May 2014 – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND COMMUNITIES

Dr. Debra Heath-Thornton. Dean of the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies
Dr. Heath-Thornton’s community and professional activities have included work on dispute resolution programs for adolescents, community reintegration programs for criminal offenders, and community and mental health services. She is a founding member of Family and Friends United, a western-New York community-based organization whose mission is to promote family and community harmony. She is a past president of the YWCA of Genesee County Board of Directors and a past member of the Board of Directors for Community Mental Health Services of Genesee County.

March 2014 – CRIMINAL INJUSTICE: DEATH AND POLITICS AT ATTICA

Panelists
Christine Christopher, the local filmmaker whose documentary on Attica focuses on the political pressures of the era and the likely spark for the violent retaking.
Michael Smith, correctional Officer Smith was taken hostage during the Attica uprising and was shot multiple times during the retaking.
Dee Quinn Miller, Ms. Miller’s father was a corrections officer killed during the uprising.

February 2014 – THE INTERSECTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE COURTS

Nicole Black, Esq. Director of Business Development and Community Relations at Mycase
In addition to practicing criminal and civil law, Nicole Black is the author of several books, including Social Media for Lawyer: the Nest Frontier and Cloud Computing for Lawyers. In addition, Ms. Black writes a weekly column for the Daily Record that focuses on a variety of topics including constitutional and criminal law issues and technology issues and law.

May 2013 – SECURITY AND TERRORISM POST 9-11

Jeff Culver, Director, Corporate Security for the World Bank
As the director of corporate security for the World Bank, Jeff Culver is responsible for the safety and security of the bank’s operations and personnel in Washington, D.C., and in 128 country and regional offices around the world. Prior, he spent 24 years working for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security and formerly served as Director of the Office of Antiterrorism Assistance.
April 2013 – PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY OF ADDICTION

**Steve Hanson**, Acting Associate Commissioner of the Division of Treatment and Practice Innovation of the NY Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

This presentation will allow the audience to understand the basic science of physiology, pharmacology and behaviors associated with the use and withdrawal from several categories of drugs that may be presented by drug court participants. He will provide examples on how to recognize the general effects of alcohol and other drug use on brain physiology and behavior. He will also distinguish between the behaviors associated with use and withdrawal from various drugs of abuse and show how to recognize the limitations in behavior, motivation and functionality that may be substance induced.

November 2012 – FIXING THE SYSTEM: THE ROLE OF THE INNOCENCE PROJECT IN WRONGFUL CONVICTION CASES

**Stephen Saloom**, Policy Director, Innocence Project

The Innocence Project is a national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted individuals through reforming the criminal justice system to prevent further injustice. In his fifteen-year policy advocacy career, Mr. Saloom in states, In Congress and the deferral executive branches to advance reform through legislation, litigation implementation, training and education. Prior to joining the Innocence Project, Stephen directed state policy efforts for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has also served as executive director of the Massachusetts-based Criminal Justice Policy Coalition, intake attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, lobbyist on behalf of numerous non-profit organizations at the Connecticut legislature, and as an adjunct professor in the graduate program in criminal justice at Suffolk University, where he taught the courses Criminal Justice Policy and Legal Issues in the Criminal Justice System.

August 2012 – WALKING TOWARD CONFLICT: A CONVERSATION ABOUT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

**Dominic Barter**, Coordinator, Restorative Justice Project for the International Center for Nonviolent Communication

is an internationally known restorative justice practitioner and teacher. Restorative Circles is a restorative practice developed in the favelas of Brazil by Barter and his associates as an alternative (restorative) way of engaging conflict. It has been selected by NESTA (a British science think tank) as one of the world's 10 most "radically effective" social interventions/developments and is now being used in Brazil by over 100 youth courts and 300 school districts (it's also being used by adults in many communities). He also supervises implementation of restorative practices with judges, school administrators, social service agencies, youth and community leaders and police agencies in various locations.

March 2011 – RESTORATIVE PRACTICES IN SCHOOLS

**Kit Miller**, Director, MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence has served as the director of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence since 2009. Her prior position was as director/celebrator of Bay Area Nonviolent Communication in Oakland, California. In part after coming to understand through prayer and meditation about violence within the human heart and mind, and in part responding to the challenges of parenting, Kit has been learning about and organizing for nonviolence for the past 22 years in a variety of capacities. In addition to leading the Institute and teaching nonviolence, she works on community projects related to restorative justice, sustainability and race as applications of nonviolence in Rochester. Kit co-leads retreats each year in California and at the Findhorn Foundation in Scotland, working with activists from around the world.

December 2011 – PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS IN ROCHESTER, NY: COURTS AS AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Since 2007, the **Honorable Teresa Johnson** has been a supervising judge for the Rochester City Courts. In addition to her administrative responsibilities, she presides over a regular civil and criminal calendar. She also brings previous experience serving the Rochester Drug Treatment Court and Monroe County Mental Health Courts. Prior to becoming a judge, Johnson was a trial attorney with the law firm Harter, Secrest and Emery, first deputy county attorney for the Monroe County Law Department and trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice.