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COMMISSION MEETING



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FRIDAY, May 12, 2023  
9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.



**MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION**  
**BIMONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**  
**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
**9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**  
**JUSTICE MARY YU, CO-CHAIR**  
**JUDGE VERONICA GALVÁN, CO-CHAIR**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. (15 minutes)**

- Welcome
- Introductions and Acknowledgements
- Welcome Karl Jones, WSCCR Equity Researcher
- Approval of March minutes

**GUEST PRESENTATION 9:15 – 9:45 (30 minutes)**

- **Office of Independent Investigations** — Roger Rogoff, Director, former King County Superior Court Judge

**CHAIR & STAFF REPORT 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. (45 minutes)**

- **Staff Report**
  - NCREF National Conference Update – Carolyn Cole and Frank Thomas
  - 2023 Supreme Court Symposium — Frank Thomas
- **Legislative Session Wrap Up** – Frank Thomas
  - [SB 5128](#) Concerning Jury Diversity
  - [HB 1324](#) Concerning Juvenile Points Scoring
  - [SB 5046](#) Concerning Postconviction Access to Counsel
  - [HB 1169](#) Concerning Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs)
  - [HB 1114](#) Concerning Membership of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission.
  - Bills supported by MJC but not passed:
    - [SB 5474](#) Concerning juvenile justice (LFOs)-- See HB 1169. Bill died 2/24.
    - [SSB 5434](#) Concerning the jurisdiction of juvenile court-- Bill died 2/24.
    - [HB1325/SB5451](#) Allowing qualifying persons serving long sentences committed prior to 25 to seek review-- Bill died 2/17.
    - [SB 5644](#) Juvenile Records Confidentiality--Bill died 2/17.
    - [SB 5051](#) Concerning language understanding of documents used in dissolution proceedings-- Bill died 3/8.

**BREAK 10:30 – 10:40 (10 minutes)**



**LAW STUDENT LIAISON PRESENTATIONS 10:40 – 11:20 (40 minutes)**

- **Gonzaga University School of Law, *Blake Expungement Clinic*** – Alicia Chaudry, Gloria Herrera, David Normoyle, Whitney Wakefield
- **Seattle University School of Law, *Community Courts*** – Leslie Burnett Locke, Stephanie Chavez, Mónica Mendoza-Castrejón

**COMMISSION LIAISONS & COMMITTEE REPORTS 11:20 – 12:00 p.m. (40 minutes)**

- **Education Committee** – Judge Lori K. Smith
  - **SCJA Spring Conference Recap**
    - *Evaluating the Evaluators, Bias and impacts of flawed methods in assessments, treatments and evaluations.* Judge Lori K. Smith, Commissioner Ressa, David Hodges, Marci Comeau, Scott Majors, Sherronda Jamerson
    - *Cultural Competency when Working with Gender Diverse Stakeholders*, Judge Johanna Bender, Commissioner Jonathon Lack, Adrien Leavitt, Yessenia Manzo, Talesha Sams
  - **Fall Conference Program**
    - *The Color of Justice: Confronting Witness Bias in Civil Proceedings*, Judge LeRoy McCullough, Christopher Sanders, Judge Sara Dannen
    - Co-Sponsor with ILAC: *Overlooked: Understanding the Over-representation of People with Disabilities and Deaf people in the Criminal Legal System*
  
- **Outreach Committee**
  - **Youth & Law Forum Events 2023** – Lisa Castilleja
    - **Kitsap County** - October 14, 2023
    - **Tri-Cities** – October 20, 2023
  - **Annual Report** – Frank Thomas
  - **Judges of Color Directory Update** – Judge Faye Chess and Karen Murray
  - **WSMJC Posters Artwork Solicitation** – Judge Anthony Gipe
  
- **MJC Liaisons**
  - **Liaison to Gender and Justice Commission** – Judge Bonnie Glenn
  - **Tribal State Court Consortium** – Judge Lori K. Smith
  - **Sentencing Task Force and Sentencing Guidelines Commission** – Judge Veronica Galván
  - **Washington State Bar Licensure Task Force** – Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis
  - **BJA Alternatives to Incarceration Task Force** – Judge Ketu Shah
  - **Access to Justice Board** – Michael Chin
  - **WPIC Jury Instruction Video** – Judge Leah Taguba

