



Speaker Biographies

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIAL MATTERS

MODERATORS:

Senator Jill P. Carter, *District 41, Baltimore City*



Senator Jill P. Carter has had a successful career championing for the marginalized and disenfranchised because it is in her DNA. Carter is the daughter of the late civil rights activist, leader, and visionary, Walter P. Carter. Carter was the third African-American female attorney elected to serve in the Maryland General Assembly as delegate for Baltimore City, Dist. 41. Former Delegate Carter, often referred to as “the legacy” embodies the spirit of her freedom fighter father.

Senator Carter has earned a reputation as a fiercely independent champion for justice, and as an unyielding voice for the voiceless and underserved. Carter has dedicated her life to the cause of justice. This is the focus of her legal and legislative careers. She served as a member of the House Judiciary Committee and chair of the Juvenile Law Sub-Committee. Carter also chaired law and justice committees for the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus and Baltimore House Delegation.

As a former Delegate, Carter single-handedly led a legislative effort that resulted in stopping the building of a \$170 million youth jail in Baltimore City. Carter continues to lead the fight to stop charging youth as adults in the criminal justice system, as well as to eliminate life sentences, and de facto, life sentences for children.

Delegate Debra Davis, *District 28, Charles County*



Delegate Debra Davis was elected to as Delegate for District 28 in Charles County in 2018. She serves on the House Judiciary Committee, the Public Safety and Juvenile Subcommittees. She also chairs the Criminal Law Subcommittee, for the Maryland Legislative Black Caucus. Debra Davis has practiced law for over 25 years. She is a civil litigator who practices in her own firm. Delegate Davis was elected to the Charles County Board of Commissioners in 2010 and served eight years in that capacity.

Delegate Davis was raised in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. As a lifelong resident of Southern Maryland, Davis' family in Charles County dates backs four generations to the late 1800's. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from the University of Maryland in College Park and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore's School of Law.



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Yanet Amanuel, *Public Policy Advocate at the ACLU of Maryland*



Yanet Amanuel is the Public Policy Advocate at the ACLU of Maryland. In this role she will be supporting coalitions and monitoring pertinent legislation that impacts civil liberties. Yanet began her advocacy career as a student at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she received her B.S. in Sociology. While serving as the Executive Activism Chair of the UMCP NAACP chapter, she negotiated her first piece of legislation, which required each public institution of higher education to develop, implement, and submit to the Maryland Higher Education Commission a certain plan for a program to prevent hate-bias incidents and implement a hate bias response protocol. She continued to pursue her passion for advocacy and organizing in several roles, including as Chief of Staff for Delegate Angela Angel of Prince George's County and as a Policy Advocate at Job Opportunities Task Force. Currently, Yanet also serves as the Region 7 (Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia) Adult Representative on the NAACP National Youth Works Committee and Young Adult Chair of the Prince George's County NAACP.

Branville Bard Jr., *Vice President, Public Safety, Johns Hopkins*



Branville G. Bard Jr. serves as the vice president for public safety for all Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Medicine campuses and facilities worldwide, with the exception of the Applied Physics Laboratory. As vice president for public safety, he works to ensure Johns Hopkins students, faculty, staff, patients, visitors, and neighbors are provided a safe and secure environment and receive responsive and respectful assistance for their public safety and security needs.

Bard joins Johns Hopkins with more than 28 years of experience in law enforcement and public safety. Most recently Bard served as the police commissioner for the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He began his career as a member of the Philadelphia Police Department, where he proudly served for more than two decades before retiring at the rank of police inspector to become chief of police and director of public safety for the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

Bard holds a doctorate in public administration, with emphasis on criminal justice policy from Valdosta State University. He earned two master's degrees (MS in Public Safety Management and MS in Criminal Justice), and a BA in Criminal Justice from Alvernia College. He has also earned an Executive Education Certificate in Public Leadership from the Harvard Kennedy School. Bard lives in Baltimore with his family.



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Dr. Robert A. Brown, *Criminal Justice Department Chair, University of Maryland Eastern Shore*



Robert A. Brown, Ph.D., is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, and the Department of Social Sciences, at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. His research focuses on street-level interactions between police officers and the public (e.g., citation, arrest, use of force), fear of crime, alternatives to incarceration, and the influence of race and gender on criminal justice processing. Dr. Brown's scholarly work has been published in *Justice Quarterly*, *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies &*

Management, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Race and Justice*, and *The Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*.