

Racial and Ethnic Disparity Subcommittee Membership

Rachel Rios, Chair, of Sacramento was appointed to the SACJJDP on November 9, 2016. Ms. Rios has been Executive Director at La Familia Counseling Center Inc. since 2012. She served in several positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 1984 to 2012, including Chief Deputy Secretary of the Division of Juvenile Justice, Director of Juvenile Parole Operations, Case Services Administrator, Youth Authority Administrator, Assistant Superintendent at the Northern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic, Supervising Parole Agent and Juvenile Parole Agent. Ms. Rios was a Case Manager at Diogenes Youth Services Inc. from 1981 to 1984 and at Consejos Inc. from 1979 to 1981.

Kathy Back, of Ventura, received her Juris Doctor from the University of California Los Angeles School of Law and was the winner of the 2008 Ben E. Nordman Public Services Award, which recognizes outstanding community contributions by a Ventura County lawyer through charitable and public services activities. Ms. Back was a prior coordinator for the Judicial Detention Alternative Initiative in Ventura County and is a consultant for local juvenile justice issues in California.

The Honorable Stacy Boulware Eurie is a Sacramento Superior Court judge presiding over Sacramento County's Juvenile Court. Judge Eurie worked as an associate with Rothschild, Wishek & Sands from 1996 to 2000, then served as supervising deputy attorney general for the California Attorney General's Office until 2007, when she was appointed to the Sacramento County bench by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Tracy Kenny, of Sacramento, graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with her undergraduate degree then graduated from UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law for her Juris Doctor. Ms. Kenny currently is a Legislative Advocate for the Office of Government Affairs and serves on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. She is also is a member of the California Fostering Connections organization for the John Burton Foundation.

Raquel Mariscal, of Santa Cruz, is a Senior Consultant for the Annie E. Casey foundation; comanaging the Juvenile Detention Alternative's Initiative (JDAI), perhaps the nation's most ambitious effort to date to demonstrate that jurisdictions can safely reduce reliance on secure juvenile detention. Ms. Mariscal began her formal work in JDAI as the Senior Associate for Juvenile Justice Reform with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. She is a member of the California Bar and previously worked as the Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County, California. Her career includes: administrative analyst for Santa Cruz County fourth district supervisor, providing criminal/juvenile defense services in private practice and ten years working as an attorney in the Public Defender's office of Santa Cruz County.

Dr. Monique W. Morris is an author and social justice scholar with more than 20 years of professional and volunteer experience in the areas of education, civil rights, juvenile and social justice. Dr. Morris is the author of the book, *Black Stats: African Americans by the Numbers in the Twenty-First Century* (The New Press, 2014), the novel, *Too*

Beautiful for Words (MWM Books, 2012), and co-writer of *Poster Child: The Kemba Smith Story* with Kemba Smith (IBJ Book Publishers, 2011). She has written dozens of articles, book chapters, and other publications on social justice issues and lectured widely on research, policies, and practices associated with improving juvenile justice, educational, and socioeconomic conditions for Black girls, women, and their families. Dr. Morris has also worked in partnership with and served as a consultant for state and county agencies, national academic and research institutions, and communities throughout the nation.

Dr. Dan Okada is Professor of Criminal Justice at California State University Sacramento. He was chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at Marist College in Poughkeepsie New York. He is past editor-in-chief of *Contemporary Justice Review*, recognized as the leading academic venue on transformative, social, and restorative justice. He earned his doctorate at the University of Maryland and his undergraduate degree at the University of California Berkeley. He is actively engaged in research, advocacy, and promotion of the Japanese American community. His academic work is in the area of juvenile delinquency and juvenile and restorative justice.

Tracy Reece is Assistant Chief Probation Officer for the San Bernardino County Probation Department. She has served the community in this capacity for 28 years, with experience in the Juvenile, Adult and Detention Bureaus. Assistant Chief Reece holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Psychology from the University of Toledo. She received a Master of Arts degree in Leadership and Organizational Studies in 2018 from California Baptist University. She is a 1998 graduate of the San Bernardino County Management Leadership Program and a 2012 graduate of the Chief Probation Officers of California Command College.

Laura Ridolfi, of Berkeley, is the Law and Policy Analyst for the W. Haywood Burns Institute. Ms. Ridolfi provides technical assistance to Burns Institute sites in analyzing whether and to what extent policies and practices contribute to disparities in juvenile justice systems. She also assists in developing local strategies to reduce disparities. Prior to the Burns Institute, Laura worked for several juvenile and criminal justice organizations and was a Fulbright Fellow in Kenya, where she conducted original research on the juvenile justice system. Laura is a graduate of the University of California Berkeley School of Law. There, she coordinated the Boalt Hall Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and the Youth and Education Law Society, where she created and implemented a street law program for youth in San Francisco and Alameda County juvenile detention facilities. She also clerked for East Bay Community Law, representing youth and adult ex-offenders in sealing or expunging their criminal records, and the San Francisco Public Defender, Juvenile Division.

Dr. Mercedes Valadez is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Criminal Justice at California State University, Sacramento. She earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice from California State University, Bakersfield, M.S. in Criminology from California State University, Fresno, and Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Arizona State University. Her work largely focuses on underrepresented groups in crime and justice research. More specifically, she investigates unwarranted sentencing disparities derived from race, ethnicity, and immigration status.