**Next MJC meeting: Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. (via Zoom).**

 <p><b>WASHINGTON COURTS</b></p>	<p><b>MINORITY AND JUSTICE COMMISSION</b></p> <p><b>ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE</b>  <b>FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2023</b>  <b>9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.</b>  <b>JUSTICE MARY YU, CO-CHAIR</b>  <b>JUDGE VERONICA GALVÁN, CO-CHAIR</b></p>	
<p><b>MEETING NOTES</b></p>		

**Commission Members**

Karen Murray  
 Nicole Jenkins-Rosencrantz  
 Judge Coburn  
 Judge Galvan  
 Judge Lori Smith  
 Judge Leah Taguba  
 Justice Montoya-Lewis  
 Judge Cadine-Ferguson Brown  
 Chad Enright  
 Grace Cross  
 Jason Gillmer  
 Jeremy Walker  
 Katie Hurley  
 Karen Murray  
 Trish Kinlow  
 Lisa Castilleja  
 Rosaria Daza  
 Judge Faye Chess  
 Samaneh Alizadeh  
 Percy Levy

**AOC Staff**

Kelley Amburgey-Richardson  
 Cynthia Delostrinos  
 Avery Miller  
 Frank Thomas  
 Carolyn Cole

**Liaisons**

Leslie Burnett  
 Stephanie Chavez  
 Monica Mendoza-Castrejon  
 Angel Torres Mann  
 Donald Peters  
 Ciera Phung Marion  
 David Normoyle  
 Donald Peters  
 Gloria Herrera  
 Stephanie Chavez  
 Roberto White

**Guests**

Judge Sara Dannen  
 Kelsey Jandoc  
 SaNni Lemonidis  
 Judge Jennifer Forbes

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

### Welcome and Introductions

- The MJC Co-chairs introduced themselves.
- Attendance was called via roll-call.

### Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were approved as presented.

## GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- The Commission welcome new members, Katie Hurley, Nicole Jenkins-Rosencrantz, Karen Murray.
- Frank Thomas and Carolyn Cole deliver a staff report
  - Carolyn gives a report on the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Annual Conference, NCREAF, being held in about 60 days at the Hotel Motif in downtown Seattle.
  - The priority right now is to increase registration and fundraising. The commission does have funding for commission members who would like to go, and get reimbursed for travel. If commission members don't have funds from their organization to go, please contact staff.
  - Some of the topics selected include: the Holocaust and anti-Jewish bias, Jury Diversity, Language Access, Racial Capitalism, Crimmigration, Implicit-bias and Trauma Informed Practices.
  - Judge Smith thanks Carolyn for her incredible work putting together this conference.
- Frank Thomas gives an update on Racial Justice led by Cynthia Delostrinos. They have been tracking legislation and potential policies that are aligned with the goals outlined in the consortium, and there are many goals that present reform opportunities.
  - Frank and Cynthia presented to the BJA and the Supreme Court received presentations on numerous studies of inequities in the legal system, gender and justice study, and issues of racial justice. Some objectives involve data and transparency and resources for incarceration alternatives. They will be working this summer on a more concrete action plan to advance the goals of the consortium. The Jury Diversity demographic study is ongoing.

Lisa Castilleja provides an update for the Outreach Committee

- She highlights many programs happening at University of Washington, including Moot Court/ Mock Trial. There's a request for MJC support for Youth and Law Forums for the city of Bellingham, and Pierce and Kitsap county.
- They provided their request in the materials, regarding the money needed to support the events taking place in the communities, which is two \$1500 each per outreach programs.
  - There's some concern about budget requirements considering the funds set aside for NCREF funding.
  - Karen Murray makes a motion to approve, subject to funds, \$1,500.00 for the upcoming Pierce County Youth and Law forum, as it will occur in this fiscal year. She makes a second motion to approve, subject to funds, \$1,500 for the Bremerton/Kitsap County Youth and Law forum as part of the annual budget for next year. Judge Chess seconds both motions. Both motions pass unopposed.
  - The question of ongoing funding to Youth and Law forums is tabled.
- The Justice CZ Smith awards took place recently as a virtual event across the state to honor three students for their work in alignment with MJC values of racial equity.
- There will be a request going around for soliciting the annual MJC artwork.

