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## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Urban Institute;** Washington, DC  
Senior Fellow, Justice Policy Center (April 2014-Present)

**Pew Charitable Trusts;** Washington, DC  
Research Director, Pew Center on the States; Public Safety Performance Project (January 2012-April 2014);  
Research Manager, Pew Center on the States; Public Safety Performance Project (October 2009-December 2011)

\*Direct a research team of four full-time staff who produce high-impact national reports and briefs which help shape state sentencing and corrections policy. Responsibilities include design, data collection, analysis, writing, and quality control of content produced by the Public Safety Performance Project and our partner organizations;

\*Direct a team of four full-time data analysts who conduct original studies of state correctional data and provide research support for intensive state technical assistance associated with Justice Reinvestment;

\*Oversaw the expansion of the Public Safety Performance Project research team from a staff of one to eight highly-skilled individuals engaged in producing rigorous, high-impact state and national sentencing and corrections analysis;

\*Oversaw the transition of the Justice Reinvestment state data work from an external contract model to using in-house staff. Responsibilities included hiring staff, developing data collection protocol and a methodology for analysis and projection modelling, preparing presentations for state working groups, integrating the data team with the state policy staff, and putting in place quality control measures that ensured that all content was rigorous, transparent, and unimpeachable;

\*Develop a comprehensive research agenda that ensures the Public Safety Performance Project produces timely and policy-relevant materials;

\*Manage contracts with external partners to broaden the team research agenda and help ensure that we continue to provide valuable information to the field in the form of briefs, state reports and major national studies;

\*Work with senior leadership and state policy staff to develop state policy strategy and identify new states for Justice Reinvestment work;

\*Oversaw the development of performance measures that support sustainability efforts in prior Justice Reinvestment states;

\*Participate in the development of a communications and policy strategy for the team

and speak directly to media about sentencing and corrections issues.

**The Sentencing Project;** Washington, DC  
Policy Analyst (January 2006-October 2009);  
Research Associate (May 2001-December 2005)

- \*Conduct statistical and policy analysis, author reports concerning sentencing and corrections related issues on both the state and federal level;
- \*Author grant and research applications and manage research projects;
- \*Work with state policymakers and advocates to identify areas of needed sentencing reform and recommend alternative policies;
- \*Engage in public education by participating in speaking events and conferences;
- \*Conduct media outreach to Internet, print, radio and television sources;
- \*Participate in organizational coalitions on issues of sentencing, corrections and criminal justice policy.

## **EDUCATION**

**The American University;** Washington, DC  
M.S. – Justice, Law & Society (Policy Concentration) (2006)

**Monmouth University;** West Long Branch, NJ  
M.A. – Criminal Justice (2000)

**University of Pittsburgh;** Pittsburgh, PA  
B.A. – Anthropology (1995)

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**The American University;** Washington, DC  
Hurst Scholar and School of Public Affairs Research Assistantship  
(August 2000-May 2003)

**The American University;** Washington, DC  
Adjunct Professor  
Critical Issues in Justice—JLS 103  
(August 2001-December 2001)

**Weed and Seed Committee;** Asbury Park, NJ  
Grant Research Coordinator and Investigator  
(May 1999-December 1999)

**Monmouth University;** West Long Branch, NJ

Graduate Criminal Justice Research Assistant  
(August 1997-May 2000)

## **POLICY REPORTS**

*Pew Center on the States, Public Safety Performance Project, Washington, DC (November 2013)*

\*The Impact of Parole in New Jersey

*Pew Center on the States, Public Safety Performance Project, Washington, DC (June 2012)*

\*Time Served: The High Cost, Low Return of Longer Prison Terms

*Pew Center on the States, Public Safety Performance Project, Washington, DC (April 2011)*

\*State of Recidivism: The Revolving Door of America's Prisons

*Pew Center on the States, Public Safety Performance Project, Washington, DC (March 2010)*

\*Prison Count 2010: State Prison Population Declines for the First Time in 38 Years

*The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC (July 2009)*

\*No Exit: The Expanding Use of Life Sentences In America by Ashley Nellis and Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC (April 2009)*

\*Drug Courts: A Review of the Evidence by Ryan S. King and Jill Pasquarella

*The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC (February 2009)*

\*State of Sentencing 2008: Developments in Policy and Practice by Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC (September 2008)*

\*Expanding The Vote: State Felony Disenfranchisement Reform, 1997-2008 by Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project; Washington, DC (May 2008)*

\*Disparity By Geography: The War On Drugs In America's Cities by Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project; Washington, DC (January 2008)*

\* State of Sentencing 2007: Developments in Policy and Practice by Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project; Washington, DC (September 2007)*

