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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

August, 2012 - present

**Clarence J. Robinson Professor of Criminology, Law and Society
George Mason University**

Serve as the Clarence J. Robinson Professor of Criminology, Law and Society on the faculty at George Mason University, teaching in both the Honors College and the Department of Criminology, Law and Society.

December, 2014 to May 2015

Co-Chair, The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing

At President Obama's request, served as co-chair of White House Task Force set up to develop recommendations on how to build greater community trust between law enforcement and communities in the wake of disturbances such as those in Ferguson, Mo. Held seven listening sessions during January/February, 2015 and delivered an interim report to the President on March 2, 2015 containing 59 recommendations. Implementation steps now underway.

October, 2014 to February 2016

Member, Charles Colson Task Force on Federal Corrections

Appointed to a Congressionally-created Task Force created to examine current challenges facing the federal corrections system, including severe overcrowding in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The Task Force held seven meetings, as well as stakeholder listening sessions, during the course of its 15-month life. Its recommendations were presented to Congress, the Attorney General and the President in February, 2016.

November, 2009 - February, 2012
Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice

Appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, served as Assistant Attorney General heading the U.S. Department of Justice's research, statistics and state and local criminal justice funding arm (encompassing the National Institute of Justice, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, among other offices), managing an annual budget of more than \$2.5 billion and 800 personnel. Launched major initiatives to bring science-based approaches to DOJ, including an Evidence Integration Initiative, a "what works" clearinghouse (CrimeSolutions.gov), and an OJP Science Advisory Board appointed by the Attorney General. Set as agency priorities rebuilding strong relationships with the law enforcement community and other parts of the criminal justice field, as well as rigorous oversight of grants management. Oversaw major agency work on prisoner reentry, children exposed to violence, neighborhood revitalization, and youth violence. Spearheaded initiatives on subjects ranging from indigent defense and procedural justice to pretrial issues and law enforcement officer safety. Engaged in regular discussions with OMB and Congress about OJP's appropriation and testified regularly before Congress.

January, 2009 - November, 2009
Acting Assistant Attorney General and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General,
Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Prior to formal nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the Senate, initially served as Acting Assistant Attorney General at OJP.

September, 2008 - January, 2009
Member, Obama Transition Team for the U.S. Department of Justice

Selected as one of 20 individuals on a small team to undertake in-depth research, conduct interviews, and write background reports for the incoming President on what issues, opportunities, and personnel matters needed to be immediately addressed with respect to the Department of Justice and its agencies. Prepared reports on the Office of Justice Programs, Office of Community Oriented Policing and Office on Violence Against Women.

December, 2003 – January, 2009
Director, Master of Science Program
Department of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania

Founding Director of Penn's Criminology Master of Science program for students interested in careers in criminal justice policy and practice. (The program equips students with tools such as crime mapping, an understanding of evaluation, and crime analysis so as to help them bring evidence-based approaches into the worlds of criminal justice practice and policy.) Taught one course each semester.

January, 2001 – January, 2009

Distinguished Senior Scholar for the Program on Crime Policy, University of Pennsylvania's Jerry Lee Center of Criminology (Washington Office)

The Program on Crime Policy encouraged more effective links between Washington-based discussions of crime policy and the experience of frontline criminal justice practitioners pioneering innovative, research-based approaches. In 2001, the program launched the Forum on Crime & Justice, an initiative that sponsored regular educational luncheon programs for Capitol Hill staff and other Washington policymakers that highlighted evidence-based practices.

1993 – 2000

Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Served as the Presidentially-appointed, U.S. Senate-confirmed Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, the U.S. Department of Justice's research, statistics and state and local criminal justice assistance agency. Oversaw growth in OJP's annual budget from \$800 million to over \$4 billion and expansion in the agency's personnel from 300 to over 800. Spearheaded initiatives in areas ranging from community-based crime control to violence against women, law enforcement technology, sex offender management, drug abuse, and corrections. Oversaw largest increase in federal spending on criminal justice research in the nation's history. Launched the federal drug court program in 1994. In 1998, three years before the 9/11 attacks, set up a new OJP office to address state and local domestic terrorism preparedness. Led two U.S. delegations to international conferences - the U.N. Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, Cairo (1995) and the World Congress on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm (1996).

1979 – 1993

Director, American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section

As Director of the American Bar Association's Section of Criminal Justice, shepherded policy development and special projects. Founded the ABA's Juvenile Justice Center. Oversaw initiatives in such areas as habeas corpus, search warrants, crime victims, and computer crime.

