with a major in economics, from Jackson State University. Dr. Broady has conducted research and analysis on areas that include the return to education investment and the disparate economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, she has conducted research on mortgage foreclosure risk and labor & automation.

10:30AM-12:00PM **(How) Has the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Addressed Prisons?: Insight from a Recent Report**

Taking cues from the findings of Professor Armstrong's germinal study, "The Missing Link: Jail and Prison Conditions in Criminal Justice Reform," this session considers whether and how the goals and objectives of Louisiana's justice reinvestment initiatives (JRI) account for prison conditions. Particular consideration is given to political economy and state and federal constitutional issues extending from state correctional facilities contracting with local law enforcement agencies to house pre-trial defendants.

Presenter: **Professor Andrea Armstrong**, a law professor at Loyola University and 2023 recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship," is one of the leading experts on the conditions of incarceration in the United States and is certified by the U.S. Department of Justice as a Prison Rape Elimination Act auditor. Her research focuses on the constitutional dimensions of prisons and jails, specifically prison labor practices, the intersection of race and conditions of incarceration, and public oversight of detention facilities. She teaches in the related fields of constitutional law, criminal procedure, and law and poverty.

12:00PM-12:15PM **Evaluations & Break**

12:15PM-1:00PM **Working Lunch**

The interactive, collaborative discussion & learning objectives of the seminar are fostered during lunch. Each day, this time provides participants a space to discuss takeaways from morning presentations and to map out whether and how what they learned applies to their jurisdiction/s.



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Day 1: Thursday, January 11, 2024 (Continued)

1:00-2:30PM **Justice Reinvestment Act in Operation: A Discussion with Policymakers**

This session informs and updates participants on past and recent legislative developments related to the Louisiana Justice Reinvestment Act, legislation passed in 2017 for the purported intent of reducing Louisiana's prison populations and investing in programs and policies proven to reduce recidivism. Legislators who have been at the forefront of operationalizing reform in both Louisiana's criminal and juvenile justice systems provide updates and facilitate discussion.

Discussant: **Royce Duplessis, Esq., State Senator, District 5.** Senator Duplessis is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana and graduate of Xavier University, where he earned a BS in communications, and Howard University School of Law, where he earned a JD. Prior to his election to the state senate, Senator Duplessis served in the Louisiana House of Representative, where he sponsored, or cosponsored bills aimed at, among other things, prohibiting solitary confinement of juveniles in facilities housing juveniles. He has also called for a commission to study the efficacy of the current eligibility requirements and processes for compassionate release, medical parole, and medical treatment furlough for incarcerated persons.

2:30-3:00PM **Formative Evaluations & Afternoon Unwind**

7:00PM **Dinner Debriefing, Neyow's XL Fine Dining, 3336 Bienville, New Orleans, LA 70119**

Day 2: Friday, January 12, 2024

8:30AM-9:00AM **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00-10:15AM **The Political Economy of Housing: Implications for Serving Vulnerable Youth & Adult Populations in Rural and Urban Louisiana**

Whether considering the safe placement of children in need of care or adjudicated delinquent, or providing adequate notice to homeless adults involved in the criminal justice system, housing is an issue implicated in all facets of the justice system. This session considers how Louisiana fairs with respect to confronting and managing this issue. Special emphasis is placed on housing as both barrier and facilitator of access to justice for court-involved adults and children.

Presenter: **Dr. Andre Perry** is a Senior Fellow at Brookings Metro, a scholar-in-residence at American University, and a professor of practice of economics at Washington University. Dr. Perry's research focuses on structural inequality, education, and economic inclusion. Most recently, he has analyzed the political economy of increased investment in urban renewal throughout America.

10:15-10:30AM **Evaluations & Break**



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Day 2: Friday, January 12, 2024 (Continued)

10:30-11:45AM **Do Criminal Justice Algorithms Entrench the Past or Create the Future?**

This session examines the role of algorithms and predictive models in the criminal justice system. Findings from a team research project that combines oral histories with an otherwise unavailable data set from the PA Department of Corrections to better understand the Pennsylvania Additive Classification Tool (PACT) algorithm will be considered. The PACT algorithm determines the housing placement of an incarcerated person. The team explored the ways that housing placement dramatically impacts people's experiences while incarcerated and their likelihood of being eligible for parole. Exploring the impacts of this algorithm's enactment tendencies will serve as an entry point in the session discussion of the role of predictive algorithms at each node in the criminal justice system. The session will explore what ideas and biases may be in algorithms, the path dependencies created by their "predications," their limitations, and the possibilities for algorithms to guide reform and rehabilitation in other parts of the country, including Louisiana.

Presenter: **Dr. Vanessa Massaro**, Associate professor and Chair of Geography at Bucknell University. Her research draws on mixed quantitative and ethnographic methods to explore the uneven, community impacts of mass incarceration in the United States. She has conducted ethnographic research in South Philadelphia as well as in the anthracite coal region where prisons are a primary source of jobs. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the American Association of University Women.

11:45-12:00PM **Evaluations & Break**

12:00PM-1:00PM **Working Lunch**

1:00-3:00PM **Cost of Poverty Experience: An Interactive Workshop Organized & Facilitated by The Louisiana Pelican Center for Children and Families**

This session requires judges to "walk in the shoes" of their underresourced constituents, as these constituents navigate the interworking, requirements, and expectations of Louisiana's child welfare, juvenile justice, and criminal justice systems. By the end of the experience, judges should have deepened appreciation of the lived realities and human impact of poverty.

Facilitators: **Mark Harris, JD, Executive Director**, The Pelican Center, formerly served the Louisiana Supreme Court as the Project Coordinator for the Louisiana Court Improvement Program for 15 years. He has been formally recognized by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for outstanding efforts in promoting the safety, permanency and well-being of Louisiana's at-risk children.

