



The Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing Alternate Bios

DeEtte Waleed

DeEtte Waleed is a native Portlander. She has been teaching capstone courses on violence at Portland State University for 10 years. Prior to that she worked as a mediator and coordinated the Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation program at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation in Zambia, Africa. Along with her partner, Jala Waleed, she leads community education on racism and white supremacy. She is a community activist working for peaceful solutions to many complex problems.

D'Vario Rice

My name is Dvarrio Rice I am 26 years old. I am a Portland native who enjoys reading, coding, basketball, studying psychology and mentoring youth. I am planning on going back to school to pursue law and become a future defense attorney. I am passionate about community outreach, neighborhood clean ups, building community gardens, and supporting members of underserved communities; like myself, with resources that will aid with reaching educational/career success.

Kevin Neely

Kevin is the Associate Vice President for Government Relations at Portland State University, Oregon's urban university. In this role, he coordinates communications with local, state and federal government officials as well as a wide range of community organizations. Over the last decade, he was president and co-owner of C&E Systems and Election Solutions, small businesses specializing in political campaign compliance, government relations and software development. As the lead lobbyist for the Oregon District Attorneys Association, Kevin has worked extensively with representatives throughout the criminal justice system. Prior to that he served as the spokesman and lead lobbyist for the Oregon Department of Justice. Kevin's higher education experience includes several years as Executive Assistant to the President at Willamette University.

Lucy Keating

After completing an Interdisciplinary Master's degree in Juvenile Corrections at the University of Oregon I worked on a research project in early education in the Special Education Department. Two years later I moved to Massachusetts to work in the planning office of the Department of Youth Services. In that position I was responsible for working with community agencies on program design to develop group homes



throughout the state with the goal of first reducing the population and then closing the large state institutions housing youth in the Juvenile Justice system

From Massachusetts I moved to New Jersey where, as Regional Coordinator in the Division of Mental Health Services, I oversaw the beginning of the closures of the large state run adult Mental Hospitals. In the early 1980s I was appointed as the first Bureau Chief for Children's Services in the Division of Mental Health Services. From that position I moved to the private sector accepting the position of CEO of the Association of the Advancement of Mental Health Services a small mental health center serving persons with both developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. In the mid-1980s I accepted the position of Director of Children's Mental Health Services for the City of Philadelphia.

In the early 1990s I worked as a consultant to Philadelphia's Department of Mental Health Services and the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families grant writing, planning, providing technical assistance, training and research. During that period, I also conducted evaluations of the Ryan White funded programs serving persons with HIV and AIDS in northern New Jersey.

In 1997 I returned to the State of New Jersey as Assistant Director in the Division of Mental Health Services as Director of the Office of Children's Mental Health. In 2007 after leaving state service I returned to private consulting working the Ryan White funded programs and the Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey.

Having spent my early formative years in Ashland and Eugene I decided to return to the Pacific Northwest. I moved to Portland in 2014.

My entire career has been devoted to improving the quality of and access to services for populations in need. I have extensive experience working with diverse family members and state and agencies negotiating funding decisions and recommendations for program priorities for the best outcomes for family members. Essential to this process was the child client and family voice in the provision and design of community-based services.

I look forward to the opportunity to use my knowledge and experience in recommending policies and procedures to address the police-community relations challenges in Portland in 2019. I believe in transparency of the processes of the development of policies and procedures to improve community-police relations. One way to accomplish that may be more contact with the goal of building mutual respect.

Thabiti Lewis



Thabiti Lewis is an associate professor at Washington State University in Vancouver and Interim Associate Academic Vice Chancellor. He is a literary scholar whose work engages critical race theory and masculinity via sport culture. He is the author of *Ballers of the New School: Race and Sports in America* (2010). Lewis has also produced two books about the life and fiction of feminist and Black Arts Movement writer Toni Cade Bambara (*Conversations with Toni Cade Bambara*, 2012, and *Black People Are My Business: Practices of Liberation in the Fiction of Toni Cade Bambara*, 2020). His essays have also appeared in journals, newspapers, and magazines on topics ranging from literature, sports culture and hip hop to racism and social justice.