1986 – 1993

Director, American Bar Association Professional Services Division-D.C.

Simultaneously headed 80-person Division constituting half the ABA Washington Office, providing management support for the ABA Sections of International Law, Taxation, and Individual Rights & Responsibilities; the Center on Children & the Law; the Standing Committee on Law & National Security; and the Central & East European Law Initiative (CEELI).

1972 – 1979

Assistant Staff Director, ABA Criminal Justice Section.

Oversaw ABA policy development on federal criminal code reform and grand jury procedures. Launched and oversaw the U.S. Department of Labor-funded ABA Resource Center on Women Offenders. Conducted training and prepared technical assistance materials and publications for the U.S. Department of Justice LEAA-funded national initiative to implement the ABA Criminal Justice Standards.

1968 – 1971

Desk editor and reporter, Community News Service, New York City

EDUCATION

Brown University, June 1968 (B.A., Political Science)

Magna Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS (Selected)

Janet Reno Endowment Distinguished Advisory Committee, Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, May, 2016 to present

Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform, March, 2016 to present

National Academy of Sciences - Committee on Law and Justice, January, 2016 to present

Vera Institute of Justice Board of Trustees, 2013 to present; 2001 to 2009; Chair, 2006 to 2009¹

CNA (Center for Naval Analysis) Board of Trustees, 2012 to present; 2007 to 2009

Justice Policy Network Advisory Board, Feb. 2015 to present

George Mason University Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy (CEBCP), Senior Fellow, 2012 to present; CEBCP Advisory Board Chair, 2008 to 2009

Springer Media's SpringerBriefs in Criminology series, Editorial Board, 2013 to present

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Research Advisory Committee (RAC), Academic Co-Chair, June, 2012 to present

CURE Violence (Formerly Chicago CeaseFire) Advisory Board, April 2012 to present

George Mason University Administration of Justice Program Advisory Board, 2000 to 2009

Institute of Criminology Police Executive Programme Advisory Board, Cambridge University, 2008 to 2009

Police Foundation Board of Directors, 2002 to 2009

Vera Institute's Commission on Safety & Abuse in America's Prisons, 2005 to 2007

American Society of Criminology Vollmer Award Committee, 2014 to 2015

American Society of Criminology Division of Policing Nominating Committee, 2014

¹ Obama Administration ethics rules required resignation from all outside boards when I joined Administration in January, 2009.

American Society of Criminology Committee on Congressional Liaison, 2007 to 2009
American Society of Criminology National Policy Committee Chair, 2001 to 2002
National Center for Victims of Crime Board of Directors, 2000 to 2009
RAND Criminal Justice Program Advisory Board, 2001-2002
Open Society Institute Advisory Board on Gideon, 2001-2004
Constitution Project Board of Directors, 2000 to 2009
American Judicature Society Commission on Forensic Science Public Policy, 2005 to 2009
American Judicature Society Steering Committee on Wrongful Convictions, 2000 to 2003
Federal Sentencing Reporter Advisory Board, 1991 to 2009
Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy Advisory Board, 2005 to 2009
National College of District Attorneys Board of Regents, 1979 to 1993

AWARDS AND HONORS (Selected)

The first Laurie O. Robinson award -- created by the U. S. Department of Justice to recognize outstanding contributions by an individual in the DOJ Office of Justice Programs for advancing use of scientific research in criminal justice policy or practice -- was presented by the Attorney General of the United States. (2012)

The Distinguished Achievement Award in Evidence-Based Crime Policy from the George Mason University Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy (2013).

The Career Service Award for substantial contributions to the field of criminal justice - presented by the National Criminal Justice Association (2012)

The Justice Policy Leadership Award - presented by SEARCH (The National Consortium for Justice Information & Statistics) (2012)

Margaret Mead Award for Leadership in the Justice Field - presented by the International Community Corrections Association (2011)

Pioneer in Prevention Award for Vision and Leadership in Promotion of Effective Crime Prevention Policy - presented by Blueprints for Violence Prevention (2010)

Elected Honorary Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology in recognition of Outstanding Contributions to Experimental Criminology (2009)

Edmond J. Randolph Award for outstanding service to the United States Department of Justice (presented by Attorney General Janet Reno) (2000)

Roscoe Pound Award for significant and sustained commitment to promoting criminal justice reforms that are fair, humane and economically sound (presented by the National Council on Crime & Delinquency) (1997)

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

- Robinson, L. & Abt, T., “Evidence-informed Criminal Justice Policy: Looking Back, Moving Forward,” in Thomas Blomberg, Julie Mestre Brancale, Kevin Beaver and William Bales, (eds.), *Advancing Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy*. Routledge. (2016)
- Davis, E. & Robinson, L., “Modeling Successful Research-Practitioner Partnerships,” *Translational Criminology* (Fall, 2014).
- Robinson, L., “An Introduction to Fidelity,” *Advancing Practice* (May 2014).