Michelle Gros, JD, Chief Operating Officer, The Pelican Center, previously worked with children and families in multiple roles at Healing Place Church in Baton Rouge, LA. She is passionate about improving the foster care system and adoption process and has personal experience as a foster parent and adoptive parent. Michelle and her husband, Rob, were recognized by the Congressional Coalition of Adoption Institute as a 2018 Angels in Adoption Honoree. She graduated in 2003 with a BS from LSU in Family, Child and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Human Services Management and a minor in Sociology; in 2005 with a Masters in Christian Education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and, in 2018 with a JD from Southern University Law Center.



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Day 2: Friday, January 12, 2024 (Continued)

3:00-3:30PM **Formative Evaluations and Afternoon Unwind**

6:30PM **Dinner Debriefing, Miss Shirley's, 3009 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70115**

Day 3: Saturday, January 13, 2024

8:30AM-9:00AM **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00-10:15AM **Political Economy and the Law: A Summative Review**

This session (re) examines the various ways in which the decision making authority of judges interfaces with policy and principles of economics. Participants are given framework for asking questions to deepen knowledge about political economy and takeaways from the seminar.

Presenter: **Dr. Douglas Nelson** is Professor of Economics at Tulane University. His primary research interests lie in the areas of political economy of trade policy, the empirical link between globalization and wages, and trade policy under increasing returns to scale. Professor Nelson obtained his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981. In addition to positions with the U.S. Treasury and The World Bank, he has held regular faculty positions at Rutgers University, University of Texas-Dallas, and Syracuse University, and has held visiting positions at Washington University in St. Louis, the Australian National University, the University of Nottingham, and Karl-Franzens-Universitat Graz.

10:15-10:30AM **Evaluations & Break**



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Day 3: Saturday, January 13, 2024 (Continued)

10:30-12:30PM **From Recognizing to Eliminating Implicit and Explicit Bias: Ethical & Professional Implications (and Obligations)**

This session considers Resolution 606, which the American Bar Association passed in August 2022. In pertinent part, the resolution resolves that the American Bar Association “urges federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments and courts, as well as attorneys, judges, legislatures, governmental agencies, and policymakers to [...] recognize implicit and explicit bias and acknowledge collective responsibility for challenging laws, policies, and practices that devalue black families and normalize systemic racism and family separation.” This session asks participants to undertake the work of analyzing the implications of what the resolution calls for in light of their ethical and professional responsibilities.

Facilitator: **Hon. Ernestine Gray (retired)** served on the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court for 35 years. She is past president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and has served on the boards of directors for National CASA, the YWCA, and Volunteers of America. Judge Gray currently serves as the judicial fellow of The Pelican Center for Children and Families.

12:30PM-1:00PM **Summative Evaluations & Closing**

Continuing Legal Education Units:

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2ND ANNUAL PEAJJES JUDICIARY PARTICIPANTS



Honorable Judge Regina Bartholomew– Woods (Ret.)

Civil District Court Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal

Judge Regina Bartholomew-Woods (Ret.), a native of New Orleans, obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, with a minor in Political Science from Southern University at New Orleans in 1994. She earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola University College of Law in 1999, where she ranked in the top 20% of her graduating class. She was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in 1999.

Woods currently serves as an Assistant General Counsel with Entergy Corporation in New Orleans, LA. She is retired from the Louisiana Judiciary, having recently served as an Appellate Court Judge at the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, as well as a former Civil Trial Court Judge at the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. She is a former adjunct faculty instructor at Tulane University's Law School, where she taught Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure. Prior to her judgeship, Woods served as Of Counsel with the law firm of Boykin, Ehret & Utley, APLC. Her prior employment included serving as General Counsel for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as the Orleans Parish School Board; Staff Attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC; an attorney in private practice with several law firms; and with the United States Government at the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor in Dallas, Texas.

Woods devotes her life to various civic and bar association activities. Specifically, she is a member of the Louisiana, American, National and New Orleans Bar Associations. In addition, she is a member of the National Association of Women Judges, the Louisiana Judicial Council, the A.P. Tureaud Chapter of the American Inns of Court, and the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society. She is also a member of several civic and community organizations: the New Orleans Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the New Orleans Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, the Pontchartrain Chapter of The Links, Inc., and a lifetime member of the Southern University at New Orleans Alumni Association. She is one of the founding members of a Mardi Gras Organization—the Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale. She is also a former board member of the Girl Scouts of Louisiana East, the Keller Group Neighborhood Foundation and The Beautiful Foundation.



Hon. Judge Paul Bonin (Ret.)

Criminal District Court, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, and
New Orleans Traffic Court

Judge Paul A. Bonin (ret.) served over twenty-three years as a judge in a variety of courts: Criminal District Court (2017-2020), Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal (2008-2016), and New Orleans Traffic Court (1997-2008). Since his “retirement” he continues to serve as a judge ad hoc and pro tem by appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court, including assignments with the Supreme Court. Most recently, Judge Bonin is also serving in a judge pro tem capacity while addressing administrative issues, such as court funding and financing associated with court-imposed fines, fees and costs.

He is presently Of Counsel to the Bonin Law Firm, a practice comprised of his three sons, as well as a mediator with maps.

During his judicial career, he served as president of the Louisiana City Court Judges Association and three terms as Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference of Court of Appeal Judges. He also served on the Judicial Council of the State of Louisiana, as chair of the Judicial Council’s Standing Committee on Court Costs, as Co-chair of the Supreme Court’s Advisory Taskforce “The Price of Justice,” and by appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court Chair of the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters (Court Reporter Board).

Judge Bonin graduated from Loyola College of Law in 1976, where he is currently an emeritus member of its Visiting Committee. He also taught as an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Graduate Program at Southern University at New Orleans. Judge Bonin has made numerous CLE presentations at programs sponsored by, among others, the LSBA, the Louisiana Judicial College, New Orleans Bar Association, and Jefferson Bar Association on a myriad of topics. He can be contacted at (504) 915-5377 or pab@boninlawfirm.com.