#### Other Updates

- Frank provides a brief update on the annual report, which will coincide with the state of the state reports for NCREF.
- Judge Chess updates on the Judges of Color Directory Update. They are still working on artwork and seeking professional input on the design.

#### **Student Liaisons Project Presentations**

Gonzaga Law— (Whitney Wakefield, Gloria Herrera, Alicia Chaudry, David Normoyle)  
*Post-Conviction Relief Clinic*

- The target audience includes individuals who fall under Blake decision and people on warrant status, which will be facilitated by the public defender's office.
- The clinic provides general LFO relief and assistance getting these charges vacated. It's well documented that black and brown individuals are disproportionately impacted by the criminal legal system and LFO relief can help address this.
- On April 14, 2023 there will be a brief onboarding for volunteers and then the clinic will occur from 9AM -5 PM. Gonzaga student volunteers will work alongside Spokane County public defenders and other attorneys. They have a long list of individuals who need post-conviction relief. There will be conference rooms and attorney booths with working phones.

- Requesting \$500 from the commission for refreshments, snacks, lunch, volunteers, flyers, etc. Hope to assist hundreds of people with vacating convictions.
- Questions:
  - Rosario has some suggestions for folks to help out with advice on the clinic who may have particular expertise with LFOs (Sarah Hudson, Percy Levy, Cindy Arends Elsberry)
  - Jeremy from Qlaw, asks that data collected on the outcomes of the clinic include disaggregation by gender identity.
  - Judge Coburn suggests it would be a good idea to do outreach in the community
  - Percy is involved with Just Spokane, gathering data to determine what's actually happening right now on the issue.

University of Washington School of Law (Roberto White, Ciera Phung-Marion)— *Know Your Rights*

- The UW Law liaisons present a proposal for a know your rights training to high schoolers in Seattle. The goal is to give high school students knowledge of legal rights regarding law enforcement. Having a right is not sufficient if they do not know they have it.
- Data from the ACLU has shown black and brown kids are criminalized for school behavior. 84 of WA's 100 schools have public safety officers, who are shown to increase the school-to-prison pipeline.
- The event will take place on Saturday May 6 2023, and involve a presentation by legal counsel for youth and children.
- LCYC WA is a nonprofit advocacy group provide direct representation, legal trainings, policy advocacy and protection order trainings.
- This training involves a proposed budget of \$1000: \$840 for food, \$150 for honorariums, \$10 know-your-rights wallet cards.
- To measure the impacts the training will include an entry/exit survey, and provide students with a card that summarizes their rights and information.
- Questions?
  - There is a suggestion to include training on non-citizen youth rights, i.e. students do not need to speak with ICE either, and other protections under Keep Washington Working they should be aware of.
- Lisa moves to approve both funding requests up to \$1000. Judge Coburn/ Jeremy Walker seconds the motion. None opposed, those funds approved.

Update on Rules and Legislation Committee— Frank Thomas gives an update from the 2023 Legislative Committee.

- **SB5128**: passed out of house or origin and now in other chamber. The original proposal included 1) make permanent jury demography study 2) establish a work group to evaluate alternatives for childcare access 4) email summoning, and 3) (initially included, now taken out) increased juror pay.
- **HB5046**, Increases post-conviction access to counsel, make more efficient filings of personal restraint petition.
- **HB1169**, originally designed to eliminate the Victim Penalty Assessment, which allows for an indigency determination to remove those fees. Stakeholders working on incorporating some aspects of the bill language for juvenile LFOs, in the hopes of passing both juvenile and adult LFO reform in the same bill.
- **HB1324**, end the practice of including juvenile convictions in the scoring for sentencing at conviction. This is retroactive bill, allow rescoring and resentencing of currently incarcerated people. The Committee is working on persuading SCJA that their assessment of the scope of required work lessens the impact. We have mobilized around this, engaging with the bill sponsors in the senate to illuminate some new information.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM



## The Office of Independent Investigations - Fact Sheet – May 2023

The legislature created the Washington State Office of Independent Investigations (OII) in 2021 to conduct independent, fair, thorough, transparent, and unbiased investigations of cases that involve law enforcement's use of deadly force. The legislature further intended that the office be grounded in anti-racism. As a unique office in the nation, OII is led by a civilian director and intends to deploy teams that include civilian investigators. The statute governing OII is RCW 43.102.

