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## **EDUCATION**

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- 2021 Ph.D. Criminal Justice, CUNY Graduate Center | John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
*The Victims' Voices: A Routine Activity Approach to Jail and Prison Victimization*. Committee: Dr. Gohar Petrossian (chair), Dr. Marcus Felson, Dr. Deborah Koetzle, Dr. Jeff Mellow
- 2020 M.Phil. Criminal Justice, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2015 M.A. Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
Specialization: Criminal Law & Procedure
- 2013 B.S. Criminology, SUNY College at Old Westbury

## **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2021 – Assistant Professor, Saint Louis University, College for Public Health and Social Justice, School of Social Work, Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2015 – 2019 Adjunct Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.
- 2016 – 2018 Adjunct Professor, Rutgers University – Newark School of Criminal Justice.  
[NJ-STEP-Scholarship & Transformative Education in Prisons Consortium](#).

## **GRANTS & SPONSORED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Total awarded as PI: \$1,233,572, as Co-PI: \$32,194, and bid as key personnel (non-PI): \$2,356,923 = \$3,622,689

### **Principal Investigator Experience**

- 2020 – 2025 **Principal Investigator**, while at Child Trends. Pathways to Reentry, Employment, and Parenting (Prepare) (2020 - 2025, Grant #HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZJ-1846). Sponsor: Osborne Association through a U.S. Department of Health & Human Services grant. Budget: \$1,233,572.
- 2019 – 2020 **Co-Principal Investigator**, with Dr. Andrea Headley & Dr. Kwan Lamar Blount-Hill. [Police Stations and Affective Architecture: Isolating the Influence of Physical Environment on Perceptual and Behavioral Attitudes toward Police](#). Young Investigators Award. Sponsor: Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, National Science Foundation Grant 0818839, **led by** Jeremy Freese and James Druckman. Budget: \$32,194.

### **Senior – Level Grant and Sponsored Research Experience**

- 2020 – 2025 **Deputy Director**, while at Child Trends. [National Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Neglected or Delinquent Children and Youth](#). (2020 –2025). Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education. Budget: \$2.2 million.
- 2020 – 2021 **Project Director**, while at Child Trends. Co-parenting Network Study for Young Fathers (2020 – 2021). Sponsor: Annie E. Casey Foundation. Budget: \$95,000.
- 2020 – 2021 **Stakeholder Engagement**, while at Child Trends. Juvenile Justice Financing Study. (2020 – 2021). Sponsor: Annie E. Casey Foundation. Budget: \$156,923.
- 2019 – 2020 **Quantitative Lead; Interim Project Director**, while at Child Trends. [Rigorous Evaluation of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice's Second Chance Act Reentry Reform](#) (2018 – 2022, Grant #2018-CZ-BX-0026). Sponsor: U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention / National Institute of Justice grant. Budget: \$985,433.
- [A Process Evaluation of the Continuum of Services Model in Virginia's Juvenile Justice System](#) (2017 – 2022, Grant #2017-JF-FX-0062). Sponsor: U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention / National Institute of Justice grant. Budget: \$749,995.

- 2017 – 2018 **Senior / Core Researcher**, while at John Jay Research and Evaluation Center. [Evaluation of the Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety](#) (2017 – 2020). Sponsor: New York City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice. Budget: \$28,505,391.
- [Evaluation of Osborne Association ReFORM](#) (2016 – 2020). Sponsor: Osborne Association through a U.S. Department of Health & Human Services grant. Budget: \$720,975.