Hon. Judge Amanda C. Calogero

Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court Section B

Judge Amanda C. Calogero was elected first in 2018 then without opposition in 2020 to Section B of the Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court. For the seven years prior to being elected, Judge Calogero was the Chief Prosecutor of the District Attorney's Office supervising juvenile delinquency, child dependency, and child support cases. In her tenure with the District Attorney, Judge Calogero worked primarily in screening and prosecution of child abuse and homicide.

Judge Calogero obtained her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law in 1997. While attending Loyola at night, Judge Calogero held a full time position as a Registered Nurse, primarily in the Emergency Department and as a weekend hospital administrator. Judge Calogero holds a bachelor of science in Nursing, having graduated in 1991 with Honors. While working in the nursing field, she obtained a certification in Emergency Nursing and completed critical care training. Judge Calogero is experienced in acute care settings, mental health, and various other areas of care. Judge Calogero was born in Houma, Louisiana, the 5th of 7 children in a law enforcement family.

Judge Calogero was hired as a prosecutor in 1998 and represented the 24th Judicial District in the Louisiana District Attorney's Association on the board, assisted on the legislation committee, represented the office on the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention board, as well as the Commission on Human Trafficking. Judge Calogero holds the national distinction as a Child Welfare Specialist, recognized by the National Association of Counsel for Children, one of the first prosecutors in Louisiana to hold this distinction. Additionally, Judge Calogero completed a fellowship, having been invited to study with Dr. Charles Zeanah in the Early Childhood Policy Leadership Institute, a department of the Tulane University School of Medicine. Judge Calogero was a 2012 recipient of the Children's Hospital New Orleans, Audrey Hepburn Care Center "Tree of Life" for work in the area of child abuse, as well a 2014 Louisiana State Police Superintendent's Award for Excellence for work to end alcohol-related fatalities among teens.

Judge Calogero is married to Michael Calogero and has two daughters.



Hon. Judge Desiree Cook-Calvin

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court , Section E

Hon. Desiree Cook-Calvin's whole life reflects the values of faith, work, and commitment that her family instilled in her from her youth growing up in the Hollygrove neighborhood of New Orleans.

The seventh of nine children, Judge Cook-Calvin knows personally the transformative power of education. She is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and Tulane Law School.

After serving 20 years in the legal field, she was elected to serve in the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. During her tenure, she has presided over numerous cases that impact the lives of children, including abuse and neglect, delinquency, and adoptions. She previously has served as the Drug Court and the Truancy Judge in partnership with the Youth Opportunity Center.

Judge Cook-Calvin currently serves as a member of the Governor's Children's Cabinet, the Trustee Board of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the Judicial Council for the Gault Center.



Hon. Judge Nandi F. Campbell

Orleans Criminal District Court, Section G

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, **Judge Nandi F. Campbell** worked in the banking industry and in governance as a municipal manager for The City of New York. Determined to make a difference, Judge Campbell decided to pursue a law degree to become a public defender. Judge Campbell attended University of Georgia (UGA) School of Law. While pursuing her law degree, Judge Campbell served as President of The American Constitution Society and The Law Democrats, while also serving as the Executive Director of the Working in the Public Interest (WIPI) Conference. During her tenure at UGA, Judge Campbell was recognized as a Next Generation Leader by the National American Constitution Society. Following graduation, Judge Campbell moved to New Orleans, Louisiana and accepted a position as a public defender with the newly restructured Orleans Public Defender's Office, one of the most prolific and busiest public defender's offices in the country.

After practicing, learning and being mentored by Jason R. Williams and Associates, Judge Campbell opened her own Criminal Defense Law Firm - NFCLAW, in an effort to give each case more of her attention and time. NFCLAW engaged in vigorous litigation, both in State and Federal court. Judge Campbell also served as a contract conflict attorney with Orleans Public Defender's Office and the Federal Public Defender office of the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Campbell was elected Judge of Section G of Orleans Parish Criminal Court on November 3, 2020.

Judge Campbell is a graduate of The Institute of Politics at Loyola Law, The Norman C. Francis Leadership Institute, and Emerge Louisiana. Judge Campbell taught Trial Advocacy at Tulane Law. She is currently an Adjunct professor at Loyola University College of Law, where she teaches Criminal Law Seminar.

Attracted to fresh seafood and Jazz fest, Judge Campbell is a self-appointed New Orleanian. She resides in Central City with her beloved feline, Adamma.



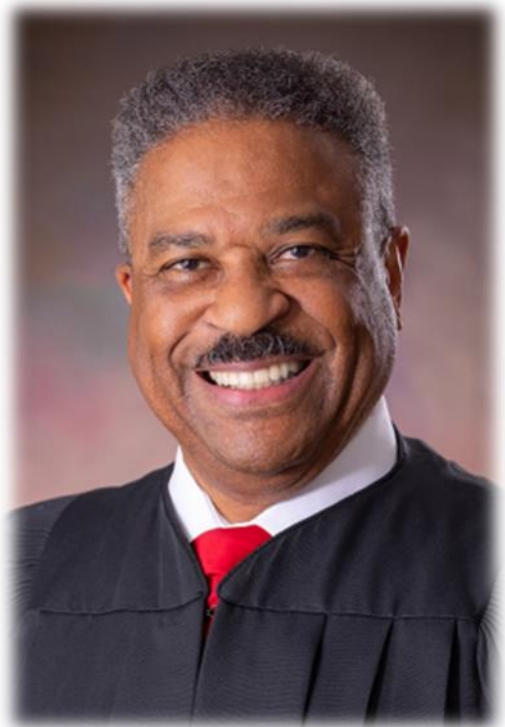
Honorable Judge Rhonda Goode-Douglas

Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Section E

The **Honorable Rhonda Goode-Douglas** was elected Judge on November 3, 2020, for Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Section E. After graduating from Ursuline Academy, she attended Tulane University. Following her graduation from Tulane University, Judge Goode-Douglas went on to attend Tulane Law School, where she earned her Juris Doctorate (JD) and gained her passion for the criminal justice system.