### Community interest

OII came into existence after widespread public outcry regarding several high-profile police deadly use of force cases. In these cases, the victims were often people of color. In response, Gov. Jay Inslee created the Governor's Task Force on Independent Investigations of Police Use of Force which made several recommendations, including the creation of an office to conduct investigations that are independent of any police agency or prosecutor's office.

### Advisory board

The bill that created OII also created an advisory board to work with the new agency and advise on policies and procedures. This 11-member board includes members of families directly impacted by police use of deadly force, law enforcement, community members, a representative of a federally recognized Washington tribe, a mental health professional, a prosecutor, a defense attorney, and a member of the Criminal Justice Training Commission.

### Status

OII is not yet taking cases for investigations. It is currently engaged in hiring for all positions, finalizing policies and protocols required to conduct its work, and ongoing outreach. OII is currently budgeted for a staff of approximately 80, including investigators as well as family and community liaisons.

OII has recently set up a hotline for law enforcement to report deadly use of force incidents, established a distribution list to communicate directly with law enforcement agencies, hired 20 people in leadership, operational, and investigative positions, and launched its public website, [oii.wa.gov](https://oii.wa.gov).

OII's current priorities are:

- Creation of policies and protocols
- Hiring of leadership, investigators, and family/tribal liaisons
- Training to ground all employees
- Outreach to the public

Visit [oii.wa.gov](https://oii.wa.gov) for more information or email [ContactUs@oii.wa.gov](mailto:ContactUs@oii.wa.gov) to reach the Office of Independent Investigations.

# NATIONAL CONSORTIUM ON RACIAL & ETHNIC FAIRNESS IN THE COURTS

2023 CONFERENCE  
& ANNUAL MEETING

**"JUSTICE: PROMISES TO KEEP"**

*Hosted by the Washington State  
Minority and Justice Commission*



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**2023 Conference and Annual Meeting**  
*Hosted by the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission*  
**May 21-24, 2023**  
**Seattle, WA**

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

*\*\*\*all times listed are Pacific Standard Time \*\*\**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

- ❖ 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. DEI Collaborative Pre-Conference Meeting  
(Collaborative Delegates and Consortium Board only)
- ❖ 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Conference Registration
- ❖ 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. National Consortium Pre-Conference Board Meeting
- ❖ 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Opening Program Reception featuring [Mambo Cadillac](#)

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

- ❖ 7 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast
- ❖ 8:20 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Opening Remarks
- ❖ 9 a.m. – Noon **Annual WA Supreme Court Symposium**  
*Beyond the Bench: Exploring How a Judge's Decisions Can Impact Health* featuring [Salus Populi: Educating the Judiciary about the Social Determinants of Health](#), presented by the Center for Health Policy and Law at Northeastern University School of Law and the Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research at Northeastern University

Speakers:

- Mehreen Butt, Managing Director, Northeastern School of Law Center for Health Policy and Law
- Clinical Professor Shan Mohammed MD, MPH, FAAFP, Northeastern University
- Professor Wendy Parmet, Faculty Director, Northeastern School of Law Center for Health Policy and Law

*\*\*\* This Symposium is an annual event sponsored by the Supreme Court of Washington. The Symposium is open to the public and will be livestreamed by TVW. \*\*\**

- ❖ 12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch
- ❖ 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. State of the States Session
- ❖ 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break



- ❖ 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Conference Keynote Address with Film Screening of “Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America” and Discussion featuring Jeffery Robinson, Founder of [The Who We Are Project](#)**

