

The Politics of Local Criminal Justice

March 31, 2023

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. WELCOME BY MAYBELL ROMERO

10:45 a.m. – noon PANEL #1

Theoretical Underpinnings of the Criminal Legal System

- Paul Gowder, Associate Dean of Research and Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, *Is Criminal Law Unlawful?*
- Bennett Capers, John D. Freerick Research Professor of Law and Director, Center on Race, Law, and Justice, Fordham University School of Law, *Local Jurisdictions as Laboratories of Experimentation*
- Shih Chun-Chien, Assistant Professor, CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law: *Cultivating Sense, Cultural Change in the Prosecutor's Office*

Noon-1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. PANEL #2

The Criminalization of Stigmatized Populations

- Valena Beety, Professor of law and Deputy Director of the Academy for Justice, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, *Criminalizing Queerness*
- Taleed El-Sabawi, Assistant Professor of Law, Florida International University School of Law, *Death by Withdrawal*
- Pamela Metzger, Director of the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center and Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law, *Developments from the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center*

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **BREAK**

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **PANEL #3**

Prosecutors, Politics, and Power

- Cynthia Godsoe, Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School, *Prosecutorial Mutiny*
- Carissa Hessick, Anne Shea Ransdell and William Garland “Buck” Ransdell, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, *The (Local) Prosecutor*
- Ronald Wright, Associate Dean for Research and Needham Yancey Gulley Professor of Criminal Law, Wake Forest University School of Law, *Prosecutorial Elections and National Professional Associations*

4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS BY MAYBELL ROMERO**