

## **Biographies for Rosenbaum-Watson Team**

### **Dennis P. Rosenbaum, Ph.D.**

Dr. Rosenbaum is a Professor of Criminology, Law and Justice and Director of the Center for Research in Law and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Previously, he served in the positions of Director of Graduate Studies and Department Head. He also served as Dean of the School of Criminal Justice, SUNY Albany, ranked the #1 criminology school in the nation.

Dr. Rosenbaum's areas of research expertise include law enforcement organizations, public perceptions of the police, police-community relations, policing strategies, and multi-agency partnerships for crime control and prevention. He has directed many national evaluations for the National Institute of Justice and has completed many scholarly books. He is the Executive Director of the National Police Research Platform, a longitudinal research program in 100 cities designed to advance the current state of knowledge and innovation in American law enforcement.

Dr. Rosenbaum regularly serves as an advisor to local, state, federal and international agencies in the public safety field and represents the United States on the Scientific Committee of the International Center for the Prevention of Crime. He served as a scientific advisor to DARPA – the advanced research agency of the Department of Defense – to assist in the development of social competencies needed to improve relations between military and civilian personnel in the field.

Dr. Rosenbaum has developed and evaluated training programs on police-citizen encounters that focus on encouraging fair, respectful, and compassionate behavior on the part of police officers. He has also developed and implemented a standardized evaluation system in 55 cities to determine public satisfaction with police contacts and identify the factors that contribute to dissatisfaction. Dr. Rosenbaum has also developed measures of internal police culture related to perceptions of the community and other aspects of organizational behavior. He has translated this work into practical feedback for 100 participating agencies so they can strive for organizational excellence when comparing themselves to similar agencies. Dr. Rosenbaum grew up in the Portland area and attended Central Catholic High School, where he served as student body president.

## **Amy Watson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Watson is an associate professor at Jane Addams College of Social Work at University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research focuses on police encounters with persons with mental illnesses and the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model. She has conducted National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) funded research on the experiences of persons with mental illnesses in police encounters (Police, Procedural Justice and Persons with Mental Illnesses) and developed a measure of perceived procedural justice in these encounters that is being used in projects in the United States and Canada. She has completed several federally funded studies of the Crisis Intervention Team model and is currently in the field with a \$3.1 million multi-method study of Chicago's CIT program (CIT & MH Service Access in Police Contacts: Impact on Outcomes of Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses) that examines crisis encounters from officer and call subject perspectives and the role of service accessibility and neighborhood characteristics in outcomes for persons with mental illnesses in the 12 months following their focal police encounter. Dr. Watson has published extensively on this work and presented findings to local, national and international audiences.

Dr. Watson has also conducted research and provided consultation to programs serving persons with mental illnesses with criminal justice system involvement. These include mental health courts and prison re-entry programs.

Prior to joining the faculty at UIC, she was the project director and co-investigator National Institute of Mental Health Research Infrastructure Support Program grant that funded the Chicago Consortium for Stigma Research (PI Corrigan). This was an interdisciplinary project focused on understanding and reducing mental illness stigma that included multiple studies and dissemination of findings to academic, professional and advocacy and community audiences. Dr. Watson continues to be interested in mental illness stigma and incorporates considerations of the impact of stigma in all of her work.

Dr. Watson work has been recognized locally and internationally. In 2008, she received the Young Researcher of the Year Award from NAMI of Greater Chicago and in 2013, she was the recipient of the Crisis Intervention Team International CIT Researcher of the Year Award.

Early in her career, Dr. Watson worked as a probation officer on a specialized mental health team.

## **Paul J. De Muniz, J.D.**

The Honorable Paul J. De Muniz was elected to the Oregon Supreme Court in 2000 and served as the court's chief justice and administrative head of the Oregon Judicial Department from January 2006 to May 2012, retiring from the court at the end of 2012. Between 1990 and 2000, he sat on the Oregon Court of Appeals and served as presiding judge on one of the three panels that comprise that body. Prior to ascending to the bench, De Muniz was in private practice for 13 years with the Salem, Ore., law firm of Garrett, Seideman, Hemann, Robertson and De Muniz P.C., where he specialized in complex criminal and civil litigation, as well as appeals. From 1975 to 1977, he was a deputy public defender for the State of Oregon. De Muniz is currently a Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Willamette University College of Law.