## Tuesday, May 23, 2023

- ❖ 7 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast
- ❖ 8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Morning Remarks
- ❖ 8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. Film Viewing: *Tribute to Secretary Norman Y. Mineta*
- ❖ 8:40 a.m. – 10 a.m. **Plenary Session Part I: *Japanese American Incarceration Authors Panel: Forced Removal, Patriotism, & Resistance***

### Speakers:

- Aura Newlin, Executive Director, Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation
- Shirley Higuchi, American Psychological Association, Chair of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation
- Frank Abe, Lead Author and Scriptwriter of *We Hereby Refuse: Japanese American Resistance to Wartime Incarceration* graphic novel
- Daniel James Brown, Author of *Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II*

- ❖ 10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Break and Book Signing
- ❖ 10:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. **Plenary Session Part II: *Japanese American Incarceration during WWII and its Relation to Modern Justice Movements***

### Speakers:

- Lorraine Bannai, Professor Emeritus and Director Emeritus, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, Seattle University School of Law
- Professor Eric Yamamoto, University of Hawaii School of Law
- Professor Mark Chinen, Seattle University School of Law

- ❖ 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Achievement in Equity Awards Luncheon
- ❖ 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Break
- ❖ 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Educational Breakout Sessions**

- **Supporting Diverse, Inclusive, and Representative Juries through Data, Science, and Inclusive Practices**

### Speakers:

- Judge Steve Rosen, King County Superior Court, WA
- Chris Gaddis, Pierce County Superior Court Administrator, WA
- Jessica Lewis Kelly, Special Assistant to the Administrative Director, NJ Courts
- Brian McLaughlin, Chief of Programs and Procedures, NJ Courts
- Lisa R. Burke, Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement Program Officer, NJ Courts

- **Does “Crimmigration Law” Vitiolate Gideon’s Promise?**

- Speakers:

- Professor César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, The Ohio State University School of Law
  - Professor R. Andrew Free, UW School of Law Visiting Scholar, Founder of #DetentionKills
  - Tim Warden-Hertz, Directing Attorney, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
  - Rosario Daza, Immigration Attorney, Co-founder of the Washington Immigration Defense Group

- **Giving Context for Equity in Courts: Where Lived Expertise, Trauma-Informed Care, and Belonging Intersect**

- Speakers:

- Meghan Fitzgerald, PhD, Family Treatment Court Training Coordinator, WA Courts
  - Manisha Jackson, Family Recovery Support Specialist, King County Superior Court, WA
  - Gabrielle Cranor, Mason County Family Recovery Support Caseworker, WA
  - Jill Murphy, Family Treatment Court Program Supervisor, King County Superior Court, WA

- **The Role of Art in Social Justice Work**

- Speakers:

- Judge Anthony Gipe, Kent Municipal Court, WA
  - Local artists to be announced

❖ 3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.                      Break

❖ 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.                **Educational Breakout Sessions**

- **Language Access in Judicial Environments and Implicit Bias and Trauma-Informed Training for Court Staff**

- Speakers:

- Commissioner Jonathan Lack, King County Superior Court, WA
  - LaTricia Kinlow, Court Administrator, Tukwila Municipal Court, WA

- **How Courts Reinforce and Perpetuate Social & Economic Injustice Against Racialized Communities: A Case Study of Private and Criminal Debt Collection**

- Speakers:

- Professor Alexes Harris, PhD, University of Washington
  - Prachi Dave, Managing Director of Policy and Advocacy, Civil Survival
  - Karen M. Phillips, Assistant Managing Attorney, Northwest Justice Project
  - Anita Belcher, Former Northwest Justice Project Client with Lived Experience

- **Results, Not Activities: Advancing Diversity, Supporting Inclusion, and Promoting the Interruption/Elimination of Bias through Judiciary Action Plans to Ensure Equal Justice**

Speakers:

- Jessica Lewis Kelly, Special Assistant to the Administrative Director, NJ Courts
- Brian McLaughlin, Chief of Programs and Procedures, NJ Courts
- Janie Rodriguez, Chief of Litigant Services and Outreach, NJ Courts
- Gurpreet Singh, Trial Court Administrator, NJ Courts
- Lisa R. Burke, Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement Program Officer, NJ Courts