- Robinson, L., Introduction to *Reducing Crime, Reducing Incarceration: Essays on Criminal Justice Innovation*. Berman, Greg. New Orleans: Quid Pro LLC (2013).
- Braga, A., Robinson, L., & Davis, E., "Encouraging a Broader Set of Criminologists to Form Research Partnerships with Police Departments," *The Criminologist*, Vol. 38, No. 4 (July/August 2013).
- Robinson, L., "Bridging the Gap between Science and Criminal Justice Policy: The Federal Role," *Translational Criminology* (Spring 2013).
- Robinson, L., "Federal Leaders: Larger Role on Reentry," *Advancing Practice* (April 2013).
- Robinson, L., Foreword to *From Juvenile Delinquency to Adult Crime: Criminal Careers, Justice Policy and Prevention*. Loeber, Rolf, and Farrington, David, eds. New York: Oxford University Press (2012).
- Robinson, L., "Bringing Science to the Forefront of Criminal Justice Policy," *The Criminologist*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (March/April 2012).
- Robinson, L., "Exploring Certainty and Severity: Perspectives from a Federal Perch," *Criminology and Public Policy*, Vol. 10, Issue 1 (February 2011).
- Robinson, L., "The Federal Role in Promoting Evidence-Based Practice," *The Academy of Experimental Criminology Newsletter*, Vol. 5, Issue 1 (April 2010).
- Robinson, L., "Restoring Federal Leadership on Crime Policy," *Federal Sentencing Reporter*, Vol. 20, No. 5 (June, 2008).
- Robinson, L., "Commentary on McCoy -- Problem-Solving Courts," *American Criminal Law Review*, Vol. 40., No. 4 (Fall, 2003).
- Robinson, L., "Sex Offender Management: The Public Policy Challenges," in Robert A. Prentky, Eric S. Janus, Michael C. Seto, (Eds.), *Sexually Coercive Behavior: Understanding and Management*, Ann. NY. Acad. Sci., Vol. 989 (2003).
- Robinson, L., "The Future Federal Role in State and Local Criminal Justice Assistance: Gazing into the Legislative Crystal Ball," *Corrections Today* (December, 2002).
- Travis, J., Robinson, L., Solomon, A., "Prisoner Reentry: Issues for Practice and Policy," *Criminal Justice* (Spring 2002).
- Robinson, L., and Travis, J., "Managing Prisoner Reentry for Public Safety," *Federal Sentencing Reporter*, Vol. 12, No. 5 (March/April 2000).
- Robinson, L., "Sex Offender Recidivism: A Challenge for the Court," *Court Review* (Journal of the American Judges Association) (Spring, 1999).
- Robinson, L., "Introduction," *Justice Research & Policy*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (Spring, 1999).
- Robinson, L., "Managing Sex Offenders in the Community: Challenges and Progress," *Perspectives* (publication of the American Probation and Parole Association), (Fall, 1998).

PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

Keynote and plenary presentations at hundreds of justice-related conferences and forums.
Selected examples:

- Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, Plenary presentation: *The Pillars of 21st Century Policing: A Review of the Presidential Task Force Report*. April 18, 2016. St. Cloud, Minnesota.

