

**AGENDA FOR U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION'S  
SYMPOSIUM ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION**

**July 14, 2008**

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

**Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**An Overview of Alternative Sentencing Options in the  
State and Federal Systems (Plenary session):**

- **Douglas Burris**  
*Chief United States Probation Officer  
District of Missouri*
  
- **Ryan King**  
*Policy Analyst  
Sentencing Project*
  
- **Catherine C. McVey**  
*Chairman  
Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole*
  
- **Stephen A. Saltzburg**  
*Professor of Law  
George Washington University School of Law*

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Break**

10:30 a.m.1- 12:00 p.m.

**Alternative Sentencing: Rehabilitative and Punitive  
Models and Evidence-Based Policy (Plenary session)**

- **Steve Aos**  
*Associate Director  
Washington State Institute for Public Policy*
  
- **Dr. Pam Lattimore**  
*Senior Research Social Scientist  
Research Triangle Institute*
  
- **Kent Scheidegger**  
*Legal Director and General Counsel  
Criminal Justice Legal Foundation*
  
- **Dr. Faye Taxman**  
*Professor of Administration of Justice  
George Mason University*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Working Luncheon – Restorative Justice**

- **Denise Barrett**  
*Assistant Federal Public Defender  
District of Maryland*
- **Dr. Gordon Bazemore**  
*Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Florida Atlantic University*
- **Sunny Schwartz**  
*Program Administrator and Co-founder Resolve to Stop the Violence Program (RSVP),  
San Francisco Sheriff's Department*
- **Dr. Howard Zehr**  
*Professor of Sociology and Restorative Justice  
Eastern Mennonite University*

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 pm.

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**Prison Programs Resulting in Reduced Sentences:**

- **Dr. Doris L. MacKenzie**  
*Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice  
University of Maryland*
- **Stephen R. Sady**  
*Chief Deputy Federal Public Defender  
District of Oregon*
- **Beth Weinman**  
*National Drug Abuse Coordinator  
Federal Bureau of Prisons*

**Intensive Supervision/Electronic Monitoring/GPS**

- **Trent Cornish**  
*Probation Administrator, OPPS-PAD  
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts*
- **Olinda Moyd**  
*Chief of Parole Division  
District of Columbia Public Defender Service*

- **Dr. Marc Renzema**  
*Professor, Criminal Justice Department  
Kutztown University*
- **Thomas H. Williams**  
*Associate Director  
Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency (for the District of Columbia)*

#### **Drug Courts/Treatment Options**

- **Hon. John C. Kreuzot**  
*Judge, Criminal District Court  
Dallas, Texas*
- **Charles J. Hynes**  
*Kings County District Attorney  
Brooklyn, New York*
- **Dr. Linda Truitt**  
*Senior Social Science Analyst  
National Institute of Justice*

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.                      **Break**

3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.                      **Concurrent Sessions:**

#### **Practical Approaches to Supervision (Non-incarceration alternatives)**

- **Linda Connelly**  
*Chief Executive Officer  
Leaders in Community Alternatives*
- **Richard Crawford**  
*Chief United States Probation Officer  
District of Hawaii*
- **Carl Wicklund**  
*Executive Director  
American Probation and Parole Association*

#### **Treatment for Special Needs (women offenders, offenders with mental health issues, sex offenders, Native Americans)**

- **Dr. Kurt Bumby**  
*Senior Manager  
Center for Effective Public Policy*

- **Georgia Lerner**  
*Executive Director*  
*Women's Prison Association*
- **Dr. Allison Redlich**  
*Senior Research Associate*  
*Policy Research Associates*
- **Jeffrey L. Viken**  
*Federal Public Defender*  
*Districts of North Dakota and South Dakota*

**Federal Problem Solving Courts (view from the court)**

- **Melissa Aubin**  
*Staff Attorney*  
*District of Oregon*
- **Hon. Leo Sorokin**  
*U.S. Magistrate Judge*  
*District of Massachusetts*
- **Hon. Brooke Wells**  
*U.S. Magistrate Judge*  
*District of Utah*

**July 15, 2008**

8:30 a.m - 10:00 a.m

**States' Implementation of Alternatives to Incarceration (Plenary Session)**

- **Mark Bergstrom**  
*Executive Director*  
*Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing*
- **David Guntharp**  
*Director*  
*Arkansas Department of Community Corrections*
- **Susan Katzenelson**  
*Executive Director*  
*North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission*
- **Richard Kern**  
*Director*  
*Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission*

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Break**

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**Examining the Evidence: Research and Implementation of Sentencing Alternatives in the Federal System (Plenary Session)**

- **Hon. Ann Aiken**  
*U.S. District Judge  
District of Oregon*
- **Hon. Robert Holmes Bell**  
*Chief U.S. District Judge  
Western District of Michigan*
- **Hon. Carol Jackson**  
*Chief U.S. District Judge  
District of Missouri*
- **Scott VanBenschoten**  
*Probation Administrator, OPPS-PAD  
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts*

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Working Luncheon – Second Chance Act**

- **Bobby Vassar**  
*Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives*
- **Michael Volkov**  
*Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice*

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions**

**Focus on Reentry:**

- **Donalee Breazzano**  
*Administrator, Inmate Skill Development  
Federal Bureau of Prisons*
- **Scott Shortenhaus**  
*Deputy Director of the Center for Faith Based and Community Initiatives  
U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration*
- **Amy Solomon**  
*Criminal Justice Researcher, Justice Policy Center  
Urban Institute*
- **Jerry Vroegh**  
*Administrator, Community Corrections Branch  
Federal Bureau of Prisons*

**Federal Problem Solving Courts (view from the practitioners)**

- **Laura Kaplan**  
*Chief of the Violent and Organized Crime Section  
United States Attorney's Office  
District of Massachusetts*
- **Valerie Martin**  
*Chief United States Probation Officer  
Western District of Michigan*
- **Rossman Thompson**  
*Assistant Federal Public Defender  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania*

**Comparative Law:**

- **Alvin J. Bronstein**  
*Director Emeritus  
ACLU National Prison Project*
- **Richard S. Frase**  
*Professor of Criminal Law  
University of Minnesota Law School*
- **Abbe Smith**  
*Co-Director, Criminal Justice Clinic and E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship Program;  
Professor of Law  
Georgetown University Law Center*

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**Intermediate Sanctions (day reporting centers, community service, restitution centers)**

- **Paul Hegarty**  
*Assistant Deputy Superintendent  
Hampden County (MA) Day Reporting Center/ Sheriff's Office*
- **Herb Hoelter**  
*Chief Executive Officer  
National Center on Institutions and Alternatives*
- **Kevin Jackson**  
*Deputy Warden  
Mississippi Department of Corrections*

## **Collateral Consequences of Convictions**

- **Margaret Love**  
*Law Offices of Margaret Love*  
*Washington, D.C.*
- **Jorge Montes**  
*Chair*  
*Illinois Prisoner Review Board*
- **Pat Nolan**  
*Vice President*  
*Prison Fellowship*
- **Michael Pinard**  
*Professor of Law*  
*University of Maryland Law School*

## **Alternatives in the Guidelines**

- **Todd A. Bussert**  
*Law Office of Todd A. Bussert*  
*New Haven, CT*
- **Nora V. Demleitner**  
*Dean and Professor of Law*  
*Hofstra University School of Law*
- **Linda Hoffa**  
*Criminal Division Chief*  
*United States Attorney's Office*  
*Eastern District of Pennsylvania*