- **Protected & Served? Experiences of LGBTQ+ People and People Living with HIV in the Criminal Legal System**

Speaker:

- Richard Saenz, Senior Attorney, Lambda Legal

- ❖ 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.                      Networking Event at [WOW \(Wonder of Women\) Gallery](#) in Downtown Seattle

### Wednesday, May 24, 2023

- ❖ 7 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.                      Breakfast
- ❖ 8:20 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.                      Morning Remarks
- ❖ 8:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.                      **Plenary Session: Tribal State Court Consortium (TSCC) Tribal Judge Panel**  
*This session will be livestreamed by TVW. \*\*\**

Speakers:

- Chief Judge Cindy Smith, Suquamish Tribal Court, TSCC Co-chair
  - Moderator: Acting Chief Judge Lori K. Smith, WA State Court of Appeals Division I, TSCC Co-chair
  - Chief Justice Anita Dupris, Colville Tribal Court of Appeals
  - Chief Judge Ronna Washines, Yakama Nation Tribal Court
  - Chief Judge John Haupt, Makah Tribal Court
- ❖ 10:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.                      Break
  - ❖ 10:20 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.                      **Plenary Session: Yesterday, Today, and Still Tomorrow: A Leadership Roundtable on the Work of Racial and Ethnic Justice in the Courts**
  - ❖ 11:45 a.m. - Noon                              Conclusion of Conference and Closing Remarks
  - ❖ 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.                                  National Consortium Post-Conference Board Meeting

*The conference program is subject to updates and revisions.*

The Minority and Justice Commission proudly presents *Salus Populi: the Social Determinants of Health*, a project in collaboration with the Center for Health Policy and Law at Northeastern University School of Law and the Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research at Northeastern University.



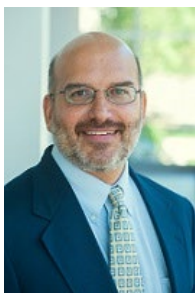
**Professor Wendy Parmet**

Matthews Distinguished University Professor of Law, Faculty Director, Center for Health Policy and Law at Northeastern University School of Law



**Mehreen Butt**

Managing Director, Center for Health Policy and Law at Northeastern University School of Law



**Professor Shan Mohammad, MD, MPH, FAAFP**

Clinical Professor, Center for Health Policy and Law, Department of Health Sciences, Faculty, Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University

Judges wield enormous authority over critical health determinants, including housing stability, socio-economic position (as impacted by education and income), access to health care, structural racism and the quality of the environment. Collectively, these factors affecting health are called the **social determinants of health**. *Salus Populi* is the only Judicial Education Program dedicated to training judges on the social determinants of health and their relationship to law.

This three-hour *Salus Populi* training will introduce participants to the social determinants of health, and the reasons and ways that social factors influence individual and population health as well as health equity. The presentation will include discussions of the socio-ecological model of health, constrained choice theory, the population perspective, causation in social epidemiology, and the effect of poverty and racism on health. The presentation will relate these issues to a Washington state worker's compensation case, child welfare cases, and cases where people in prison are requesting release.

Participants who attend the session will be able to:

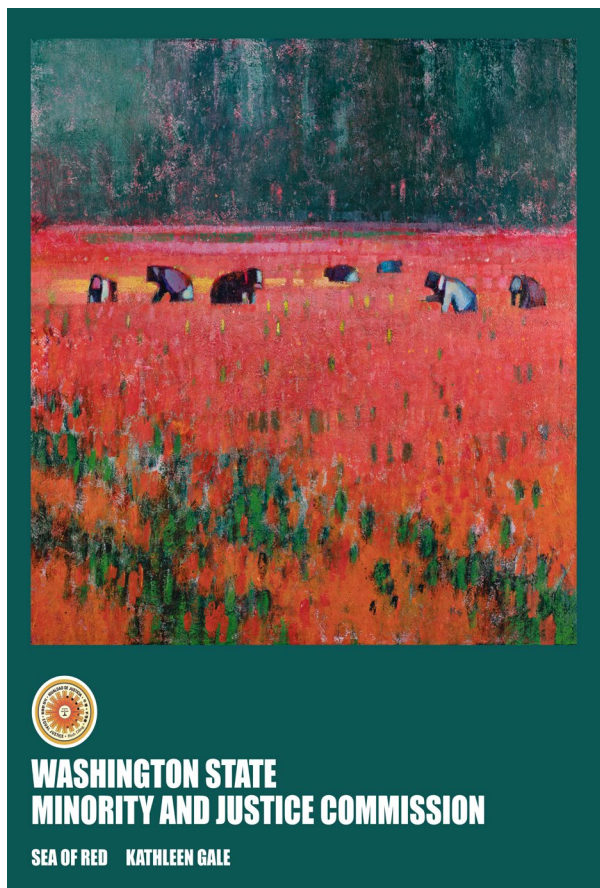
- Identify the social determinants of health, particularly poverty and racism, and understand how they shape individual and population health, as well as health equity.
- Recognize the role that population level factors, as opposed to individual level factors, play in determining individual health, population health and health equity.
- Understand how social epidemiologists study and conceptualize causation and the distinctions between their approach and legal conceptions of causation.
- Recognize how law operates as a social determinant of health.
- Understand how the social determinants of health, particularly poverty and racism, are relevant to legal cases.

*Salus Populi* is a project in collaboration with the [Center for Health Policy and Law at Northeastern University School of Law](#) and the [Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research at Northeastern University](#). *Salus Populi* is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson and W.K. Kellogg Foundations.





## Call for Artwork Submissions – Deadline May 15, 2023



On behalf of the [Washington State Minority and Justice Commission](#) Outreach Committee, we are pleased to open a call for artwork by Washington artists for consideration and possible selection for the 2023 annual artwork. If selected, the artwork would be digitally reproduced with limited reproduction rights for use statewide in posters and other promotional materials for the Minority and Justice Commission. In addition to statewide promotion of the work and a feature on the Commission's website, the selected artist will receive an **honorarium of \$1000**.

The Commission annually selects an artwork by a Pacific Northwest artist for reproduction as a Commission poster that reflects a dimension of the racial and ethnic diversity of the communities served by Washington State courts. Posters of selected pieces are displayed in numerous courthouses and public offices throughout Washington and featured in the Commission's annual report and other publications.

The 2022 selection, titled *"Sea of Red"* was painted by Kathy Gale. Past selections have included numerous Washington artists and can be seen at the [Commission's website](#).

**Artwork can be submitted for consideration online by completing the following form until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XZ7DNSH>.**

We anticipate reviewing the artwork submitted and announcing the final selection in June 2023. Artwork only needs to be submitted digitally and is not required to be an original piece for the Commission. Multiple submissions are allowed.

For additional information or questions, please contact Avery Miller, Supreme Court Commissions Court Program Assistant, at [Avery.Miller@courts.wa.gov](mailto:Avery.Miller@courts.wa.gov).

# TSCC NEWSLETTER UPDATES

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## EASTERN EDGE COMMUNITY FORUM

MMIW Forum in Yakima, WA. Read More on [Page 2](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ADDITIONAL MEDIA

Check out some local and national conferences coming up, as well as additional media. [Page 3](#).

### MMIW INFORMATION & RESOURCES

An overview of information can be located at [Native Hope](#).

**Washington State Patrol:** Missing Indigenous Persons (MIP) updated [missing persons list](#). As well as WSP MMIWP Task Force [2022 Interim Report](#). You may also sign up for the Missing Indigenous Person Alerts (MIPA) [here](#).

**National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC):** Ongoing education via webinar or in-person events are [here](#). You can also find an [MMIW Toolkit for Families and Communities](#) here as well.

MMIW and Trafficking: "How Can Transportation Stop Traffickers" [article here](#). (Pages 3-9)

Welcome!

This month the Tribal State Court Consortium (TSCC) would like to bring your attention to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) for May's National Day of Action and Awareness. You may also see similar acronyms such as MMIP (Persons) or MMIWG (Women & Girls) in other contexts.