### Junior – Level Grant and Sponsored Research Experience

- 2020 – 2021 **Qualitative Research Support**, while at Child Trends. [Examining Responsible Fatherhood Programs’ Approaches to Co-parenting and Health Marriage and Relationship Education Services](#) (2018 – 2021, Contract # HHSP233201500034I-HHSP23337004T). Sponsors: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families; Office of Planning Research and Evaluation. Budget: Undisclosed
- 2019 – 2020 **Qualitative Research Support**, while at Child Trends. [VPP youthConnect Ready for Work Evaluation](#) (2019 – 2021). Sponsor: Venture Philanthropy Partners. Budget: Undisclosed
- 2020 **Technical Assistance Support**, while at Child Trends. Research and Demonstration Programs and Personal Responsibility Education Program (2015 – 2020). Sponsor: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families. Budget: Undisclosed
- 2019 **Report Writing Support**, while at Child Trends. Doris Duke Policy Communications/Promote Child Well-Being through Improved Communication of Research to State and Local Policymakers, Administrators, and Advocacy Organizations (2016 – 2019). Sponsors: Doris Duke Charitable Foundations. Budget: Undisclosed
- 2017 – 2018 **Research Assistant**, while at the Center for Court Innovation. [The Gun Epidemic Reconsidered: Creating a Foundation to Reduce Firearm Violence among Urban Youth](#) (2016 – 2020, Grant # 2016-IJ-CX-0008). Sponsor: Department of Justice. Budget: \$585,000
- 2015 – 2017 **Graduate Research Fellow**, while at John Jay Research and Evaluation Center. [Building Positive Youth Outcome Measures](#) (2015 – 2017). Sponsor: New York City Administration for Children’s Services. Budget: \$54,000.
- [Evaluation of Cure Violence](#) (2014 – 2017). Evaluation of Cure Violence in two intervention sites and two comparison sites, all in New York City. Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$3,126,000); New York City Council (\$1,000,000); New York City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice (\$265,000). Total Budget: \$4,391,000.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Journal Articles

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- 2022 **St. John, V.**, Blount-Hill, K., Mufarreh, A., & Lutgen, L. Safe by Design: An Exploration of Jail-based Injury Across New York City. *Journal of Correctional Health Care*.
- 2021 Headley, A., Blount-Hill, K., & **St. John, V.** [The Psychology of Justice Buildings: An Experiment on Police Architecture, Public Sentiment, and Race](#). *Journal of Criminal Justice*.
- 2020 **St. John, V.** [Architectural Design for Mental Health Treatment: Preliminary Findings of Service Provision Using a Space, Layout, and Setting Framework](#). *Advancing Corrections Journal*, 9, 119-131.
- 2020 **St. John, V.** [Placial Justice: Restoring Rehabilitation and Correctional Legitimacy through Architectural Design](#). *SAGE Open*, 10(2), 2158244020919503.
- 2019 **St. John, V. J.**, Blount-Hill, K. L., Evans, D., Ayers, D., & Allard, S. [Architecture and Correctional Services: A Facilities Approach to Treatment](#). *The Prison Journal*, 99(6), 748-770.
- 2019 **St. John, V.** [Probation and Race in the 1980s: A Quantitative Examination of Felonious Rearrests and Minority Threat Theory](#). *Race and Social Problems*, 11(3), 243-252.

- 2019 Evans, D., Szkola, J., & **St. John, V.** [Going Back to College? Criminal Stigma in Higher Education Admissions in Northeastern U.S.](#) *Critical Criminology*, 27(2), 291-304.
- 2017 Blount-Hill, K., & **St. John, V.** [Manufactured “Mismatch”: Cultural Incongruence and Black Experience in the Academy.](#) *Race and Justice*, 7(2), 110-126.
- ◆ 2017 American Society of Criminology Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice [Best Journal Article Award](#)

### Edited Volume

- Contract Moran, D., Jewkes, Y., Blount-Hill, K., & **St. John, V.** *What Works for Wellbeing in Custodial Design?* *Palgrave Macmillan*.
- Chapter 1 – “Introduction”: Moran, D., Jewkes, Y., Blount-Hill, K., & **St. John, V.**
- Chapter 18 – “An Environment Built for Healing: Exploring the Health Outcomes of the Mentally Unwell in New York City Jails”: **St. John, V.**

### Non-Refereed Journal Articles

- 2020 **St. John, V.** & Lewis, V. [“Vilify Them Night After Night”: Anti-Black Drug Policies, Mass Incarceration, and Pathways Forward.](#) *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy*, 2020(8), 18-29.
- 2019 **St. John, V.,** & Blount-Hill, K. [Place, Space, Race, and Life After Incarceration: Dismantling Mass Incarceration Through Spatial and Placial Justice.](#) *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy*, 2019(1), 46-54.