- National Association of Attorneys General, Plenary presentation on the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. February 24, 2016. Washington, D.C.
- Council of State Governments – Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program National Conference Opening Plenary: *The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*. December 15, 2015. Washington, D.C.
- Talk on Rebuilding Trust Between Police and Communities, Harvard Kennedy School, October 27, 2015, Cambridge, MA
- Plenary presentation to White House Fellows Annual Leadership Conference on 21st Century Policing Report, October 22, 2015, Washington, DC
- Plenary panel on Sentencing Reform, National Association of Former U.S. Attorneys (NAFUSA), October 17, 2015, Phoenix, AZ
- Plenary panel at *New York Review of Books*-sponsored session at the Brooklyn Book Festival on Civil Rights and Policing, September 20, 2015, Brooklyn, NY
- Opening Plenary Panel with the White House Counsel and co-chair of the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Task Force, White House Community Policing Forum for mayors and police chiefs, July 23, 2015
- Dinner speaker, FBI National Executive Institute for state and local law enforcement executives, June 16, 2015, Arlington, VA
- Talk on 21st Century Policing Task Force Report, University of Pennsylvania, April 1, 2015, Philadelphia, PA
- Plenary interview by NPR reporter Carrie Johnson at Vera Institute of Justice forum, Washington, D.C. on report of the White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing, March 10, 2015
- C-Span nationally broadcast Sunday show, *Newsmakers*, 30-minute interview by Kevin Johnson, *USA Today*, and Sari Horwitz, *Washington Post*, on the report of the White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing, March 8, 2015
- Co-chaired seven hearings in Washington, D.C., Cincinnati and Phoenix of the White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing that were streamed nationally, January 13, 30 and 31; and February 14, 15, 23 and 24, 2015
- Chair of plenary panel, 20th Anniversary of the COPS Office: Past, Present and Future, U.S. Department of Justice, November 12, 2014 (with all former COPS Directors).
- National Webinar presented by National Criminal Justice Association, *A Conversation with Laurie Robinson and Alfred Blumstein*, July 15, 2014, Washington, DC
- Keynote speaker, Delaware Center for Justice Annual Meeting, June 25, 2013, Wilmington, DE
- Commencement speaker, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, May 20, 2013, Newark, NJ
- Plenary speaker, Penn State International Conference on Policing in the 21st Century, May 17, 2013, Arlington, VA
- Faculty seminar speaker, New York University Law School, April 9, 2013, New York, NY
- Plenary presenter, Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) Annual Meeting, November 30, 2012, Washington, DC
- Roundtable Chair, Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy Symposium, August 14, 2012, Fairfax, VA.

- Plenary moderator, Jerry Lee Crime Prevention Symposium, April 23, 2012, Washington, DC
- Opening address, State Leaders Forum on Reentry and Recidivism, Council of State Governments, December 8, 2011, Washington, DC
- Luncheon speaker (Margaret Mead Lecture), International Community Corrections Association Annual Meeting, September 13, 2011, Cincinnati, OH
- Opening address, Community Oriented Policing Services Conference, August 1, 2011, Washington, DC
- Plenary speaker, National Institute of Justice Conference, June 22, 2011, Arlington, VA
- Opening address, National Center for Victims of Crime Annual Conference, June 20, 2011, Washington, DC
- Opening address, National Symposium on Pretrial Justice, June 1, 2011, Washington, DC
- Plenary presentation, White House Program for County Officials, May 3, 2011, Washington, DC
- Opening speaker, National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Summit, April 4, 2011, Washington, DC
- Opening address, Second Chance Act Conference, February 23, 2011, Washington, DC
- Opening address, Bureau of Justice Assistance Biannual Conference, December 6, 2010, Washington, DC
- Chair, American Society of Criminology panel on "Science, Policy & Practice: The Federal Role," November 19, 2010, San Francisco, CA
- Keynote address, Robert Wood Johnson Conference on Correctional Health & Public Safety, November 17, 2010, Washington, DC
- Plenary presentation, International Association of Chiefs of Police General Assembly, October 25, 2010, Orlando, FL
- Keynote address, U.S. Department of Education National Conference on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education, October 19, 2010, Washington, DC
- Opening address, National Institute of Justice Conference, June 14, 2010, Arlington, VA
- Plenary speaker, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, June 3, 2010, Boston, MA
- Dinner speaker, American Bar Association National Public Defender Symposium, May 20, 2010, Knoxville, TN
- Graduation speaker, University of Pennsylvania Criminology Department, May 15, 2010, Philadelphia, PA
- Plenary speaker, Police Executive Research Forum, April 15, 2010, Philadelphia, PA
- Opening speaker, National Symposium on Indigent Defense and Introduction of the Attorney General, February 18, 2010, Washington, DC
- Opening speaker, National Summit on Justice Reinvestment, U.S. Capitol, January 27, 2010, Washington, DC
- Luncheon speaker, American Correctional Association Winter Conference, January 23, 2010, Tampa, FL
- Luncheon speaker, Bureau of Justice Assistance Conference on Mental Illness & Criminal Justice, July 16, 2009, Washington, DC