This particular movement is focused around the staggering rates of disappearing indigenous people in the United States and Canada. The red hand has become a symbol for the growing MMIW movement representing the missing person voices who have gone unheard.

This month we strongly encourage you to get involved by gaining and spreading awareness of valuable and life-saving information.

All our best,

*Tribal State Court Consortium*

**Eastern Edge Community Forum**  
**“Indigenous & Endangered: The Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Persons Crisis”**

**April 28, 2023**  
**Yakima, WA.**

Little “swan dancers” dressed in red regalia open up the MMIW forum. Swan Dancers are a Yakama group of young women and girls who are learning their traditional songs, dance and knowledge from their elders.

A beautiful start to a more unsettling topic: *Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women*.

The panelists include: Robyn Pebeahsy, Cissy Strong-Reyes, Margo Hill J.D., Dawn Pullin, Cheri Kilty, Lila Whitefoot, and Patsy Whitefoot.

Washington State has a staggering number of missing people, Yakima is currently at the top of that list. Some issues that were highlighted included:

- Areas of jurisdiction. With reservations consisting of both trust and fee lands it is often a challenge for law enforcement to determine where jurisdiction might reside
- Communication issues between MMIW families and law enforcement
- And, technology driven challenges in rural communities.

When asked if there are any proposed projects or approaches for keeping families and communities safe, the mutual answer was ongoing education. By continuing to educate the youth, law enforcement, and the community, the movement can continue growing and hopefully more answers can be found. Another project that has been implemented is the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Missing Indigenous Person Alert System (MIPA) which has gained some traction since July of 2022--Since its implementation 55 alerts have been sent out.

Some barriers and challenges that are experienced when a loved one goes missing largely includes a lack of communication and transparency between law enforcement and families. Although the communication is getting better, this isn't the case with each family. Strong-Reyes mentioned how she was only reached out to twice in her ongoing case. In order to develop trust between law enforcement and families, ongoing communication is critical.

High emotions filled the room, urgency filled the room—but most important, love filled the room. Losing a loved one to violence is hard on the families, especially when there are limited answers. The strength that the family must carry should be commended as much of the process is still being written.



Colorful shawls representing the women who are gone today.



Left to right: Robyn Pebeahsy, Margo Hill, Dawn Pullin, Cheri Kilty



Left to right: Patsy Whitefoot, Cissy Strong-Reyes, Lila Whitefoot



**Missing and murdered indigenous women have disappeared not once, but three times: in life, in the media and in data.**





# Upcoming Events:

## The National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts

May 21-24, 2023

Seattle, Washington

The National Consortium on Racial and Fairness in the Courts National Conference and Annual Meeting is a valuable opportunity to gather to discuss current challenges to race equity and racial fairness in the courts and share practical strategies for advancing equal access to courts and eliminating structural, systemic, and institutional barriers to justice through the courts.

More information [here](#).

## Women Are Sacred Conference

June 26 – 28, 2023

Albuquerque, NM.

The Women Are Sacred (WAS) Conference is one of the oldest and largest gatherings of advocates, survivors, Tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, Tribal community members, Tribal leadership, law enforcement, and Tribal court personnel dedicated to ending violence against Native American women and children. WAS offers state-of-the-art training and networking opportunities designed to increase the capacity of Tribal nations, Tribal domestic violence, and community-based programs to address violence in Tribal communities.

Register [here](#).

## Tribal State Court Consortium (TSCC) Spring Regional Meeting

June 2, 2023

Suquamish, WA.

A joint effort between state and tribal court judicial officers and other judicial branch stakeholders to expand communication and collaboration. We focus on efforts in domestic violence and sexual assault issues, as well as focusing on dependency cases and supporting ICWA standards. The TSCC has an annual regional meeting bringing various stakeholders to the table to discuss barriers that need to be addressed in these areas as well as providing further education.

If you are a Washington State Judge for Clallam, Jefferson or Kitsap counties or a Washington State Tribal Judge, please reach out to [Mishani.Jack-Gonzalez@courts.wa.gov](mailto:Mishani.Jack-Gonzalez@courts.wa.gov) to register!

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