### Encyclopedia Entries

- 2020 **St. John, V.** [“Jails vs. Prisons”](#). In J. Bumgarner & C. Lewandowski (Eds.), *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, LLC.
- 2020 **St. John, V.** [“Prison Overcrowding”](#). In J. Bumgarner & C. Lewandowski (Eds.), *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, LLC.
- 2020 **St. John, V.** [“Deprivation Model”](#). In J. Bumgarner & C. Lewandowski (Eds.), *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, LLC.
- 2018 **St. John, V.** [“Beccaria”](#). In V. B. Worley & R. M. Worley (Eds.), *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, LLC.
- 2018 **St. John, V.** [“Prison Designs”](#). In V. B. Worley & R. M. Worley (Eds.), *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, LLC.
- 2018 **St. John, V.** [“Recidivism”](#). In V. B. Worley & R. M. Worley (Eds.), *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, LLC.
- 2018 **St. John, V.** [“Total Institutions”](#). In V. B. Worley & R. M. Worley (Eds.), *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, LLC.

### Periodicals and Resources

- 2021 **St. John, V.** [Effective Transition Back to School During COVID-19.](#) National Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Neglected or Delinquent Children and Youth. Washington, D.C.
- 2020 Parris, D., **St. John, V.,** & Bartlett, J. [Resources to Support Children’s Emotional Well-Being Amid Anti-Black Racism, Racial Violence, and Trauma.](#) *Child Trends.* Bethesda, MD.
- 2020 **St. John, V.,** Murphy, K., & Liberman, A. [Recommendations for Addressing Bias in Risk and Needs Assessments in the Juvenile Justice System.](#) *Child Trends.* Bethesda, MD.

- 2018 **St. John, V.**, & Blount-Hill, K. [Spatial Justice: Legitimacy through Openness, Transparency, and Inclusiveness in Correctional Design](#). *Corrections Today*. Alexandria, VA: American Correctional Association
- 2017 Blount-Hill, K., **St. John, V.**, & Ryan, E. [Psychology of Space: Enhancing legitimacy through open, transparent, and inclusive facilities for police and the public](#). *Police Chief Magazine*. Alexandria, VA: International Association of Chiefs of Police.
- 2017 Blount-Hill, K., & **St. John, V.** “Manufactured” Mismatch? *The Office for the Advancement of Research*. John Jay College of Criminal Justice. City University of New York.

#### Manuscripts Under Review

Evans, D., **St. John, V.**, Szkola, J., & Lyons, Shaylyn. Regions of Discrimination: Race, Felony Records and College Admissions Decisions.

#### Manuscripts in Preparation

**St. John, V.** “Like Dogs”: Place Management and Victimization in the Correctional Setting.

**St. John, V.**, Headley, A., & Blount-Hill, K. The Viability of Criminal Justice Humanism: Racial and Ethnic Impacts of Police Station Designs.

#### Panel Presentations

- 2020 Murphy, K., Hicks, S., & **St. John, V.** Implementing High Quality Evidence-based Reform Efforts in Juvenile Justice Systems: Findings from research, evaluation, with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Criminology Consortium. Virtual Conference.
- 2019 **St. John, V.** Forecasting the Census: Exploring the Seasonal Effects on California’s Correction Population. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, California.
- 2019 Moreno, G., Evans, D., **St. John, V.**, & Szkola, J. Research from the Inside: Qualitative Analyses of Prison Social Control. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, California.
- 2019 Evans, D., Szkola, J., & **St. John, V.** A Collateral Consequence: Access to Higher Education After Incarceration in the United States. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, California.
- 2019 **St. John, V.**, & Blount-Hill, K. The Calm Before the Storm: Predicting Violence in California Prisons. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2018 Evans, D., Szkola, J., & **St. John, V.** Going Back to College? Criminal Stigma in Admission to Higher Education in Northeastern U.S. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2018 **St. John, V.**, Blount-Hill, K., Evans, D., Ayers, D., & Allard, S. Rehabilitation through Correctional Architecture. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2018 Ghiorzo, C., Blount-Hill, K., & **St. John, V.** Guardianship and Security: Mitigating Tensions between Security and Public Inclusion in Justice Facilities. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2017 **St. John, V.**, & Blount-Hill, K. Affective Architecture: Trends in the Study of Justice Buildings. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2017 Italiceo, V., Martin, M., **St. John, V.**, & Bernheimer, A. Community-Level Risks of Civilian Fatalities in Police-Involved Shootings: From the Structural to the Cultural. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- 2017 Pezzella, F., Sung, H., Yun-Ho, Y., Hou, Y., **St. John, V.**, & Bernheimer, A. Policing, Race, and Community: Policing/Police Behavior and Decision-Making. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2016 **St. John, V.**, Blount-Hill, K., & Thomason, E., Jr. Neutralizing Minority Threat by Reducing the Protections of Probationers/Parolees. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2016 **St. John, V.** Juvenile Rehabilitation In New York: A Structural Approach. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Denver, Colorado.
- 2013 **St. John, V.** The Universal Crime Theory. Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.