- Plenary panel moderator, White House Conference on Gang Violence Prevention & Crime Control, August 24, 2009, Washington, D.C.
- Plenary panelist, Attorney General's Law Enforcement Summit, April 20, 2009, Washington, D.C.
- Plenary presentation, White House Recovery & Reinvestment Act Meeting for city leaders, March 18, 2009, Washington, D.C.
- Presentation on the Recovery Act with Vice-President Biden to Miami elected and public safety leaders, March 6, 2009, Miami, FL
- Panelist, Cambridge University Police Executive Programme, Cambridge, U.K., July 1, 2008
- Luncheon speaker at Guggenheim Symposium, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, December 3, 2007, New York City
- Symposium speaker, Temple University Department of Criminal Justice, September 28, 2007, Philadelphia
- Roundtable Chair, Sixth Annual Jerry Lee Crime Prevention Symposium, May 2, 2006, Washington, D.C.
- Presentation, National Conference of State Legislatures, September 15, 2005, Philadelphia
- Presentation, National Academy of Sciences, March 30, 2004, Washington, D.C.
- Plenary speaker, Rutgers Symposium on Criminal Justice Policy & Research, October 15, 2003, Newark, NJ
- Keynote speaker, New York Academy of Sciences Conference on Sex Offenders, June 7, 2002, Washington, DC
- Keynote speaker, Conference on Alternatives to Incarceration, Government of Bermuda, March 25, 2002, Southampton, Bermuda
- Graduation speaker, Fels Center of Government, University of Pennsylvania, May 22, 2000, Philadelphia, PA
- Opening speaker, U.S. Attorneys Conference, February 7, 2000, San Francisco
- Opening speaker, National Symposium on Women Offenders, December 13, 1999, Washington, DC
- Keynote Address, White House National Assembly: Drugs, Alcohol Abuse & the Criminal Offender, December 7, 1999, Washington, D.C.
- Keynote Address, International Corrections and Prisons Association Annual General Meeting, October 12, 1999, Budapest, Hungary
- Opening address, National Symposium on Indigent Defense, February 25, 1999, Washington, DC
- Plenary address, American Society of Criminology, 50th Annual Meeting, November 12, 1998, Washington, D.C.
- Plenary address, International Society of Criminology, 12th World Congress of Criminology, August 25, 1998, Seoul, Korea
- Speaker, Opening Ceremony, Department of Justice Center for Domestic Preparedness, May 31, 1998, Anniston, AL
- Opening speaker, Symposium on Alcohol Abuse and Crime, April 5, 1998, Washington, DC

- Plenary speaker, University of Maryland Conference - Preventing Crime: What Works, What Doesn't, What's Promising, December 17, 1997, Washington, DC
- Opening speaker, Symposium on the 30th Anniversary of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement & the Administration of Justice, June 19, 1997, Washington, DC
- Opening speaker, National Summit: Promoting Public Safety through Effective Management of Sex Offenders in the Community, November 26, 1996, Washington, DC
- Opening Session address (as leader of the U.S. Delegation to the Congress), World Congress Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, August 27, 1996, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Opening speaker, LEAA/OJP Retrospective, July 11, 1996, Washington, DC
- Plenary speaker (as leader of the U.S. Delegation to the Congress), 9th United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime & Treatment of Offenders, April 29, 1995, Cairo, Egypt
- Plenary speaker, National Institute of Justice 25th Anniversary Conference, December 12, 1994, Washington, DC

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY (Selected)

Have appeared before Congressional committees to provide testimony on numerous occasions to talk about criminal justice policy, research and appropriations. Selected examples:

- **November 2, 2011**
Before the Committee on Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism & Homeland Security.
- **March 30, 2011**
Before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives.
- **April 22, 2010**
Before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives.
- **April 24, 2007**
Before the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism & Homeland Security, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives
- **March 21, 2007**
Before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science & Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives
- **March 5, 2002**
Before the Subcommittee on Crime, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives
- **September 16, 1999**

Before the Subcommittee On Youth Violence, Committee On The Judiciary, United States Senate

- **July 22, 1999**
Before the Subcommittee On Crime, Committee On The Judiciary, U.S. House Of Representatives, Washington, D.C
- **March 25, 1999**
Before the Subcommittee On Youth Violence, Committee On The Judiciary, United States Senate, Concerning The President's Budget Proposal For The Office Of Justice Programs And Funding For State And Local Law Enforcement
- **March 16, 1999**
Before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, The Judiciary, And Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC
- **March 26, 1998**
Before the Subcommittee On Commerce, Justice, State, The Judiciary, And Related Agencies, Committee On Appropriations, U.S. House Of Representatives, Washington, D.C.