Judge Goode-Douglas began her legal career by serving as an Assistant States' Attorney for six years in the City of Chicago. She eventually returned to the City of New Orleans to accept a position as a law clerk in the prestigious Louisiana Supreme Court's Central Staff Division. Following her clerkship, Judge Goode-Douglas accepted a position as an Assistant District Attorney in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office. As an ADA, she proudly served the citizens of Orleans Parish for over 12 years by prosecuting violent criminals. In 2013, Judge Goode-Douglas was awarded the Outstanding Prosecutor Award by the Citizens and Victims Against Crime for her tireless work on behalf of the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office. Following her tenure at the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, Judge Goode-Douglas gained additional experience in the public sector by serving in the Jefferson Parish District Attorneys' Office and working for the Department of Homeland Security.

Judge Goode-Douglas has been married for over 20 years to Retired Lieutenant Colonel Terry Douglas. She is the mother of two wonderful kids and is an active member in the community where she serves organizations focused on raising awareness for women's health issues and mentoring the youth, such as the Omicron Lambda Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Life Member), the New Orleans Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (President), and the New Orleans Chapter of the Links, Inc. (Member).



Honorable Judge Jules D. Edwards, III

City Court of Lafayette, Division A

Judge Jules D. Edwards, III began his service in the City Court of Lafayette, Division “A” on January 1, 2023. He also serves as Louisiana’s Judicial Outreach Liaison, teaching judges how to handle impaired driving cases, and previously served in Division “B” of the 15th Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana from January 1, 1993, to December 31, 2020. There he served as Chief Judge of the 15th Judicial District Court from 2001 until 2003 and has been a pioneer of drug courts and re-entry courts. Prior to serving on the court, he served as an Indigent Defender Attorney, an Assistant District Attorney, Counsel to the Louisiana Senate’s Select Committee on Crime and Drugs, and a partner in Edwards and Edwards Law Offices.

He was inducted into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame in 2013. Judge Edwards is also a former Chairman of the Louisiana Judiciary Commission, serving from 2013 to 2017. He also served as Vice Chair of the Commission from December 5, 2014, until April 2, 2015, and as chair of the Commission from August 21, 2015, until August 27, 2016, during which time he oversaw a major overhaul of the rules governing the procedures of the Commission.

Judge Edwards was President of the Louisiana District Judges Association 2014-2015. From 2011 to 2018, he worked with the Louisiana Sentencing Commission (LSA-R.S. 15:322) to assist the judiciary and the legislature in formulating and implementing a uniform sentencing policy. He is a past member of the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education which was created by Act 88 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature (2018 – 2020) and a past member of the Louisiana Drug Policy Board which was created by LSA-R.S. 49:219.2, (2018 – 2020), and a current member of the DWI-Task Force since 2021.

Judge Jules Edwards received his undergraduate and law degrees from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1981 and 1984, respectively. He earned a Master of Public Administration from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 1994, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College in 2005. Judge Edwards enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1977 and served in the Louisiana National Guard from 1981 until 2007. He served in the Infantry, Artillery, and Judge Advocate General’s Corps. He also served as the 256th Infantry Brigade’s Inspector General and the State Judge Advocate. In 2007, he retired as Colonel of the Louisiana National Guard and was recognized as the best Staff Judge Advocate in the United States.

Judge Edwards is married to Orida and they are the honored parents of three adult children. The Judge’s motto is “Dare to Dream.”



Honorable Judge Valerie Gotch Garrett

15th Judicial District Court, Division B

Judge Valerie Gotch Garrett was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana. She was elected District Judge for Division B in 2020 with her term beginning on January 1, 2021, serving Lafayette, Acadia, and Vermilion Parishes on a rotating basis.

Judge Garrett has served Acadiana and the State as a leader and member of several civic and community boards. In addition to being the 1st African American Female to be elected to the 15th JDC, she has many other 1st including but not limited to being the 1st African American female Chair for the Lafayette Airport Commission and 1st African American female appointed to the Lafayette Housing Authority. Judge Garrett has practiced law in the Acadiana community for more than 27 years, practicing criminal defense, family, personal injury law as well as general practice areas. Judge Garrett has experience as a 15th Judicial District Public Defender and Federal Public Defender handling Capital, Felony, Juvenile, and Misdemeanor cases.

Judge Garrett is a graduate of Holy Rosary Institute and the University of Southwest Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette). She received her Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center.

She has been a champion of service to the community and has made a significant impact on the community priding herself on having a "Passion for Justice". She believes every person must be treated with respect and dignity. She maintained a reputation of "Service to the people" and provided extensive amounts of pro bono work. She uses her influence and life experience to encourage and inspire others to become everything they are capable of being.



Hon. Judge Verity Gentry

11th Judicial District in Sabine Parish, Louisiana

Judge Verity Gentry is the sole judge for the 11th Judicial District in Sabine Parish, Louisiana. She has served since September 2022.

Judge Gentry graduated Cum Laude from Loyola University College of Law, where she served as Head Teaching Assistant for Research and Writing, was Substance and Citation Editor for the *Maritime Law Journal* and was a member of the St. Thomas More Inn of Court. While a judicial intern for Federal Magistrate Mary Milloy in Houston, she drafted an opinion affirmed by the U.S. Southern District of Texas, Fifth Circuit. She holds a Business degree from LSU, working under Attorneys General Richard Ieyoub and Charles Foti during her college years.

She began as an Orleans Parish Public Defender before moving to prominent Louisiana firms and successfully handling thousands of cases. For several years, she had thriving practices in Shreveport and the seat of Sabine Parish, Many, her hometown.

Since taking the bench, Judge Gentry has tackled an enormous, pandemic-induced backlog of cases and implemented numerous efficiency improvements in the 11th Judicial District Court processes, including the recent introduction of the district's first QR code online juror questionnaire.