### Roundtables

- 2021 Pérez-Torres, J., Moton, L. N., Headley, A. M., **St. John, V. J.**, & Vásquez Rodriguez, L. (as listed in program). A discussion on public scholarship and connecting to the world outside of academia (K. Blount-Hill, moderator). Roundtable sponsored by the American Society of Criminology's Division on People of Color and Crime at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2020 Barnes, Ashlee, Hickman, S., Liberman, K., & **St. John, V.** (in alphabetical order). Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System: Addressing Racial Bias in Risk and Needs Assessment. Roundtable at the Annual Meetings of the Criminology Consortium. Virtual Conference.
- 2019 Headley, Andrea., Blount-Hill, K., & **St. John, V.** Intersecting Urban Planning, Architecture, and Policing. Roundtable at the American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, California.

### Invited Talks

- 2021 **St. John, V.** *Racial Threat*. Anti-Racism and Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology. American University Anti-Racism Research and Policy Center; American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime.
- 2020 Headley, A., Blount-Hill, K., & **St. John, V.** *Exploring the Psychology of Justice Buildings: Racialized Police Architecture and Public Affect Toward Police*. American University, School of Public Affairs, Department of Public Administration and Policy. Washington, District of Columbia.
- 2020 **St. John, V.**, & Karberg, E. *Supporting Positive Engagement Among Young Fathers and their Children*. Discussion with grantees on young father interventions. Child Trends. Bethesda, Maryland.
- 2019 **St. John, V. J.** *Sui Generis: Products of Our Environments*. Keynote Speaker at SUNY Old Westbury's Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Sociology and Criminology Department. Old Westbury, New York.
- 2019 **St. John, V. J.**, Blount-Hill, K. *Predicting Violence in Californian Jails*. Speaker at the BOC Team meeting. New York City's Board of Correction. New York, New York.
- 2019 **St. John, V. J.**, Blount-Hill, K. *Predicting Violence in Californian Jails*. Speaker at the Research and Crime Strategies meeting. New York City's Mayoral Office of Criminal Justice. New York, New York.
- 2019 **St. John, V. J.** *Criminal Justice Reform*. Speaker at the annual Groundwork for Success Career Day. Good Shepherd Services. Brooklyn, New York.
- 2018 **St. John, V. J.**, Evans, D., & Garot, R. *Violence Prevention and Coping Strategies*. Keynote Speaker at the annual Alternatives to Violence Project Peace Day at Sing Sing Prison. Ossining, New York.
- 2017 Balis, N., Blount-Hill, K., Franco, F., Schindler, M., Schiraldi, V., Shoenberg, D., **St. John, V.**, Stockdale, J., Vidal, G., & Washington, T. (in alphabetical order). Assessing the relationship

between juvenile justice policy and youth confinement. Post-study review panel for the Research & Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, New York, New York.

- 2017 Saunders, W., **St. John, V. J.**, Hills, R., Benson, M., Smith, C., Blount-Hill, K., Smith, C., & Lacy, C. (in order of presentation). *Jail is Not an Option*. Panel at the annual Community Day. Radikal4Kidz, Inc. New York, New York.