In November 2011, De Muniz was inducted into the National Center for State Courts' Warren E. Burger Society in recognition of his commitment to improving the administration of justice within the states. In addition to his work within Oregon, he also was a member of the Conference of Chief Justices and was elected to its board of directors in 2008. He is on the board of trustees for the National Judicial College. In 2011 De Muniz completed a three-year term as a member of the Harvard Kennedy School's Executive Session for State Court Leaders in the 21st Century. In 2002, De Muniz founded a rule-of-law partnership with judicial leaders in the Russian Far East, working with lawyers and judges in Russia to implement reforms within the Russian criminal justice system. De Muniz currently serves on the board of directors of the National Crime Victim Law Institute and Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Ore. & SW Wash.

De Muniz speaks frequently to both national and international audiences on the importance of maintaining independent state judiciaries, improving state court administration and the need for adequate state court funding. He has served as the 2009 Robert H. Jackson Lecturer for the National Judicial College and, in 2010, addressed judicial leaders from 55 countries at the Asian Pacific Courts Conference on the ways and means of judicial branch strategic planning. Later that year, De Muniz gave the 17th annual Justice William Brennan Lecture on State Courts and Social Justice at New York University Law School, discussing the need for reengineering state court operations. In 2013 De Muniz addressed the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. on the subject of evaluating eyewitness identification evidence in court.

De Muniz's work has been recognized with a number of state and national awards, among them: the National Judicial College's *2009 Distinguished Service Award*, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' *Judicial Recognition Award*, the Oregon Area Jewish Committee's *2010 Judge Learned Hand Lifetime Achievement Award*, the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association's *Paul J. De Muniz Professionalism Award*, the Edwin J. Peterson *Racial Reconciliation Award*, the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers' Association *Ken Morrow Lifetime Achievement Award*, the Marion County Bar's *Paul De Muniz Professionalism Award*, the Oregon Classroom Law Project's *2011 Legal Citizen of the Year Award*, the Campaign For Equal Justice *2012 Public*

*Access to Justice Award*, and the 2013 Oregon State Bar *Judicial Excellence Award*.

He was raised by his mother in Portland, Ore., and attended Portland's public schools. After finishing high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served a one-year tour of duty in Viet Nam. After his discharge from the service, he received his bachelor degree from Portland State University in 1972 and his juris doctor from the Willamette University College of Law in 1975. In 2010, Hispanic Business Magazine named him among the 100 most influential Hispanics in America. In 2012, Willamette University awarded De Muniz the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. De Muniz and his wife, Mary, reside in Salem, Ore., and have three grown children and two grandchildren.

### **Geoffrey P. Alpert, Ph.D.**

Geoffrey Alpert is professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal justice at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Alpert has been conducting research on high-risk police activities for three decades, and has published more than 100 journal articles and 15 books. His books include *Managing Accountability Systems for Police Conduct: Internal Affairs and External Oversight* (with J. Noble) and *Understanding Police Use of Force: Officers, Suspects, and Reciprocity* (with R. Dunham) which was published by Cambridge University Press. Dr. Alpert completed a major study on police officer decision making, funded by the National Institute of Justice, as well as investigations of racial profiling for the Miami-Dade County, Florida Police Department and the city of Los Angeles, California. Dr. Alpert has been the Principal Investigator on a major study of use of force, conducted energy devices and injuries funded by the National Institute of Justice. He is currently one of the monitors for a consent decree in New Orleans.

### **Tom Christoff, M.A.**

Tom Christoff is a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago. For the last 3 years, Mr. Christoff has been working with the National Police Research Platform, assisting with the development of survey tools and research methodology, as well as the collection/analysis of police-community interaction data. Mr. Christoff's personal research during this time has focused on specific issues in communication skills of police during police-community interactions. After receiving his B.A. in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University, Mr. Christoff obtained his M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis. In his time at the University of Memphis, Mr. Christoff worked with Dr. Randy Dupont and Major Sam Cochran in the CIT Center. Mr. Christoff assisted in multiple phases of CIT, including training for officers, CIT site development, and development of the CIT national resource website. Mr. Christoff has strong statistical skills and knowledge of police records.