Beyond her regular judicial duties, Judge Gentry has hosted Courts Training for those working with Juvenile Court, contributed to the 2023 True Blue Drew Criminal Law Update, and was one of 25 judges selected nationwide to recently attend the National Computer Forensics Institute.

In her leisure, Judge Gentry enjoys honing her gardening skills and making pottery.



Hon. Judge Kendrick J. Guidry

14th Judicial District Court, Division H

Judge Kendrick J. Guidry was elected to the 14th Judicial District Court, Div. H, beginning January 1, 2021. He is a son, father, and husband. Judge Guidry is a 1986 Westlake High School graduate. He is an Eagle Scout. He graduated from McNeese State University in 1990. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate. He served in the United States Army as a 2LT in the Signal Corps.

Following his military service, Judge Guidry returned to Lake Charles and worked in the mental disability field first as the Residential Director for CARC and then as its Assistant Executive Director. Judge Guidry graduated from LSU Law School in May 2000. He began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney from 2000-2006. He prosecuted all levels of crimes with specific focus on Domestic Violence. In 2006, Judge Guidry moved to the civil defense firm of Plauche', Smith & Nieset, LLC working his way to partner level until his election to the bench.

Judge Guidry is a teacher. He has taught CLE's in Employment Law Specialization, Discipline Hearing Committee procedures, Law Office Practices, and Professionalism. He has been a Visiting Lecturer at McNeese State University teaching paralegal courses on Criminal and Employment Law. Judge Guidry has appeared in the United States Supreme Court, *Fox v. Vice*.

Judge Guidry has an extensive history of being involved with his community and has been recognized for his various volunteer activities. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for CARC (President for 3 years), Friends of Sisters Surviving, Inc., and SWLA Center for Health Services, additionally a member of the McNeese Black Alumni Association. He previously served on the Finance Committee for St. John Bosco Church. He also previously served on the boards for the Southwest Louisiana Homeless Coalition, Foreman-Reynaud YMCA. He is Co-Founder of Project Rebuild-Future, a young male mentoring program.

Judge Guidry's law related volunteer activities include SWLA Bar Association (President 2008); SWLA Bar Foundation (former Board member); Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (Chair: 2012-2013); Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, Hearing Committee Chair; SWLA Louis A. Martinet Society.

Judge Guidry is a member of the Louisiana Judicial Council/NBA, Louisiana District Judges Association, and the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Judge Guidry is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church-ACTS Team member, Eucharistic Minister; and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Since taking the bench, Judge Guidry has become an avid participant in the Judges in the Classroom/Students in the Courtroom program.



Hon. Judge Angel S. Harris

Orleans Criminal District Court, Section L

Elected to Orleans Parish Criminal District Court-Section L, in November 2020, **Judge Angel Harris** previously served as Assistant Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. (2015-2019), where her advocacy focused on capital defense, juvenile life without the possibility of parole, Voter disenfranchisement, school desegregation and policing reform. Prior to joining LDF, Judge Harris served as a Staff Attorney with the ACLU's Capital Punishment Project where she represented death-sentenced prisoners nationwide. Between 2009-2014, Judge Harris was a public defender in Orleans and Calcasieu Parishes.

A nationally recognized expert on criminal justice and civil rights issues, Judge Harris' writing has appeared in the New York Times and the Huffington Post, and she has provided commentary on "Democracy Now!," "1A" and "The Roland Martin Show."

Judge Harris graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 2009 and summa cum laude from Hampton University, with a B.A. in English. She is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association.



Hon. Judge Marcus L. Hunter

Court of Appeal 2nd Circuit State of Louisiana

A lifelong resident of Monroe, Louisiana, **Judge Marcus Hunter** is a graduate of the Julia C. Wossman High School in Monroe. Judge Hunter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Southern University, in 2002, and a Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center, in 2005. After being admitted to the Louisiana State Bar Association, Judge Hunter opened a small business, United Title of Northeast Louisiana, and was an attorney with Willie Hunter Jr., and Associates, at which he practiced alongside his father and brother.

From 2011 to 2018, Judge Hunter was a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, representing District 17, which encompasses parts of the cities of Monroe and West Monroe and the towns of Richwood and Bawcomville. While a state representative, he served on the Civil Law, Insurance, and Labor committees.

In his second year as a state representative, he was named to the Commerce Committee and later sat on the House Ways & Means Committee.

Judge Hunter's initial service on the bench was as district judge for the 4th Judicial District Court, Division G. He won election to the Louisiana Court of Appeal, 2nd Circuit, and assumed office on May 5, 2021. He was re-elected without opposition on November 8, 2022.

Judge Hunter is married to Dr. Tonya H. Hunter, an OB/GYN. The couple has three children.



Honorable Judge Sandra Cabrina Jenkins

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal

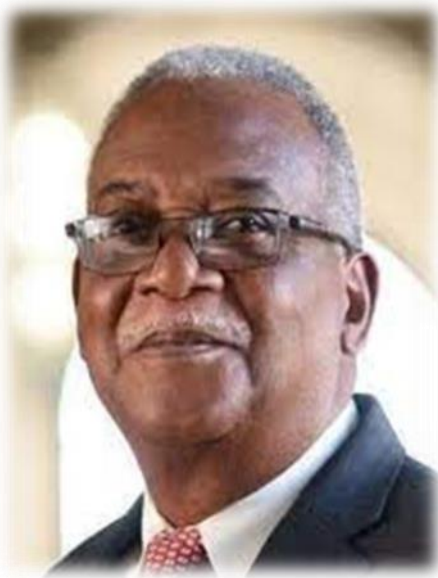
Judge Sandra Cabrina Jenkins, a former Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans, criminal defense attorney, and certified accredited Veterans Affairs attorney, practiced law for 23 years before she was elected to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit on November 6, 2012. Judge Jenkins was re-elected to a second term, unopposed, in 2022.

She is a graduate of Louisiana State University (Political Science); Southern University, (Master of Public Administration); Southern University Law Center, (Juris Doctor); and Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA (Master of Divinity).

