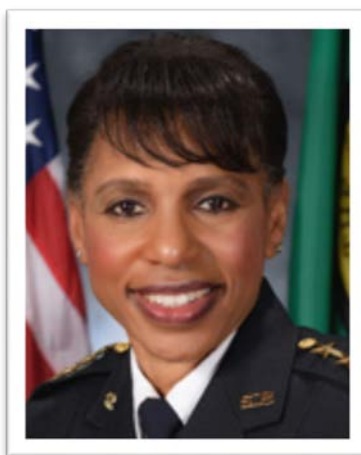


*2019 ACJS 56th Annual Meeting
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ACJS 2019 Keynote Speaker

Chief Carmen Best



“The Evolution of Policing”

Thursday, March 28th, 2019 – 9:30 to 10:45am – Fourth Floor Harborside D

Carmen Best is the Chief of Police of the Seattle Police Department. She has served with the Seattle Police Department for 26 years. Most recently, she served as Deputy Chief, overseeing the Patrol Operations, Investigations, and Special Operations Bureaus, as well as the Community Outreach section.

Chief Best is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police, the FBI National Academy, the Criminal Justice Executive Leadership Academy, and the Major Cities Chiefs Association Police Executive Leadership Institute. In 2015, she received the "Newsmaker of the Year" award from the Seattle Black Press. In 2016, Chief Best completed the Major Cities Chiefs Association Police Executive Leadership Institute. She will receive her Master's in Criminal Justice Leadership later this year. In 2019, Chief Best was the recipient of the Vision from the Mountaintop Award from Urban Impact for her commitment to justice and community.

Chief Best is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the National Latino Police Officers Association (NLPOA), the Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force (LEITF) and serves as the Chair of the Human and Civil Rights Committee (HCRC) for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). She is also on the Trustee Board for Lakeside School, the Visit Seattle Advisory Board and the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee. Additionally, Chief Best serves on the IACP Board of Directors, as well as the Leadership Council

Chair for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Seattle and is also on the St. Jude Advisory Council for Seattle.

Alex Piquero



Bruce Smith Award Winner

Thursday, March 28th, 2019 – 2:00 to 3:15pm – Fourth Floor Harborside D

Alex R. Piquero is Ashbel Smith Professor of Criminology and Associate Dean for Graduate Programs in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas, Adjunct Professor in the Griffith Criminology Institute, Life Course Centre Fellow, University of Queensland, Faculty Affiliate, Center for Violence and Injury Prevention George Warren Brown School of Social Work Washington University in St. Louis, and was Co-Editor of the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* from 2008 to 2013.

He has published over 400 peer-reviewed articles in the areas of criminal careers, crime prevention, criminological theory, and quantitative research methods, and has collaborated on several books. His work has been cited over 33,000 times and he has been ranked as the #1 criminologist in the world since 1996 in terms of scholarly publications in elite criminology/criminal justice journals. In addition to his membership on over a dozen editorial boards of journals in criminology and sociology.

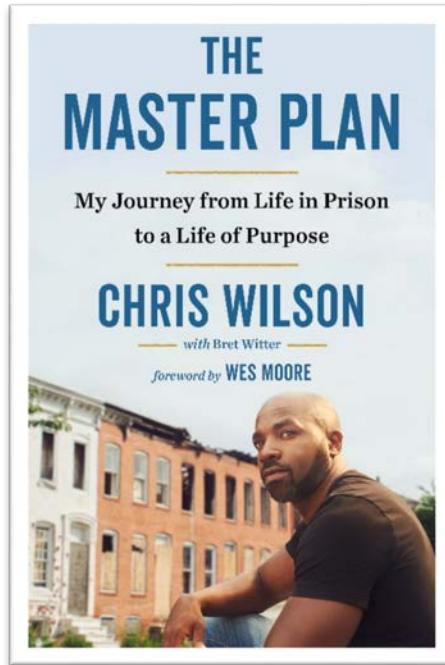
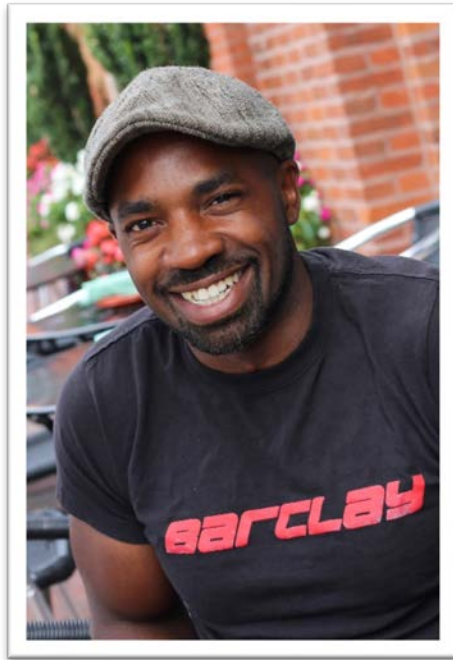
Professor Piquero has given congressional testimony on evidence-based crime prevention practices in the area of early-family/parent training programs, and has provided counsel and support to several local, state, national, and international criminal justice agencies, including various police and correctional agencies. In 2015, United States Attorney General Eric Holder appointed him to the Office of Justice Programs Science Advisory Board.

Professor Piquero is past recipient of the American Society of Criminology's Young Scholar (2002) and E-Mail Mentor of the Year (2005) Awards, Fellow of both the American Society of Criminology (2011) and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2011), recipient of the Western Society of Criminology President's Award (2017), and has also received numerous teaching awards. In April 2018, he was inducted in the University of Texas System's Academy of Distinguished Teachers.

His research has been featured in several television and newspapers including: *The New York Times*, *Reuters*, *CNN*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Huffington Post*,

The Atlantic, Pacific Standard Magazine, and the Dallas Morning News. He is a part of the contributor's network for *The Huffington News* and the *Dallas Morning News*.

Chris Wilson



Friday, March 29th, 2019 – 9:30 to 10:45am – Fourth Floor Harborside D

Growing up in Washington, DC, Chris Wilson was surrounded by violence and despair. Watching his family shattered by trauma, his neighborhood beset by drugs, his friends dying one by one, he feared for his life—and took to carrying a gun. One night when he was 17, Chris was cornered by two men. He shot toward one of them, killing him. A year later, at 18, he was sentenced to life in prison, with no hope of parole.

While behind bars, Chris embarked on a remarkable journey of self-improvement—reading, working out, learning languages, even starting a business. At the age of 20, he wrote a list of things he intended to accomplish or acquire; he called it his Master Plan. He revised it regularly and followed it religiously. And, in his 30s, Chris Wilson did the impossible: he convinced a judge to reduce his sentence. He came out, six years later, determined to teach others the selflessness, work ethic and professional skills that led to his second chance.

Today, Chris is a speaker, advocate and social entrepreneur who employs citizens returning from prison—a hand up for those who, before him, were too often crushed by our unforgiving parole and release system.

Also, here's a link to his interview on the Daily Show with Trevor Noah - <https://youtu.be/hQPelJfpAbk>

