

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

DWAYNE NELSON

Dwayne Nelson was born and raised in Hattiesburg, MS. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he played football, there, he received an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Education Psychology. He has worked in law enforcement, with the Boys and Girls Club, Community Mental Health, Therapeutic Group Homes, and the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Mr. Nelson has over 25 years of experience working with community organizations and the public.

JENNIFER A. STOLLMAN

Jennifer A. Stollman is a United States historian who received her training at both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. After teaching undergraduate and graduate students for 18 years, Dr. Stollman decided to commit herself full time as an educator and activist. Currently, she is the Academic Director for the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation housed at the University of Mississippi. Focusing on the institutional mission "ending all oppression based on difference," she creates and executes professional and student development and workshops on diversity issues, cultural humility programming, anti-oppression activism, focuses on creating systemic and institutional change and campus crisis management as it relates to oppression incidents. She has shared her strategies, techniques and programs with several other campuses across the United States. She also researches and publishes on American history, college campus anti-oppression strategies, curriculum, programming and crisis management.

CHRISTINA KLEISER

Christina Kleiser joined the Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office in March 2006 and is the supervisor of the Juvenile unit. She has been representing the Public Defender's clients in juvenile court since June 2006 and also assists lawyers in counseling their non-citizen clients regarding immigration consequences. Since graduating from DePaul University College of Law in 1997, Christina has worked for different public interest organizations in Florida and Ohio, specializing in child advocacy, criminal and immigrant defense. She is a long-time member of the National Lawyers Guild's National Immigration Project and serves on

the advisory council of the Defending Immigrant's Partnership and the National Juvenile Defender Center's regional advisory council. Christina presents nationally on issues related to juvenile defense and immigration consequences for non-citizens caught up in the criminal justice system and is a certified faculty member of NJDC's Juvenile Training Immersion Program.

BEAU RUDDER

Beau Rudder is the Director of Training at the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender. From 2003 to 2012 he was an Assistant Public Defender in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where he represented indigent clients charged with felonies ranging from non-violent drug offenses to capital murder. A native of Middletown, Ohio, Beau earned his BA from the University of Mississippi in 1999 and his JD from the University of Toledo School of Law in 2002. He is currently the Financial Officer for the National Alliance of Indigent Defense Educators and he is a past President of the Mississippi Public Defenders Association.

BRENDA LOCKE

Brenda Locke is a retired public defender who spent nearly 15 years in Jackson County representing minors charged with delinquent acts in youth court and adults charged with felony crimes in circuit court. She is currently employed as Juvenile Resource Attorney in the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender. Brenda serves on the Advisory Committee of the Southern Juvenile Defender Center and on the Advisory Committee for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Task Force. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from the University of Southern Mississippi and her Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi, School of Law. Brenda is a longtime member of MPDA and previously served on the board of directors. Brenda is also a Certified JTIP Trainer.