Judge Jenkins has served as a faculty member of the National Judicial College; the National Judicial Opioid Task Force faculty member for the State of Louisiana and a Judicial Education Faculty Member for the Louisiana Supreme Court's Domestic Violence LPOR program. Judge Jenkins has served as an adjunct professor at Xavier University of Louisiana since 2010.

Judge Jenkins was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for JLAP (Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.) and the newly created Access to Justice Commission's Accessibility Committee. She serves as *Vice-chair* of the LSBA Criminal Law Committee, *Secretary* of the Louisiana Judicial Council National Bar Association, and on the *Board of Governors* of the American Judges Association. She is on the Executive Board of The Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Association serving as *Parliamentarian*, and has served as the *Louisiana State Chair* for District 6 of the National Association of Women Judges. She also serves on various committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, the National Association of Women Judges and the American Judges Association.

Judge Jenkins makes every effort to blend the profession, ministry and community involvement. She is a licensed Minister and earned her Master of Divinity more than a decade ago. She has shared her gifts of teaching, preaching, writing, curriculum development, and retreat organizer/facilitator for more than 33 years. She recently developed a series of courses: *Deliberate, Intense, Accountable Leadership for healthy sustainable systems and organizations*. She is on the Board of Directors for Operation Restoration, an organization supporting women and girls impacted by incarceration. In 2015, she created Judge Jenkins Law Camps. The Law Camps are an educational tool to encourage community dialogue about the Judiciary and legal issues relevant to the diverse communities in our City. Her camps include *Justice without Bias, Law, Body and Soul, and The Civility of Civics*.



Hon. Judge Calvin Johnson (Ret.)

Chief Judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court

The **Honorable Calvin Johnson**, retired Chief Judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court established the first Mental Health Treatment Court in the State of Louisiana in 2002. By 2005, this Special Court was selected as one of four demonstration courts in the Country. Prior to establishing the first Mental Health Treatment Court, Judge Johnson served as Drug Court Judge from 1994 until 2002. As Chief Judge at the time Hurricane Katrina struck, Judge Johnson directed proceedings and maintained Court functions simultaneously across eight statewide locations.

Following his retirement from the bench in 2008, Judge Johnson was enlisted by the Governor to serve as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Human Service District (MHSD), an agency created by the State legislature to oversee the delivery of publicly funded, community based behavioral health services. Judge Johnson directed the agency's turnaround, leveraged new opportunities created by managed care and the Affordable Care Act, and established an effective leadership team. In six years, he moved the agency out of its dilapidated trailers, defined and enhanced its services, and strategically positioned it as a model for health care reform and behavioral health transformation. The MHSD is now a \$30 million organization operating an array of evidence based programs across three Parishes, including Assertive and Forensic Community Treatment (ACT/FACT) teams, Multiple Systemic Therapy (MST), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Positive Parenting Programs (Triple P), Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) and a 24/7 crisis response team which include crisis respite.

Judge Johnson retired from MHSD in April of 2014. Since his retirement in April he's done consulting work for Magellan Health Louisiana, Futures Education and The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse(CADA). The consulting work for CADA specifically focused on a Reentry program for those Justice involved with Behavioral Health issues. Judge Johnson is currently working with the Federal Monitors appointed by Judge Lance Africk of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana around the issue of proper care for defendants with mental health issues in the Parish prison.

Judge Johnson received his undergraduate degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1969, served four years in the United States Air Force, and then received his Jurisdoctorate from Loyola Law School in 1978. He was Professor of Law at Loyola Law School for nine years and Judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court for seventeen years. He has received many awards in recognition of his commitment to working with individuals involved in the criminal justice system through every aspect of their recovery, including job readiness, housing stability, and community service projects. He is the recipient of the La. Supreme Court Justice Albert Tate Award for Judicial Excellence, the Louis A. Martinet Award for Judicial Excellence, the ACLU Ben Smith Award for Community Service, the Loyola Law School Alumni of the year award, the Children's Bureau of New Orleans Hero award, the Juvenile Justice for Youth Award, and the Crime Stoppers Award. Judge Johnson remains on the faculty of the Loyola Law School.



Hon. Judge Shona D. Stone

Second Circuit Court of Appeal Third District,
Section 1, Division A

Judge Shonda Stone is a judge on the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal. She was elected to the court on March 5, 2016. Judge Stone previously served as judge on the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court, elected October 4, 2008.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Stone practiced law in Shreveport for 15 years, specializing in family and children's law. Judge Stone received her undergraduate degree from Southern University and her J.D. from the Southern University Law Center.

Judge Stone is an active member in the community where she serves on several organizations such as the Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana Judicial Council – NBA, Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Legal Society, Shreveport Bar Association, National Bar Association, Judicial Council, National Association of Women Judges, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Avenue Baptist Church, Avenue Baptist Community Services Agency, and Caddo Community Action Agency. Judge Stone has also received the Judge of the Year Award, Louisiana, CASA, 2012.

Judge Stone was quoted in Shreveport Times, "I'll try to assess the needs of the young people in the parish. I want to eradicate or reduce juvenile crime. My whole thing has always been keeping families first."



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Dr. Andrea Armstrong, Esq.

Dr. Norman C. Francis Distinguished Professor of Law
Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law

Professor Armstrong joined the Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law faculty in 2010. She is a leading national expert on prison and jail conditions and is certified by the U.S. Department of Justice as a Prison Rape Elimination Act auditor. Professor Armstrong founded IncarcerationTransparency.org, a database/website designed by Prof. Judson Mitchell, that provides facility-level deaths behind bars data and analysis for Louisiana and memorializes lives lost behind bars. Her research has been profiled by New Yorker Magazine and quoted in the New York Times, the Atlantic, National Public Radio, and the Times-Picayune among others. Her scholarship focuses on the constitutional dimensions of prisons and jails, specifically prison labor practices, the intersection of race and conditions of incarceration, and public oversight of detention facilities. She teaches in the related fields of incarceration law and policy, constitutional law, criminal law and procedure, law and poverty, and race and the law.

