



Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) In Person Meeting Presenter Biographies

Lisa S. Jacobs, JD

CCJ Program Manager, Loyola University Chicago

Lisa Jacobs is an attorney with an extensive background in court and judicial administration as well as criminal justice, juvenile justice and human services policy and practice issues. Prior to the Center's launch, she managed the Illinois Models for Change Initiative, which was funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to promote effective juvenile justice policy, practice and programming in diverse jurisdictions across the state.

Prior to joining Loyola, Ms. Jacobs was Director of Judicial Education for the Illinois Supreme Court with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. There, she worked closely with the Supreme Court's Committee on Judicial Education and judges from across the state to implement judicial education policy and programs on a wide variety of legal topics ranging from death penalty matters to complex civil litigation. During her tenure with the AOIC, she assisted in implementing the Supreme Court's Evidence-Based Practice initiatives in criminal and juvenile cases. Ms. Jacobs has also served as the state's Juvenile Justice Specialist, with the Illinois Department of Human Services, and in executive positions with the Circuit Court of Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge.

Ms. Jacobs is Vice Chair of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, which oversees the state's federal juvenile justice funding and prepares analysis and policy recommendations for the Governor, General Assembly and other state and local policy makers. Ms. Jacobs has served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Board from 2011 – 2015, where she chaired the Planning and Research Committee.

David E. Olson, PhD

Professor, Graduate Program Director, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Co-director of the Center for Criminal Justice Research, Policy and Practice, Loyola University Chicago

David Olson is a Professor in the Criminal Justice and Criminology Department at Loyola University Chicago, where he is also the Graduate Program Director, and is also the Co-Director (with Diane Geraghty, Loyola School of Law) of Loyola's interdisciplinary Center for Criminal Justice Research, Policy and Practice. Previously Dr. Olson served as the Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and as Director of Loyola's interdisciplinary Forensic Science Program. Dr. Olson currently serves as the Chairperson for the advisory boards

of the Illinois Department of Corrections and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice through separate gubernatorial appointments. In 2015, David was appointed as a Commissioner to the Illinois Governor's Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform

For nearly 20 years, Dr. Olson worked at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, where he was the director of Illinois' Statewide Drug and Violent Crime Control Strategy Impact Evaluation Program and was responsible for overseeing the evaluation and monitoring of federally funded drug control efforts in the State of Illinois. For six years, Dr. Olson served as a Special Assistant to the Cook County Sheriff through a cooperative agreement between Loyola and the Cook County Sheriff's Office. David has served as staff to the Illinois Governor's Task Force on Crime and Corrections (1992-1993), the Illinois Legislative Committee on Juvenile Justice (1994-1996), the Illinois Truth-in-Sentencing Commission (1996-1998), the Illinois Governor's Community Safety and Prisoner Re-Entry Management Workgroup/Commission (2004-2006), and the Illinois Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee (2007-2010), and in 2015 was appointed as a Commissioner to the Illinois Governor's Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform. Dr. Olson has worked with a variety of federal, state and local agencies to develop and evaluate programs and policies, particularly in the area of community and institutional corrections, during his 29 years in the field of criminal justice.

Dr. Olson has published more than 100 articles, research bulletins and research reports, and has made more than 100 presentations at professional conferences and training symposia. Some of David's most recent research has been published in the Journal of Offender Rehabilitation, Women and Criminal Justice, and Justice Research and Policy. David currently serves as the editor for the Justice Research and Statistics Association's peer-reviewed journal, Justice Research and Policy. Dr. Olson received his B.S. in Criminal Justice from Loyola University Chicago, his M.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and his Ph.D. in Political Science/Public Policy Analysis from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he was the recipient of the Assistant United States Attorney General's Graduate Research Fellowship. In 2015 Dr. Olson received the John Howard Association Outstanding Research Contributions Award, and in 2011 he received the Hans W. Mattick Award for outstanding accomplishments in the field of criminology and criminal justice research from the Illinois Academy of Criminology.

Melissa Sickmund, Ph.D.

Director, National Center for Juvenile Justice

Dr. Melissa Sickmund joined NCJJ in 1986 and has been at its helm since 2012. Dr. Sickmund's work at NCJJ has had the goal of improving juvenile justice statistical information and facilitating the use of data to support decision-making at the national and local levels. Dr. Sickmund oversees NCJJ's work on several national data efforts including: National Juvenile Court Data Archive, NCJJ's longest running project; Juvenile Justice Model Data Project, NCJJ's newest project; National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program and its online Statistical Briefing Book; Juvenile Justice GPS (Geography, Policy, Practice and Statistics) website; Multi-state Study of Subsequent Offending; Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement; Juvenile Residential Facility Census; and the Survey of Juveniles Charged as Adults in Criminal Court. Dr. Sickmund is best known for the *Juvenile Offenders and Victims* publication series, a product of the National Juvenile Justice Data Analysis Program.