



## 2018 International Conference



### EXPLORING SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES FOR DECREASING RECIDIVISM THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Vulnerable populations are confronted with wicked problems for which social scientists and policy makers have struggled to design effective sustainable solutions. These groups, such as ex-offenders, homeless, veterans, and chemically-dependent persons, confront a myriad of colliding barriers, such as inadequate housing options, unsustainable employment, unreliable transportation, untreated mental health challenges, improper childcare, and poor self-esteem

If not addressed these barriers block the successful reintegration of one in the community and become contributing factors to higher rates of recidivism. Conceived as the tendency to relapse into a previous condition or mode of behavior, recidivism is a perfect example of a wicked public policy issue not fully understood because of its multidimensional nature.

The purpose of the 2018 International Conference on Decreasing Recidivism is to explore the root causes and various dimensions – political, economic, social, spiritual, and cultural – that must be taken into consideration while devising concrete strategies to tackle recidivism effectively.

The conference will bring together scholars and practitioners from diverse disciplines (economics, sociology, public administration, political science, public policy, criminal justice, social work, business, anthropology, law, psychology, psychiatry, information technology, journalism, education, public/mental health, etc.) to collectively explore the multiple facets of the problems and emerging opportunities of decreasing recidivism locally and around the world. **Questions can be forwarded to [conf@iarcpa.org](mailto:conf@iarcpa.org).**

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Sunday, June 17th

Conference begins at 12:30pm with a full afternoon of workshops (Lunch on your own prior to start) followed by an outstanding opening dinner with Keynote Speaker Terry O’Connell. Evening on your own.

#### Monday, June 18th

Breakfast keynote by Professor James Foreman, Jr. followed by breakout sessions and lunch keynote by Teresa Njoroge, a successful ex-offender, with the day ending at 5:00pm. Evening and dinner on your own.

#### Tuesday, June 19th

Breakfast with Keynote Speaker Shirley Moore Smeal followed by breakout sessions and a highly lauded “Restorative Practices” workshop presented by Terry O’Connell. Conference closing at 4:30pm by the Dean of the College of Public Affairs, University of Baltimore.

### OUTSIDE CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Each day of the conference will end early in order for participants to enjoy the entertainment and fare offered in nearby Baltimore. Conference fees do not cover any activity, but special evening opportunities will be identified for participants at conference check-in.

Participants may consider arriving a day or two earlier and/or staying a day or two later to experience all that Baltimore’s Inner Harbor offers during the day. One can hop on a water taxi to visit some of the historical and character filled neighborhoods surrounding the harbor, enjoy exquisite meals at any one of Baltimore’s desirable restaurants, or visit many great attractions offering a variety of memorable experiences include: the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture, Geppi’s Entertainment Museum, and the Babe Ruth Museum.

For a full exploration of all one can do while in Baltimore, log onto Visit Baltimore’s website at [www.baltimore.org](http://www.baltimore.org).

### CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Ms. Teresa Njoroge, a successful ex-offender, is Co-founder/CEO of Clean Start Solutions, a social enterprise that seeks to restore hope, dignity, self confidence and self respect to those leaving prisons, enabling them to break the cycle of poverty and prison, by empowering them to have decent sustainable means of livelihood, in Kenya.



Teresa set up Clean Start to address the needs and gaps she witnessed first hand after being exonerated two years following her wrongful arrest, prosecution, and completion of a one year sentence in Kenya’s largest women’s prison facility.

An accredited Psychometric/Leadership Coach, Teresa builds partnerships with all facets of society while advocating, gaining mentors, and opportunities for Clean Start graduates.



Mr. James Forman Jr. is one of the nation’s leading authorities on race, education, and the criminal justice system, and a tireless advocate for young people who others have written off.

Forman practiced law in the Public Defender Service in Washington, D.C. for six years where he represented juveniles and adults.

Forman became frustrated with the lack of education and job training opportunities for his clients. So in 1997, he co-founded the Maya Angelou Public Charter School, an alternative school for dropouts and youth who had previously been arrested. After 20 years, the school has helped hundreds of vulnerable young people find a second chance, begin to believe in themselves, graduate, get jobs, and attend college.

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**Mr. Terry O'Connell** is an Australian restorative justice pioneer. A 30 year police veteran, he developed the 'restorative conference script' in 1991. He is the recently retired Australian Director for Real Justice, a sister organization to the International Institute for Restorative Practices [IIRP] based in Bethlehem, PA. He has provided restorative training to diverse professions including counselors, psychologists, youth workers, police and correction officers, teachers and social workers.



He is recognized for his innovative use of restorative processes with serious crime. A strong advocate for explicit restorative practice, Terry's influence has resulted in some 'cutting edge' practice in education, youth work, and aged care. His work has featured in two award winning Australian ABC documentaries.



**Ms. Shirley Moore Smeal** is currently the Executive Deputy Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, a position she has held since April 2010. She is second in command of the agency responsible for nearly 16,000 staff and over 50,000 inmates. As Executive Deputy Secretary, she oversees numerous administrative, programmatic, security and operational areas for the Department.

Executive Deputy Secretary Moore Smeal began her career in corrections in 1987 as a clerk typist and moved progressively up the correctional ranks serving in increasingly responsible positions of deputy superintendent, superintendent of SCI Muncy, and regional deputy secretary. In August 2010, Governor Edward Rendell appointed her to serve as the Acting Secretary of Corrections.



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*Inviting professionals from all disciplines to engage in conversation and study to aid social scientists and policy makers in designing sustainable solutions for the world's vulnerable populations.*

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**Conference online registration opens March 1, 2018**

**Conference Fee\*:**

**Early Bird \$150.00 before May 15 or \$200 after May 15**

*Special lodging rate offered at Hilton Baltimore BWI—via conference website link*

*\*transportation and lodging additional.*