Prof. Armstrong is an interdisciplinary scholar, integrating incarceration law with history, health policy, and the arts. She is the lead investigator for the Deaths Behind Bars in Louisiana project, supported by Arnold Ventures and in partnership with the Promise of Justice Initiative and Voice of the Experienced. In 2019, she received a three-year Interdisciplinary Research Leader grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, shared with the Voice of the Experienced and LSU Center for Healthcare Value and Equity, to examine the effects of incarceration on health service use in Louisiana, currently a global and national leader in incarceration rates. Prof. Armstrong has also served as an appointed member of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and on several Louisiana legislative study committees on issues related to incarceration practices. She has also worked with museums, local artists, and philanthropic foundations to translate incarceration law and policy into spaces and mediums that are accessible to the general public.

Professor Armstrong is a graduate of Yale Law School (JD), the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (MPA), and New York University (BA). After graduating from law school, Professor Armstrong served as a clerk for the Honorable Helen G. Berrigan of the United States Eastern District of Louisiana. She also litigated prisoners' rights issues, among others, as a Thomas Emerson fellow with David Rosen and Associates in New Haven, CT. She is admitted to practice in Connecticut (retired), New York (retired) and Louisiana state courts, as well as the U.S. District Court of Connecticut (retired), the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (retired) and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.



Dr. Kristen Broady

Senior Economist, Economic Advisor, and
Director of the Economic Mobility Project at the
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Dr. Kristen Broady is a Senior Economist, Economic Advisor, and Director of the Economic Mobility Project at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Kristen is a nonresident senior fellow at Brookings Metro. Before joining the Chicago Fed, Kristen served as a Fellow at Brookings Metro, performing research and analysis on areas that include the racial wealth gap, the return to education investment, and the disparate economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Kristen has conducted Research on mortgage foreclosure risk, labor and automation, and racial health disparities.

Kristen is an adjunct professor of econometrics and statistics at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and has served on the faculties of Spelman College, Alabama A&M University, Dillard University, Dominican University, Fort Valley State University, Howard University, Kentucky State University, and as a visiting faculty member at Jiangsu Normal University in Xuzhou, China. Kristen served as a consultant for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C.; a senior research fellow for the Center for Global Policy Solutions in Washington, D.C.; a consultant for the City of East Point, Georgia and as an HBCU consultant for season two of The Quad on Black Entertainment Television (BET) in Atlanta. Kristen earned a B.A. in criminal justice at Alcorn State University and an M.B.A. and Ph.D. in business administration with a major in economics at Jackson State University.



Andrea Carter

Cost Of Poverty Experience facilitator
and speaker for Think Tank, Inc., by way of the
Corporation of National & Community Service (CNCS)

Andrea Carter is a Cost Of Poverty Experience facilitator and speaker for Think Tank, Inc., by way of the Corporation of National & Community Service (CNCS). In addition to her public speaking she is the showrunner for the online learning community The Exchange, a network that aims to reduce the isolation of national organizations that fight poverty in their own communities, as well as a licensed chemical dependency (LCDC II) counselor.

Andrea is a product of Wittenberg University, Wilberforce University (where she taught for the Princeton Review), and is currently earning her master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at Wright State University. She spent the first 10 years of her career as an educator for Springfield City Schools where she became nominated for a national award in mathematics.

A married mother of three girls , aged 18, 13, and 2 years old. The Carter family lives in Springfield, Ohio with her husband Mike. She is a champion for wholeness of communities and individuals, across the state of Ohio and across the nation. Having now focused her efforts on returning citizens, Carter speaks to area communities about an assortment of issues that pertain to rehabilitation, specifically reentry from incarceration, alcohol & drug addiction, and stigmas associated with poverty, addiction, and mental health – her passions and now life's work.



Honorable Royce Duplessis

Louisiana State Senator for District 5

On November 8th, 2022, **Royce Duplessis** was elected to serve as Louisiana State Senator for District 5. He represented District 93 in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 2018-2022. While serving in the legislature, he passed commonsense criminal justice reforms, championed legislation to expand access to affordable healthcare, prioritized efforts to allow for paid sick leave, worked to make housing more affordable, fought to enact a living wage, and more. Among his biggest accomplishments, Sen. Duplessis passed legislation to require universal perinatal mood disorder screening, and to end solitary confinement for juveniles. He also passed legislation extending Louisiana's Earned Income Tax Credit to help low-income workers.

He ran for public office in order to better serve those who are underserved and marginalized— focusing on living wages for the working class, increased access to quality early childhood education, and smarter criminal justice policies.

Sen. Duplessis was raised in a home that fostered concern for others and the belief that everyone deserves fair treatment and the opportunity from his grandparents, who owned and operated a small corner grocery store during the 1950s-70s. While attending St. Augustine High School, Sen. Duplessis worked summers as a bricklayer's assistant; and while attending Xavier University, he supported himself by earning tips working as a busboy at Mandina's Restaurant.

After Hurricane Katrina, he immersed himself in rebuilding his community by serving as chief of staff to former New Orleans City Councilmember James Carter. He then moved to Washington, D.C. to attend Howard University School of Law, where he founded the Howard Energy and Environmental Law Society to advocate for environmental justice. He also worked as an intern at the Environmental Protection Agency and the White House Council on Environmental Quality. After serving as a law clerk for Judge Thomas J. Motley on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Sen. Duplessis returned home to practice energy law with a multinational law firm.

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As special counsel for former Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court Bernette Johnson, Sen. Duplessis championed criminal justice reform after observing the human impact of inefficiencies and inequities in our criminal justice system. He worked to change the system by spearheading the management of a half-million-dollar grant to develop and adopt better practices for assessing and collecting court costs, fines, and fees.

