

## **PANELIST BIOS**

### **Panel One: How do Drugs Get to the United States and How are They Distributed?**

#### **Richard Bohan**

***Special Agent, Office of Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)***

Senior Special Agent Richard Bohan has been a Federal law enforcement officer for 19 years. He began his career in law enforcement with the U.S. Customs Service in Chicago. In early 1990, Bohan was hired by and assigned as a Special Agent to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Houston Field Division, where he spent 13 years specializing in firearms trafficking, arson and explosives homicide investigations, as well as large-scale firearms and explosives theft investigations. In 2003, SA Bohan was assigned as the Resident Agent in charge of ATF's Austin, Texas Field Office. In January of 2005, he was appointed to the position of Resident Agent in charge of the Houston Arson and Explosives Task Force, in Houston, Texas. From July 2006, until August of 2007, SA Bohan served as the Supervisor for ATF's Houston Firearms Trafficking and Violent Crime Task Force. He was transferred to Bureau Headquarters in August of 2007, where he continues his current assignment as a Congressional Liaison Specialist in the ATF Office of Legislative Affairs, here in Washington, D.C.

He is a member of ATF's cadre of International Training Instructors, and is regularly called upon to travel to Mexico and Central America to conduct firearms identification and trafficking seminars for foreign military and law enforcement personnel. Bohan is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, with a bachelor's degree in Sociology. He also holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

#### **Sallie Casto**

***Intelligence Research Specialist, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)***

H. Sallie Casto is the Chief of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) Strategic Intelligence Section at DEA HQ, the component of DEA that analyzes and reports on drug trafficking trends and patterns that impact DEA's law enforcement mission. Section Chief Casto has been a DEA Intelligence Analyst or Supervisory Analyst for 25 years and has served in both DEA HQS and the Washington Division Office. Mrs. Casto is a graduate of Wake Forest University and received a Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Defense Intelligence College in 2005.

**Manuel Roig-Franzia**  
*Washington Post Staff Writer*

Manuel Roig-Franzia is a former Mexico bureau chief of the *Washington Post*. He moved back to Washington from Mexico this month. He has written extensively about the drug war throughout Mexico and along the U.S.-Mexico border, and appeared frequently on Mexican radio and television. Among the topics he has explored are the Merida Initiative, Mexican police corruption and drug cartel recruitment efforts. Roig-Franzia was previously the *Washington Post's* Miami bureau chief and now writes profiles and news features for the *Washington Post's* Style section.

**David Eisenberg**  
*National Security Consultant*

David Eisenberg is a national security consultant with a special interest in international border community security and border violence. He has most recently provided consulting support to the Department of Homeland Security. David served 14 years as a police officer for the City of Chula Vista – an active border community located directly between San Diego and Tijuana, BC. His police assignments included patrol, narcotics, the U.S. Customs Marine-Air Task Force, community relations, and serving as the Department's international liaison with Mexican law enforcement counterparts. David holds a BA from Franklin & Marshall College and both an MSS and PhD from Bryn Mawr College.

**Panel Two: Combating Drug Crime**

**Mark Kraft**  
*Deputy Director, National Gang Targeting, Enforcement & Coordination Center (ATF)*

Senior Special Agent Mark Kraft has been a Federal law enforcement officer for 25 years. He initially worked as a special agent for the IRS Criminal Investigation Division, where he primarily conducted money laundering investigations, including an investigation into payments made by a foreign intelligence service to a mole inside the CIA. Special Agent Kraft transferred to ATF in 1987 and spent much of his career investigating gun trafficking and firearms violence in the nation's capital. He was a member of the Baltimore Field Division's Special Response Team, a tactical unit that executed high risk search and arrest warrants, from its inception until his transfer to ATF's Office of Training and Professional Development (TPD).

While at TPD, Special Agent Kraft developed, coordinated and taught dozens of firearms trafficking courses sponsored by ATF across the United States and in Canada. Additionally, he has acted as a guest speaker on the topics of firearms trafficking and firearms identification on scores of occasions in the United States, Canada and in Europe training in excess of 20,000 law enforcement officers and prosecutors. Special Agent Kraft was named as the Deputy Director of the Attorney General's anti-gang task force, the Gang Targeting, Enforcement and Coordination

Center (GangTECC), in August of 2006. Mark graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

**Sgt. Christopher Sakala**

***Supervisor Major, Narcotic Offender & Conspiracy Unit, Montgomery County Police Department***

Detective Christopher Sakala has served the Montgomery County Police Department for the past 27 years. As a Detective with the Major Narcotic Offender/ Conspiracy Unit and Special Investigation Division, Sakala is an expert in the areas of narcotics trafficking, record keeping, narcotics paraphernalia and trends in the trafficking of narcotics. He has also testified as an expert witness and served as an expert for Grand Jury members in a number of state and federal jurisdictions.

Sgt. Sakala has obtained over a thousand search warrants in numerous narcotic investigations over the past 21 years. He has traveled covertly with narcotic traffickers while posing both as a drug buyer and drug seller and has conducted numerous debriefings and interviews with all types of people involved in the drug trade.

Sgt. Sakala has received numerous awards and recognition from different agencies throughout his career, including those from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI, DEA, IRS-CID, Knights of Columbus, Montgomery County Police Department and the US Customs Service. In 1991, he was named Narcotic Officer of the Year by the Washington Area Council of Governments. He graduated with honors from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a major in Law Enforcement.

