## The Office of Justice Programs Science Advisory Board Members

The following six members of the Science Advisory Board will serve a second term, including the newly appointed chairman.

**Edward Mulvey, Chairman** is Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Law and Psychiatry Program at the School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh. His research focuses on violence and mental illness, prediction of future violence and crime, juvenile offenders, service provision in the juvenile justice system, and criminal justice policy.

**James Lepkowski** is Professor and Director of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. He is also a member of the faculty at the Joint Program in Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland, a federally funded degree program created in the early 1990s to train survey methodologists in the federal statistical system.

**Colin Loftin** is Professor of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, State University of New York, is co-director of the Violence Research Group, a research collaboration with colleagues at the University at Albany and the University of Maryland that conducts research on the causes and consequences of interpersonal violence.

**Tracey L. Meares** is the Walton Hale Hamilton Professor of Law at Yale Law School. She has been the Max Pam Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Studies in Criminal Justice at the University of Chicago Law School, and since 2004 has served on the Committee on Law and Justice, a National Research Council Standing Committee of the National Academy of Sciences. She recently served on the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Centru Policing. Her teaching and research interests focus on criminal procedure and criminal law policy, with a particular emphasis on empirical investigation of these subjects.

**Richard Rosenfeld** is the Founders Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. His research interests include crime trends, crime statistics, and policing and crime. Dr. Rosenfeld is a Fellow and past President of the American Society of Criminology.

**David Weisburd** is a Distinguished Professor at George Mason University and Director of the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy. He holds a joint appointment as the Walter E. Meyer Professor of Law and Criminal Justice at the Hebrew University Faculty of Law in Jerusalem, and is a Senior Fellow and Chair of the Research Advisory Committee at the Police Foundation. Dr. Weisburd's research has focused on criminal justice research topics, including the intersection of crime and place, violent crime, white collar crime, policing, illicit markets, criminal justice statistics and social deviance.

## Following are the newly appointed Science Advisory Board members.

**Jim Bueermann** is the President of the Police Foundation, a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting innovation and improvement in policing through its research, technical assistance, training, professional services, and communication programs. He retired as Chief of Police of Redlands, California in 2011.

**Nicole Allen** is Associate Professor of Community Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests include the processes and outcomes associated with community collaboration as well as systems change in the community response to intimate partner violence; and the development of a System of Care to respond to youth involved in or at risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system.

**Anthony Braga** is the Don M. Gottfredson Professor of Evidence-Based Criminology at Rutgers University. His research involves collaborating with criminal justice, social service, and community-based organizations to address illegal access to firearms, reduce gang and group-involved violence, and control crime hot spots. He was a member of the Boston Gun Project working group that implemented the Operation Ceasefire gang violence reduction strategy.

**Sue Burton** is the Director of Florida's Statistical Analysis Center at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and past president of the Justice Research and Statistics Association. She has over 20 years of criminal justice experience working with large research data sets created from administrative records to assist policy-makers and researchers in understanding crime in Florida.

**Jeffrey A. Butts** is Director of the Research and Evaluation Center at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. Previously, he was a research fellow with Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, director of the Program on Youth Justice at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, and senior research associate at the National Center for Juvenile Justice in Pittsburgh.

**Elsa Chen** is Associate Professor and Director of the Public Sector Studies Program at Santa Clara University Department. Dr. Chen's scholarship focuses on the implementation and effects of criminal justice sentencing policy. Her most recent work, on the de-escalation of mass incarceration through policy alternatives to punitive sentencing strategies, is funded by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Justice.

**Robert Crutchfield** is Adjunct Professor of American Ethnic Studies and Social Work at the University of Washington, Seattle. His research focuses on labor markets and crime, and race, ethnicity and the criminal justice system.

**Alexes Harris** is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Washington. She also serves as an affiliate at the West Coast Poverty Center and Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology. Her research and teaching focuses on social stratification processes and racial ethnic disparities, in addition to producing research that has real world policy implications for addressing social problems and inequality in the United States.

**Gregory Herek** is Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Davis. He is an internationally recognized authority on prejudice against sexual minorities, anti-gay violence, and AIDS-related stigma. In 2011, he provided invited oral and written testimony for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' hearings on Federal Enforcement of Civil Rights Laws to Protect Students Against Bullying, Violence and Harassment.

Gary LaFree is Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and Director of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland. Dr. LaFree has served as President of the American Society of Criminology and is a member of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Law and Justice. Dr. LaFree's research interests include determinants of sentencing, racial and ethnic relations in terrorism, and violence.

**Ojmarrh Mitchell is** is Associate Professor of Criminology at the University of South Florida. He has held positions at the University of Cincinnati, University of Nevada Las Vegas, and the Urban Institute. His research interests include courts and sentencing, race and crime, drugs and crime, and meta-analysis.

**Samuel L. Myers, Jr.** is the Roy Wilkins Professor of Human Relations and Social Justice and directs the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He specializes in the impacts of social policies on the poor and is a pioneer in applied econometric techniques. He is a national authority on the methodology of conducting disparity studies, used to examine racial disparities in crime, detect illegal discrimination in credit markets, and assess the impacts of welfare on family stability.

**Alex R. Piquero** is the Ashbel Smith Professor of Criminology at the University of Texas at Dallas. His research interests include criminal behavior and mental health; adolescent offending; and crime and immigration.

Jerry Ratcliffe is Professor of Criminal Justice at Temple University, where he directs the Center for Security and Crime Science. He is a former police officer with the London (UK) Metropolitan Police. As a lecturer in policing at the New South Wales Police College he coordinated Australia's National Strategic Intelligence Course. Dr Ratcliffe also worked as a senior research analyst with the Australian Institute of Criminology, where he conducted one of the first evaluations of an intelligence-led policing operation. He is a research adviser to the Philadelphia Police Commissioner and is currently working with the Criminal Investigative Division of the FBI.

**Beth E. Richie** is the Director of the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy and Professor of African American Studies and Criminology, Law and Justice at The University of Illinois, Chicago. Her research interests are the ways race/ethnicity and social position affect women's experience of violence and incarceration, focusing on the experiences of African American domestic violence victims and sexual assault survivors. She is also working on an ethnographic project documenting the conditions of confinement in women's prisons.

**Ben Saunders** is Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina and Associate Director of the National Crime Victims Research and

Treatment Center. His research, training, and clinical interests include the initial and long term impact of violence and abuse on children and adolescents; the epidemiology of trauma, violence, and abuse; treatment approaches for abused children and their families; the use of technology in mental health training and service delivery; and innovative methods for disseminating and implementing evidence supported interventions in community service agencies.

**Avelardo Valdez** is Professor of Social Work and Sociology at the University of Southern California. His primary research focus has been on the relationship between drug use and violence, crime, and health issues among high-risk groups. He served as a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Causes and Consequences of High Rates of Incarceration.

**John Wetzel** is Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. With more than 23 years of experience in the corrections field, Secretary Wetzel began his career as an corrections officer and is responsible for the management and operations of the Corrections Department which houses more than 51,000 inmates, has approximately 15,000 employees, and a nearly \$2 billion budget.