

## Speaker Biographies

**Richard R. Bennett** is a Professor in the Department of Justice, Law and Society at American University in Washington, DC. He has taught graduate and undergraduate students for over 30 years at American University and elsewhere. He has served as the department's chair for two terms and as associate dean of the School of Public Affairs at American University. His areas of expertise are comparative crime and criminal justice. He has conducted research and published over 60 articles in the areas of cross-national correlates of crime and police attitudes, behaviors and procedures including a book, *Police at Work*. He is currently researching crime and police issues in post-colonial societies. He is also the principal investigator of an antiterrorism program for visiting foreign police and security officials contracted by the U.S. Department of State which to date has hosted delegations from 44 countries. Earlier he served as a police officer, a police trainer, criminal investigator, and is currently a criminal justice consultant to both national and international governmental commissions, universities, and contract research organizations. He has been both a Senior Fulbright Scholar and president of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. He is the recipient of the ACJS's Founder's Award which is a life time achievement award and the Mueller Award, for outstanding contributions to the field of comparative criminal justice. He is currently completing a book on policing in the Caribbean. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Washington State University.

**E. Brennan Dorn** has worked on the Democracy and Human Rights Team of USAID's Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, Office of Regional Sustainable Development, for over three years. Her work focuses on crime and violence prevention, reconstruction and stabilization, security sector reform, and civilian-military relations throughout the LAC region, and she serves as USAID/Washington's technical lead on the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative. Previously, she worked for the American Federation of Teachers and Education International on labor and human rights for teachers and children. Brennan holds an M.P.P. degree from the University Of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School Of Public Policy and an A.B. degree in Anthropology from Georgetown University. She is fluent in Brazilian Portuguese and proficient in Spanish.

**Anthony Harriott** is Director of the University of West Indies Institute of Criminal Justice and Security and Head of the Department of government. Professor Harriott is the author of several scholarly articles and the author/editor of six books primarily on the issues of violence, and policing in Caribbean societies. These include *Police and Crime Control in Jamaica: Problems of reforming Ex-colonial Constabularies*, and *Understanding Crime in Jamaica – New Challenges for Public Policy*. He is the recipient of various academic awards including the Principal's Award for Best Researcher in the Social Sciences, Best Publication, and research project attracting the most funding. Professor Harriott has served as a member of several international, regional and national expert groups. These include the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime and Criminal Justice Programme, the CARICOM Regional Task Force on Crime, and at the national level, Task Forces established by the Government of Jamaica, and the Leader of the Opposition. He recently completed a large scale project on citizen insecurity in the Caribbean, which was funded by the UNDP.

**Sheridon Hill** is a national of Trinidad and Tobago and Specialist on Caribbean Security issues in the Department of Public Security in the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington D.C. U.S.A. He is a graduate of the University of London, University of the West Indies, and Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad, and a 23 year veteran of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service. He was seconded by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to the Secretariat of Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) and the Department of Public Security (DPS) in the OAS in Washington D.C. from July 2005 to July 2009 where he was Program Manager, Caribbean Affairs on tourism security, customs and immigration security, International Policy coordination with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and other International, regional and sub-regional organizations on implementation of UNSCR 1540(2004), and researched public security issues in the Caribbean. He has authored or coauthored articles on the private security industry, gang violence, homicide, and policing in the Caribbean. He has represented the OAS at many conferences, workshops, seminars, and has done seminars and guest-lectures on Caribbean security issues at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad. His paper presented at UWI's conference on 'Gangs, Violence and Governance' entitled: "The Rise of Gang Violence in the Caribbean" makes a significant contribution to the knowledge of this emerging problem in the region in the four Caribbean countries that are most severely affected.

**Charles Katz** is the Watts Family Director of the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety and a Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University. He received his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Much of his work focuses on police transformation and strategic responses to crime. From 2004 to 2010 he worked under contract with the Ministry of National Security of Trinidad and Tobago to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to reform the nation's police service, including an in-service training program for police leaders and the creation and training of a police gang unit, homicide unit, and crime analysis unit. During this time he worked with the Organization of American States (OAS) to understand the gang problem in the Caribbean and develop a regional response to gangs. He is currently involved in three projects in Central America and the Caribbean. The first project, funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, examines the MS13 gang in El Salvador and the United States. The second, led by Anthony Harriott at the University of the West Indies and funded by UNDP, examines citizen insecurity in seven Caribbean nations. In the third, he is working with the Eastern Caribbean's Regional Security System (RSS) to diagnose the gang problem in seven Caribbean nations. He is the (co) author of several peer reviewed articles, monographs, and books including *Policing Gangs in America* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and *The Police in America* (McGraw Hill, 2008).

**William R. King** received his Ph.D. in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati in 1998. He is currently an associate professor of criminal justice at Sam Houston State University, in Texas, USA. Between 2005 and 2009 Dr. King travelled extensively to Trinidad and Tobago to assist the government in improving the processing of forensic evidence and the investigation of homicides. Dr. King trained and observed homicide detectives with the TTPS. He also assisted the national crime lab (the Forensic Science Centre) in documenting evidence backlogs, and building a capacity to produce intelligence related to ballistic imaging systems. Dr. King also assisted specialized, anti-gang police units located in high-crime communities, and the Gang/Repeat Offender Program police unit.

**William M. LeoGrande** is Dean of the School of Public Affairs and Professor of Government at American University in Washington, D.C., where he has been on the faculty since 1978. Professor LeoGrande received his Ph.D. in Political Science with Certificate in Latin American Studies from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University in 1976. In 1982-1983, Dr. LeoGrande was an International Affairs Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and worked with the Democratic Policy Committee of the United States Senate. In 1985-1986, he served on the staff of the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Central America of the United States House of Representatives. He has also been a consultant to a variety of Congressional committees, Executive branch agencies, and private foundations. In 1994-1995, Dr. LeoGrande was a Pew Faculty Fellow in International Affairs. Professor LeoGrande has written widely in the field of Latin American politics and United States foreign policy, with a particular emphasis on Central America and Cuba. He is a member of the American Political Science Association, the Latin American Studies Association, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

**Edward R. Maguire** is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Justice, Law and Society at American University in Washington, DC. He received his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York at Albany in 1997. He has held previous positions at George Mason University, the University of Nebraska, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the United Nations office in Vienna, Austria. From 2004-2010, Professor Maguire and his research team led a series of studies that examined an outbreak of violence in Trinidad and Tobago. Those studies generated important new insights about the nature of gangs and gang violence. Professor Maguire has lectured or carried out research in a dozen nations on four continents. He has also written or edited three books and more than fifty articles and book chapters. He continues to carry out research on policing, gangs and violence in the Caribbean. In addition, he is currently writing a book on reducing urban violence.

**Patrice Morris** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at East Carolina University. She completed her undergraduate study at the University of the West Indies, Mona campus, Jamaica and earned a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University, Newark campus. Her research interests focus on neighborhoods and violence, institutional and community corrections, and crime and justice in the Caribbean. Dr. Morris has been nationally recognized for her groundbreaking research on homicide in Jamaica. In 2010, she received the prestigious Richard Block Dissertation Award for Outstanding Dissertation Research from the *Homicide Research Working Group* at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting. Dr. Morris was honored for her study "An Analysis of Homicide in Urban Jamaica" which investigates the social and structural correlates of homicide in urban Jamaica. She has published several articles on crime and justice issues in the Caribbean. Her latest article "Homicide through a different lens" was published in the *British Journal of Criminology*.