**Professor Cynthia Lum**

***GMU Administration of Justice Department***

Dr. Cynthia Lum is the deputy director and assistant professor of the Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy, which is housed in the Administration of Justice Department at George Mason University. She conducts both research and policy outreach in a number of criminological areas, including policing, counterterrorism, and place-based criminology. In policing, her interests include improving both the crime reduction effectiveness and legitimacy of local law enforcement strategies, as well as using crime analysis and technologies to facilitate these goals.

Dr. Lum conducts research at the international level on policing in transitioning and developing democracies and counter-terrorism. Through the State Department, she has trained hundreds of police officers and commanders from these nations on democratic policing strategies. She wrote the Campbell systematic review on counterterrorism interventions as well as led the first in-airport study of passenger perceptions of airport screening and security, which was presented in a congressional briefing (sponsored by Senator Webb's office) last year. Her work on examining counterterrorism interventions led her to be invited to Israel by its Ministry of Public Security to present on trends of police actions against terrorism.

Finally, Lum also researches in the area of place-based criminology, and has examined the relationship between street-level drug markets and violent crime, as well as geographic and ecological factors that facilitate effective drug treatment interventions. Dr. Lum is currently the National Institute of Justice's (DOJ) W.E.B. DuBois Fellow for 2007-2008.

### **Panel Three: What's Happening to Users?**

#### **Marc Mauer**

*Executive Director, Sentencing Project*

Marc Mauer is one of the country's leading experts on sentencing policy, race and the criminal justice system. He has directed programs on criminal justice policy reform for 30 years, and is the author of some of the most widely-cited reports and publications in the field, including *Young Black Men and the Criminal Justice System*, and the *Americans Behind Bars* series comparing international rates of incarceration. His 1995 report on racial disparity and the criminal justice system led the New York Times to editorialize that the report "should set off alarm bells from the White House to city halls – and help reverse the notion that we can incarcerate our way out of fundamental social problems."

*Race to Incarcerate*, Mauer's groundbreaking book on how sentencing policies led to the explosive expansion of the U.S. prison population, was a semifinalist for the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award in 1999, and revised in 2006. Mauer is also the co-editor of *Invisible Punishment*, a 2002 collection of essays by prominent criminal justice experts on the social cost of imprisonment.

Mauer began his work in criminal justice with the American Friends Service Committee in 1975, and served as the organization's National Justice Communications Coordinator. Since joining The Sentencing Project in 1987, he has testified before Congress and state legislatures, frequently appears on radio and television networks, and is regularly interviewed by the New York Times, Washington Post, National Public Radio, and many other major media outlets. He is an adjunct faculty member at George Washington University and has served as a consultant to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the National Institute of Corrections, and the American Bar Association's Committee on Race and the Criminal Justice System. In 2005, he became Executive Director of The Sentencing Project.

Mauer received the Helen L. Bottenweiser Award from the Fortune Society in 1991, the Donald Cressey Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency in 1996 for contributions to criminal justice research, the Alfred R. Lindesmith Award from the Drug Policy Alliance in 2003 for achievement in drug policy scholarship, and the Maud Booth Correctional Services Award from Volunteers of America in 2008.

#### **Professor Faye Taxman**

*GMU Administration of Justice Department*

Faye S. Taxman, Ph.D. is a Professor in the Administration of Justice Program at George Mason University. Dr. Taxman is the Principal Investigator (PI) for several studies funded by the

National Institute on Drug Abuse including a national survey of practices in correctional settings, a study of technology transfer, and several experimental studies on processes to integrate treatment and supervision. In one study, she explores the use of contingency management and incentive systems for drug-involved offenders. She is also the PI on two studies devoted to understanding adoption of science based practices in criminal justice and juvenile justice systems: a clinical trial to demonstrate the efficacy of a criminal thinking curriculum on the outcomes of substance abusing offenders and a clinical trial to understand the technology transfer practice that results in juvenile justice workers use of assessment tools in acquiring services for juvenile offenders.

Taxman is the senior author of *Tools of the Trade: A Guide to Incorporating Science into Practice*, a publication of the National Institute on Corrections which provides a guidebook to implementation of science-based concepts into practice. She is on the Editorial Boards of the *Journal of Experimental Criminology* and *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*. She has published articles in *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, *Journal of Drug Issues*, *Alcohol and Drug Dependence*, and *Evaluation and Program Planning*.

Her areas of study include sentencing, interventions, innovation diffusion, and methodologies. She received the University of Cincinnati award from the American Probation and Parole Association in 2002 for her contributions to the field. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology and a member of the Correctional Services Accreditation Panel (CSAP) of England. In 2008, the American Society of Criminology's Division of Sentencing and Corrections recognized her as Senior Scholar. In 2008, the American Society of Criminology's Division of Sentencing and Corrections recognized her as Senior Scholar. She has a Ph.D. from Rutgers University-School of Criminal Justice and a B.A., from University of Tulsa.

### **Judge Arthur Burnett**

#### ***Director, National African American Drug Policy Coalition***

Senior Judge Arthur L. Burnett, Sr., now on leave from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, currently serves as the Executive Director of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition. In that capacity he seeks alternatives to incarceration, including the use of drug courts and treatment instead of prisons. His influential Coalition consists of twenty-three professional organizations of lawyers, doctors, dentists, nurses, social workers, sociologists, psychologists and other behavioral scientists.

Judge Burnett commenced his law career in 1958 in the Attorney General's Honors Program at the United States Department of Justice in the Criminal Division. In 1965 he became an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, D.C. where he prosecuted homicides, among other cases. In 1968 he became the first General Counsel of the Metropolitan Police Department in the District of Columbia. After serving in other distinguished positions, he was appointed by the President of the United States to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1987. Judge Burnett graduated from Howard University summa cum laude and received his law degree from New York University in 1958.