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Dr. Shani Buggs is an Assistant Professor in Residence with the Violence Prevention Research Program at the University of California, Davis. Her primary areas of research include community-level gun violence prevention programs and policies, comprehensive approaches to reducing violence through policies and programs at all levels of government, and intersections between drugs, drug law enforcement, and gun violence. Prior to joining UC Davis, Shani worked for years with the Mayor's Office, Police Department, and other agencies and leaders in Baltimore, MD, to help coordinate efforts and provide technical assistance to enhance the city's violence prevention strategies.



Fatimah Dreier is the Executive Director of the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI) and a Pozen-Commonwealth Fund Fellow in Health Equity Leadership at Yale School of Management. The HAVI is a national network of hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs) serving violently injured patients by addressing the social determinants of health. Fatimah's vision for social change has been shaped by a rich heritage of resilience in the wake of harm: from her father's incarceration to her family's experiences with homelessness. She is fighting for a system that centers racial equity, preventative public health strategies, and trauma-informed care delivery. Prior to joining the HAVI, Fatimah was Deputy Director of Equal Justice USA, a national criminal justice reform organization in which she led an award-winning program on community trauma and police-community relations. Fatimah has received numerous honors and distinctions including 2018 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leaders Fellowship. She is a psychotherapist by training and a proud Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Her work at the HAVI has been featured in TIME Magazine, NY Times, CNN, NBC News, Health Affairs, and The Trace. Twitter @fatimah_loren



Richard Smith is a nationally recognized expert on trauma and healing for survivors of interpersonal and systemic violence. Richard has over two decades of experience developing and leading community-based programs to support the healing process of historically oppressed groups. Specifically focusing on currently and formerly incarcerated youth and adults and young people of color. His approach is grounded in Empowerment and Critical Race Theories. Richard is an assistant professor at LIU Brooklyn's Social Work Department. He has also guest lectured at numerous colleges and universities on issues such as systemic racism, mass incarceration, and trauma and healing. Richard has provided trainings and technical assistance for agencies throughout the country. Richard is currently the National Director of United for Healing Equity, Common Justice's national field building and movement building project committed to the advancement of healing equity for underserved survivors of violence. He holds a Master's Degree from the University at Albany in Africana Studies and is presently a doctoral candidate at SUNY Albany's School of Social Welfare. His research focus is male survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Richard is a Robert Wood Johnson Forward Promise Fellowship for Leadership 2018 Fellow. He is the proud father of two sons, Kaden (7 years.) and Kaleb (9 years).



Dijonée Talley is a Stoneleigh Emerging Leader Fellow working with Health Promotion Council and CeaseFirePA to strengthen the role of youth voices in Pennsylvania's gun violence prevention policy efforts. She brings experience working on violence prevention efforts as an applied researcher, community organizer, and educator. Dijonée previously worked as a violence interrupter and youth program specialist in New Haven, Connecticut and as a policy analyst for Connecticut legislature's Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee. She currently co-chairs CodeRedPA and oversees the P.E.A.C.E. Collective in their respective efforts to end gun violence in Pennsylvania. She is also a 5th year PhD student in criminal justice at Temple University.



Ramier Jones is a 16 year-old junior at George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science. Ramier is a member of The Philadelphia Youth Commission, 215 Student Union, and a founding member of the Peace, Equity, and Community Elevation (PEACE) Collective. He is a credible messenger and representative for youth across the city of Philadelphia on issues including education, gun violence and trauma, and justice reform. Ramier has spoken on behalf of himself and his peers countless times during city council hearing and community events-- embracing every opportunity to make change for all youth across the city and beyond.