In addition as a past chairman of the New Orleans City Planning Commission, Sen. Duplessis fought to protect and preserve the character of New Orleans' historic neighborhoods, while nurturing social innovation and improving the quality of life for all residents. Sen. Duplessis now has his own legal practice, the Duplessis Law Firm, and has had many successes primarily focusing on civil litigation.

Sen. Duplessis' leadership, dedication to the community, and public service have been recognized by the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (2022 Mondale-Brooke Award), Louisiana Center for Development and Learning (2021 Legislator of the Year), the E Pluribus Unum Fund (2021 Fellow), the Childcare Association of Louisiana (2019 Legislator of the Year), and the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute (2017 Fellow; Leadership Award Recipient). He was also honored as one of Xavier University of Louisiana's 2015 40 Under 40, is a member of the Education Leadership Institute (2016 Fellow), and the New Leaders Council (2014 Fellow). In 2012, he was elected to serve on the Orleans Parish Democratic Executive Committee.

He is currently serving on the Board of the Innocence Project New Orleans, Total Community Action, Justice and Accountability Center, and the Governor's Council on the Success of Black Men and Boys.

Since 2012, Sen. Duplessis has volunteered as a mentor to male teenagers through the nationally-renowned Silverback Society. He is a past president of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., and used his presidency to increase the society's commitment to legal access by conducting numerous free legal services and outreach clinics across New Orleans. He is also the co-founder and past president of the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. Legacy Committee, with the mission to honor the legacy of preeminent Louisiana civil rights attorney, A.P. Tureaud, Sr., and to educate the public about the remarkable contributions of other social justice heroes.

In March of this year, Senator Duplessis was awarded the 2023 Calogero Champion of Justice Award for his commitment to youth justice, his partnership with Louisiana Center for Children's Rights at the state legislature, and his tireless efforts to make his community a better and more just place.

Sen. Duplessis is married to Krystle Ferbos Duplessis, and they are the proud parents of one daughter, Reese. They reside in Central City.



Hon. Judge Ernestine Gray (Ret.)

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

Hon. Ernestine Gray (retired) served on the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court for 35 years.

Hon. Ernestine Gray is the past president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and has served on the boards of directors for National CASA, the YWCA, and Volunteers of America.

Hon. Ernestine Gray currently serves as the judicial fellow of the Pelican Center for Children and Families, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of legal representation for children and providing interdisciplinary training and education to child welfare practitioners.



Dr. Vanessa A. Massaro

Associate Professor and Chair of
Geography at Bucknell University

Vanessa A. Massaro is an associate professor and chair of Geography at Bucknell University. Her research draws on mixed quantitative and ethnographic methods to explore the uneven, community impacts of mass incarceration in the United States.

She has conducted ethnographic research in South Philadelphia as well as in the anthracite coal region where prisons are a primary source of jobs. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the American Association of University Women.

Since 2018, Vanessa A. Massaro has been part of an interdisciplinary research team with a mathematician and computer scientists dedicated to the analysis and critique of criminal justice algorithms.

The collaboration is supported by a Google Award for Inclusion Research and a Responsible Computing Challenge Grant from Mozilla. Her work is published in several peer-reviewed forums including *Big Data and Society*, *ACME*, *Environment and Planning C* and *Antipode*.



Dr. Douglas R. Nelson

Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics and the Murphy Institute both at Tulane University

Douglas R. Nelson is Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics and the Murphy Institute, both at Tulane University. He is an external research fellow at the University of Nottingham's Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy.

He has worked at the US Treasury, the World Bank, has held regular academic appointments at Rutgers University, University of Texas—Dallas, Syracuse University, the University of Nottingham, and visiting appointments at the International Monetary Fund, Washington University in St. Louis, ETH—Zurich, the University of Bayreuth, the World Trade Institute—Bern, and the European University Institute—Florence.

Douglas R. Nelson is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. His research focuses on the economics and political economy of international trade and international migration.



Dr. Andre M. Perry

Senior Fellow at Brookings Metro and Author

Andre M. Perry is a Senior Fellow at Brookings Metro, a scholar-in-residence at American University, and a professor of practice of economics at Washington University. A nationally known and respected commentator on race, structural inequality, and education, Perry is the author of the book “Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America’s Black Cities,” which is currently available wherever books are sold. Perry is a regular contributor to MSNBC and has been published by numerous national media outlets, including The New York Times, The Nation, The Washington Post, TheRoot.com and CNN.com. Perry has also made appearances on HBO, CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, NBC, and ABC. Perry’s research focuses on race and structural inequality, education, and economic inclusion. Perry’s recent scholarship at Brookings has analyzed Black-majority cities and institutions in America, focusing on valuable assets worthy of increased investment.

Perry's pioneering work on asset devaluation has made him a go to researcher for policymakers, community development professionals and civil rights groups. Perry co-authored the groundbreaking 2018 Brookings Institution report “The Devaluation of Assets in Black Neighborhoods” and has presented its findings on the price of home in Black neighborhoods across the country, including to the U.S. House Financial Services Committee. He has extended that report’s focus on housing in Black neighborhoods to include other assets such as businesses, schools and banks.

Prior to his work at Brookings, Perry has been a founding dean, professor, award-winning journalist, and activist in the field of education. In 2015, Perry served on Louisiana Governor-elect John Bel Edwards’ K-12 education transition committee, as well as on New Orleans Mayor-elect Mitch Landrieu’s transition team as its co-chair for education in 2010. In 2013, Perry founded the College of Urban Education at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Mich. Preceding his stint in Michigan, Perry was an associate professor of educational leadership at the University of New Orleans and served as CEO of the Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Perry earned his Ph.D. in education policy and leadership from the University of Maryland College Park.



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Your attendance and participation are much appreciated and contribute to the success and growth of this learning experience.

We want to remain in touch with you after this event and keep you informed on all of our future events, so please leave your contact information with an affiliate of our organization.

If you have any questions, recommendations, or criticism, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you once more for your attendance and participation in the event. We hope to see you in 2025.

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