### **Facilitated Workshops and Sessions**

- 2021 Guros, C., & **St. John, V.** Local Education Programs: Subpart 2 Funding in Practice. The National Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Neglected or Delinquent Children and Youth.
- 2021 **St. John, V.**, Blount-Hill, K., & Hodges, M. Racial Equity and Justice Summit. Correctional Management Institute of Texas. Sam Houston State University.
- 2021 Executive Leadership Summit. American Probation and Parole Association. Council of State Governments.

### **SELECT MEDIA**

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- 2020 [13 Scholars Shedding Light on The Roots of Racial Injustice](#), The Graduate Center, City University of New York. New York, New York.
- 2020 [Can We Eliminate Racial Bias in Juvenile Justice Risk and Needs Assessments?](#) The Crime Report. New York, New York.
- 2019 [Racism and Probation in the '80s: It's "History Repeating Itself"](#). SUM. The Graduate Center, City University of New York. New York, New York.
- 2019 [Criminalization Affected His Community, Now He's Fighting Back](#). The Graduate Center, City University of New York. New York, New York.
- 2019 [Young Adults in City Jails Miss Half of Their Mental Health Appointments](#). Queens Daily Eagle. Queens, New York.
- 2019 [New Database Shines Light on Young Adults in NYC Jails](#). Queens Daily Eagle. Queens, New York.

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

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- 2020 **Graduate Fellowship**, CUNY Graduate Center | John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- 2019, 17, 16 **Tithe Travel Award**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- 2017 **Best Journal Article Award**, Division on Critical Criminology & Social Justice, American Society of Criminology
- 2017 **Doctoral Student Fellowship**, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2017 **Certificate of Appreciation**, NJ-Scholarship & Transformative Education in Prisons

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Employment**

- 2019 – **Research Scientist**, Child Trends
- 2018 – 2019 **Director of Research and Analysis**, New York City Board of Correction
- 2017 – 2019 **Senior Research Advisor**, MOCA-pm Incorporated
- 2017 – 2018 **Senior Research Associate**, John Jay Research & Evaluation Center
- 2017 – 2018 **Research Assistant**, Center for Court Innovation
- 2015 – 2017 **Graduate Research Fellow**, John Jay Research & Evaluation Center

- 2015 – 2016     **Graduate Research Fellow**, John Jay Center on Race Crime and Justice
- 2015             **Cognitive Skills Facilitator**, Osborne Association, Rikers Island Correctional Facilities  
                    ◆ [First social impact bond study in the U. S.](#)
- 2013 – 2015     **Intervention & Assessment Supervisor**, Boys Town NY, Juvenile Correction Facilities  
                    ◆ [“Close to Home” initiative](#)
- 2013             **Database Intern**, Nassau Probation Department, Warrant Squad

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#### **CERTIFICATIONS AND TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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Structured Query Language (SQL) Level I and Level II, Certification, NYC Career Centers. NY, NY.

Microsoft Excel Level I and Level II, Certification, NYC Career Centers. NY, NY.

Database Management: Structured Query Language (SQL), MySQL, and Microsoft Excel

Quantitative Analyses: STATA and SPSS

Qualitative Analyses: NVivo

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#### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

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**Publication Peer Reviewer** for *Social Problems*, *Critical Criminology*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Journal of School Psychology*

**Diversity Committee**, PhD program in Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**IRB** - FWA00005835, Prisoner Representative, Child Trends

**Task Force**, NYC Board of Correction Young Adult and Education Task Force

**Board Member**, NYC Department of Correction Adolescent & Young Adult Advisory Board

**Research Mentor**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**Criminology Senator**, SUNY College at Old Westbury

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#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Society of Criminology; Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences; American Jails Association  
American Correctional Association; International Association of Chiefs of Police

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#### **LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY**

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Expert Witness. Strategies on Managing School Security Contract Under the District’s Public Policy Change.  
Roundtable on School Security. Council of the District of Columbia. [[Written Testimony](#) and [Oral Testimony](#)].