\*A 25-Year Quagmire: The War on Drugs and Its Impact on American Society by Marc Mauer and Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (July 2007)

\*Uneven Justice: State Rates of Incarceration By Race and Ethnicity by Marc Mauer and Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (March 2007)

\*Changing Direction? State Sentencing Reforms 2004-2006 by Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (October 2006)

\*A Decade of Reform: Felony Disenfranchisement Policy in the United States by Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (June 2006)

\*The Next Big Thing? Methamphetamine in the United States by Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (January 2006)

\*Sentencing With Discretion: Crack Cocaine Sentencing After *Booker* by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (May 2005)

\*The War on Marijuana: The Transformation of the War on Drugs in the 1990s by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer [excerpted in *Marijuana: Introducing Issues with Opposing Viewpoints*, Greenhaven Press, 2007]

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (September 2004)

\*The Vanishing Black Electorate: Felony Disenfranchisement in Atlanta, Georgia by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer [reprinted in *The Status of Black Atlanta 2005*, Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy, Clark Atlanta University, 2005]

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (May 2004)

\*The Meaning of Life: Long Prison Sentences in Context by Marc Mauer, Ryan S. King, and Malcolm C. Young

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (April 2003)

\*The Economics of Drug Selling: A Review Of The Research by Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (February 2003)

\*Big Prisons, Small Towns: Prison Economics In Rural America by Ryan S. King, Marc Mauer and Tracy Huling

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (September 2002)

\*Distorted Priorities: Low-Level Drug Offenders in State Prisons by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (February 2002)

\*State Sentencing and Corrections Policy in an Era of Fiscal Restraint by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer

*The Sentencing Project*; Washington, DC (August 2001)

\*Aging Behind Bars: "Three Strikes" Seven Years Later by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer [excerpted in *Criminal Justice: Opposing Viewpoints Series*, Greenhaven Press, 2003]

## CONFERENCES & FORUMS

*Second Chance Act Annual Conference*, 2012

\*Speaker: Recent National and State Trends in Recidivism

*Association for Paroling Authorities International Annual Training Conference*, 2012

\*Speaker: What Have We Gained From the Growth in Time Served in Prison?

*Targeting the Usual Suspects: Improving Justice Strategies (American Correctional Association, New Jersey Chapter)*, 2012

\*Plenary Speaker: Recent National and State Trends in Recidivism

*National Forum on Recidivism Reduction*, 2011

\*Speaker: State of Recidivism: Recent National and State Trends in Recidivism

*Addiction Studies Program for the States (Treatment Research Institute)*, 2009

\*Speaker: Criminal Justice Transformation: Saving Dollars, Preserving Public Safety

*Brooklyn Law School Race and Law Conference*, 2009

\*Panelist: The Disparate Impact of Excessive Incarceration on Communities of Color

*Stanford Law & Policy Review Drug Law Policy Lunch Series*, 2009

\*Panelist: Taking Steps Toward A More Rational Drug Policy

*Central Connecticut State University Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, Drug Policy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, 2009

\*Panelist: How Can States Address Racial Disparity Resulting from the War On Drugs

*Iowa 7<sup>th</sup> Annual DMC Resource Center & Minority Youth & Families Initiative Conference*, 2008

\*Keynote Speaker: The Impact of Racial Disparity in the Criminal Justice System and Strategies for Change

*Connecticut Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System Conference, Disparity in Connecticut: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Heading?*, 2008

\*Invited Panelist: The Impact of Underlying Social Issues on the Criminal Justice System

*National Organization for the Reformation of Marijuana Laws (NORML) 37<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference, 2008*

\*Invited Panelist: How Marijuana Enforcement Has Transformed The “War on Drugs”

*National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers State Legislative Network Conference, 2008*

\*Racial Disparity in Drug Enforcement: Consequences and Recommendations for Reform

*The United States Sentencing Commission Symposium on Alternatives To Incarceration, 2008*

\*Invited Plenary Speaker: A Decade of State Sentencing Policy Reform

*The Future of Election Reform and Beyond, Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, University of Minnesota, 2008*

\*Invited Panelist: Felony Disenfranchisement Reform

*University Lecture Series and Community Event, University of Northern Iowa, 2008*

\*Keynote Speaker: Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System: How America Has Failed To Ensure Equality Under The Law

*The War on Drugs and Black America: Its Origins and Legacy, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2008*

\*Invited Panelist: An Overview of the Racial Implications of the War on Drugs

*Civil Rights, Human Rights and Race: An Applied Legal Scholarship Symposium, Howard University Law School, 2007*

\*Invited Panelist: Viewing U.S. Disenfranchisement Policy Through A Human Rights Framework

*Claim Democracy 2007 Conference, Washington, DC, 2007*

\*Workshop Speaker: Ending Felon Disenfranchisement: Steps Forward

*Why We Can't Wait: Reversing The Retreat On Civil Rights, Durham, NC, 2007*

\*Plenary Speaker: International Human Rights Tools in the Fight for Civil Rights

*2007 Midwest Methamphetamine Conference, Lincoln, NE, 2007*

\*Invited Speaker: The Intersection of Politics, Media, and Policy: What Does History Tell Us About the Meth “Epidemic?”

*Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, 2007*

\*Invited Speaker: Understanding Individual and Structural Racism in the Criminal Justice System

*Breaking Barriers to the Ballot: Human Rights and Felon Enfranchisement Conference*  
(American Civil Liberties Union), Miami, FL, 2007

\*Invited Panelist: Framing Felon Enfranchisement as a Human Rights Issue

*Working in the Public Interest Law Conference: Challenging Poverty through Law*, University of Georgia Law School, 2007

\*Invited Panelist: Felon Disenfranchisement: How States are Mandating Change and Restoring Voting Rights

*Science and Response 2007: The 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference on Methamphetamine, HIV, and Hepatitis*, Salt Lake City, UT, 2007

\*Keynote Speaker: The Intersection of Politics, Media, and Policy: What Does History Tell Us About The Methamphetamine “Epidemic?”

*Human Rights Committee, United Nations (Geneva)*, 2006

\*Briefing Before Human Rights Committee in Advance Of U.S. Review for International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

*Reversing The Curse: Reconnecting Families and Communities*, Lynchburg, VA, 2006

\*Keynote Speaker: Felony Disenfranchisement in Virginia: Past, Present, & Future

*Re-Thinking Re-entry: Confronting Perpetual Punishment*, Harvard Law School, 2006

\*Invited Panelist: Felony Disenfranchisement

*Women Behind Bars: Issues Confronting Incarcerated Women*, New England School of Law, 2006

\*Invited Panelist: Alternatives to Incarceration

*Human Rights Committee, United Nations*, 2006

\*Presented statement before U.N. Human Rights Committee in preparation for the submission of a shadow report on United States’ compliance with protocols of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

*International Drug Policy Reform Conference, Drug Policy Alliance*, 2005

\*Invited Panelist: Felony Disenfranchisement: Exclusionary Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

*International Drug Policy Reform Conference, Drug Policy Alliance*, 2005

\*Invited Panelist: The War on Marijuana: Law and Enforcement and the War on Drugs

*W.E.B. DuBois Institute Annual Conference, Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy*, 2005

\*Invited Speaker: Felony Disenfranchisement: The Political and Social Impact of an Exclusionary Policy

*Edward V. Sparer Symposium, University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2005*

\*Invited Speaker: The Impact of the War on Drugs on Sentencing

*The Color of Justice Forum, Cornell University, 2005*

\*Invited Speaker: The Social Construction of Race and Punishment in the Criminal Justice System

*American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, 2004*

\*Presented: Understanding the Local Implications of Felony Disenfranchisement

*Association for Public Policy and Management National Conference, 2004*

\*Presented: The Localized Impact of Felony Disenfranchisement

*National Education Association Peace & Justice Caucus-Education, Not Incarceration Conference, 2004*

\*Presented: Tearing Down Barriers to Re-Entry in Society

*American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, 2003*

\*Presented: Power Negotiation Within a Closed Prison Setting: A New Model

*The Western North Carolina Forum on Prisons: Industries of Opportunity or Last Resort?, 2003*

\*Invited Speaker: The Impact of Prison Siting on the Host Rural County

*Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, 2001*

\*Co-wrote Presentation: A Review and Commentary on the Legalization of Drugs Debate

*Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, 2000*

\*Co-Wrote Paper: The Effect of Computer Technology of Police Departments on the Quality of Crime Data They Report to the FBI

*American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, 1999*

\*Co-Wrote Paper: Sentencing Disparity and the Race of the Offender: Examining the Influence of the Background Characteristics of the Sentencing Judge

*Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, 1999*

\*Co-Presented Paper: Sentencing Disparity and the Race of the Offender: Examining the Influences of the Race of the Sentencing Judge

*Northeast Weed and Seed Annual Meeting, 1999*

\*Panel Discussant on the acquisition and application of Federal Weed and Seed funds.



## JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Federal Sentencing Reporter*; Vol. 22, No.1 (October 2009)

\*A Change In Course: Developments in State Sentencing Policy and Their Implications for the Federal System by Ryan S. King

*Federal Sentencing Reporter*; Vol. 20, No. 2 (December 2007)

\*Recent Developments in State Parole Reform, 2004-2006 by Ryan S. King

*Federal Sentencing Reporter*; Vol. 19, No. 4 (January 2007)

\*Changing Direction?: State Sentencing Reforms 2004-2006 by Ryan S. King

*New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement*; Vol. 33, No. 1; (Winter 2007)

\*Moving Toward a Gender-Appropriate Response in the Criminal Justice System by Ryan S. King

*SOULS: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society*; Vol. 8, No. 2; (Spring 2006)

\*Jim Crow is Alive and Well in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Felony Disenfranchisement and the Continuing Struggle to Silence the African American Voice by Ryan S. King

*The Harm Reduction Journal*; Vol. 3, No. 6; (February 2006)

\*The War on Marijuana: The Transformation of the War on Drugs in the 1990s by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer

*Federal Sentencing Reporter*; Vol. 18, No. 2; (December 2005)

\*Sentencing With Discretion: Crack Cocaine Sentencing After *Booker* by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer

*Journal of Criminology & Public Policy*; Vol. 3, No. 3; (July 2004)

\*An Analysis of the Economics of Prison Siting in Rural Communities by Ryan S. King, Marc Mauer and Tracy Huling

*The Justice System Journal*, Vol. 22 (2001)

\*Successfully Acquiring Data From Courts: Is It What You Know, Who You Know, or What You Don't Tell Them? by Brion Sever, Ronald Reisner, and Ryan S. King

*Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, Vol. 11, #1 (1998)

\*The Coverage of Ethics in Research Methods Textbooks by Michael J. McSkimming, Brion Sever & Ryan S. King

## BOOKS

"Jim Crow Is Alive and Well in the 21st Century: Felony Disenfranchisement and the Silencing of the African-American Voice," [reprinted in *Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives*, 2007, Palgrave Macmillan]

"The War on Marijuana: The Transformation of the War on Drugs in the 1990s," by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer [excerpted in *Marijuana: Introducing Issues with Opposing Viewpoints*, Greenhaven Press, 2007]

"Prisoner Governance," *Encyclopedia of U.S. Prisons and Correctional Facilities*, 2005, Sage

"The Vanishing Black Electorate: Felony Disenfranchisement in Atlanta, Georgia," by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer [reprinted in *The Status of Black Atlanta 2005*, Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy, Clark Atlanta University, 2005]

"Aging Behind Bars: 'Three Strikes' Seven Years Later," by Ryan S. King and Marc Mauer [excerpted in *Criminal Justice: Opposing Viewpoints Series*, Greenhaven Press, 2003]

## **SHADOW REPORTS**

*Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (December 2007)

\*Coordinated and wrote section of shadow report for the U.S. Human Rights Network to Committee regarding racial discrimination in U.S. criminal court case processing.

*Human Rights Committee*, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (June 2006)

\*Coordinated and wrote section of shadow report for U.S. Human Rights Network to Committee regarding U.S. felony disenfranchisement policy and racial discrimination in sentencing.

## **COMMENTARY**

"Challenging Disenfranchisement for Felony Convictions," *Human Rights (American Bar Association Publication)*, Spring 2009

"Balance Scales Of Justice For People Of Color," *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle*, July 30, 2007

"Too Many Latino Men Are Living In Prison," *The Modesto Bee*, July 30, 2007

"Meth Epidemic Just Media Hype," *The Arizona Republic*, June 25, 2006

## **TESTIMONY**

*National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Task Force on Problem Solving Courts*, August 2008

*Maryland House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee, Hearing on HB 554, Voter Registration Protection Act, March 2007*

*Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Canadian House of Commons, December 2006*

*United States Sentencing Commission, November 2006*

## **BRIEFING PAPERS**

*The Sentencing Project; Washington, DC (November 2005)*

\*Incarceration and Crime: A Complex Relationship by Ryan S. King, Marc Mauer, and Malcolm C. Young

*The Sentencing Project; Washington, DC (April 2004)*

\*Schools and Prisons: Fifty Years After Brown v. Board of Education by Marc Mauer and Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project; Washington, DC (November 2003)*

\*State Rates of Incarceration by Race by Marc Mauer and Ryan S. King

*The Sentencing Project; Washington, DC (August 2002)*

\*Recidivism of State Prisoners: Implications for Sentencing and Corrections Policy by Marc Mauer and Ryan S. King

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Montgomery County (MD) Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council**  
(September 2008-February 2010)

\*Public member appointed to three-year term by Montgomery County Executive;

\*Provides analysis, guidance, and recommendations for policies to address substance abuse in the county.