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FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Shannon Carey, Co-President and Senior Research Associate at NPC Research, has worked in the areas of criminal justice and substance abuse treatment for over 15 years, particularly in the area of drug courts and cost analyses. Her experience includes managing, designing, and implementing evaluations of programs related to substance abuse prevention and treatment, and adult criminal justice and juvenile justice policy. Altogether, she has been involved in performing process, outcome and/or cost evaluations in over 175 adult, juvenile, family, reentry and DWI drug courts across the U.S. as well as providing technical assistance and training in drug courts operating in New Zealand, Chile, Australia, and England.

Dr. Carey has also performed several NIJ-funded projects including a current cross-site study examining process, outcomes and costs in reentry courts in the U.S., and past studies such as a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the drug court in Portland, Oregon; an examination of 10 years of data from the same Portland drug court; a study investigating changes in drug courts with the implementation of Prop 36 in California; and a paper exploring the 10 Key Components, outcomes, and cost in 18 drug courts in four different states. She later built on the 18-site study with more evaluation results and published a paper for which she analyzed best practices within the 10 Key Components using evaluation results in 101 adult drug courts nationally. Dr. Carey led efforts to build web-based tools in California and Michigan that drug courts can use to determine their own costs and benefits. She has also acted as consultant for the Portland Police Bureau on economic crime (such as identity theft) and juvenile offender issues. As Project Coordinator for the Risk Screening and Assessment Project of the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA), she was responsible for developing and implementing a statewide set of instruments for use with juvenile offenders and youths at risk of juvenile justice involvement.

Dr. Carey is a faculty member at the National Drug Court Institute and is a member of the American Evaluation Association, the Oregon Program Evaluators Network, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the American Society of Criminology. Dr. Carey earned her Ph.D. from Portland State University in Systems Science and Applied Psychology.

Michelle Cern is the Minnesota State Drug Court Coordinator for the Minnesota Judicial Branch. Ms. Cern previously served as a Statewide Problem-Solving Court Coordinator for the Wisconsin Supreme Court and a Senior Policy Analyst responsible for staffing the Supreme Court Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) and the State-Tribal Justice Forum. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

and a bachelor's degree in political science and public administration from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

Fred L. Cheesman II, Ph.D. is a Principal Court Research Consultant with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) with broad experience in program and policy evaluation. In particular, this experience includes: (1) evaluation of risk assessment instrument for low-level offenders in Virginia; (2) development of performance measures for drug courts and DWI courts statewide and locally, and Mental Health Courts (juvenile and adult) nationally; and (3) Drug Court evaluations for the 9th Circuit of Missouri, Virginia, Hawaii, and Wyoming, (4) evaluations of community courts in Midtown Manhattan, Philadelphia, and Red Hook Brooklyn, (5) development of strategic plan for Wisconsin to implement evidence-based practices in problem-solving courts and to provide Risk/Needs/Responsivity information to judges before sentencing, and (6) NIJ and OJJDP funded investigations of blended sentencing. Currently, he is directing a process evaluation of Veterans courts in Pennsylvania. Dr. Cheesman prepared an introduction to program evaluation for drug court professionals that was committed to a widely-distributed DVD in 2010. He also served as an advisor to NHTSA for the design of a longitudinal evaluation of DWI courts in 2011 and as the Director of the "Research2Practice" project, a collaboration with BJA, NIJ, and American University to translate research for drug court practitioners. Dr. Cheesman served on a committee that assisted the National Drug Court Institute to develop standards for Adult Drug courts. He has published numerous articles in referred journals and has received grant funding from OJDP, SJI, BJS, BJA, and NIJ.

Carol Falkowski is one of Minnesota's foremost experts on drug abuse and author of the reference book *Dangerous Drugs*. She is the former director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division at the MN Dept of Human Services, former director of Research Communications at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation and was part of a national drug abuse epidemiology network of the National Institute on Drug Abuse for nearly 30 years. She is currently the founder and CEO of Drug Abuse Dialogues an educational training organization.

Judge Shaun R. Floerke is the Chief Judge of the 6th Judicial District of Minnesota, chambered in Duluth. He was appointed to the bench July 2004 and elected in 2006. Before taking the bench he served as a lead prosecutor, litigation attorney in a private law firm, and as a senior attorney in government civil litigation.

Judge Floerke founded and presides over a DWI problem-solving court, served on the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards, and regularly presents at Minnesota's judges conferences. He trains judges on domestic violence issues nationally with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and Futures Without Violence and also with the Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project. Judge Floerke received the DWI Innovation and Intervention award from MADD in 2011.

In the copious free time afforded a district court judge, Judge Floerke is husband to Sara and father to five children who are not impressed by what he does for a living, but are much more interested in who he is and whether he spends good time with them.

Charles Hilger is the Executive Director of Valhalla Place, inc. and adjunct faculty member at Argosy University in the Masters of Clinical Psychology program. He received his Bachelors degree in social work at the University of Wisconsin River falls and his Masters degree in social work from the University of St Thomas/St Catherine's in St. Paul MN. He has worked in the field of behavioral health services for 18 years as a counselor, supervisor, regional director and administrator, and has specialized in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for the past 12 years. He is a regular guest lecturer at academic institutions and he is active in educating and consulting with providers across the state about medication assisted treatment. Mr. Hilger serves as an administrator for a national MAT advocacy group with over 4000 members, he is active on state advisory committees for DHS, and serves as a board member for several local behavioral health organizations.

Grant Hoheisel is a research analyst with the Minnesota Judicial Branch, a position he has held since 2014. Grant has experience in data analysis, program evaluation, and forecasting. He has previously worked as a research and data analyst for a marketing firm. Grant graduated from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in 2012 with a master's degree in public policy.

Matt Johnson has been a Research Analyst with the Fourth Judicial District since 2014, providing research support for Veterans and Mental Health Courts while more broadly specializing in statistical analysis, survey administration, and making policy recommendations based upon empirical evidence. From 2012 to 2014, Johnson was a postdoctoral fellow at Tulane University's Center for Inter-American Policy and Research in New Orleans. In 2012, Johnson earned his PhD from the Department of Government at the University of Texas, where he was awarded several fellowships to support his research. Before starting work on his PhD, Johnson worked as a bike courier in downtown Seattle, where he speedily delivered important legal documents while deftly avoiding unsuspecting tourists.

Rick Krueger MA, LPCC, LADC, CBIS is the Clinical Services Manager at Vinland National Center. Rick earned his Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. He worked as Chemical Dependency Counselor at St. Mary's Treatment Center, which later became Fairview Recovery Services. He worked at Hazelden Center for Youth and Family, and he was the Clinical Director at River Ridge Treatment Center before joining the clinical team at Vinland National Center. Rick has been a team member on two federally funded grants. The first being a National Institute of Drug Abuse grant to assist with improving the transfer of clinical information from NIDA to front-line clinical staff. The second grant was the development of a family renewal program to assist families strengthening their commitment through the development of leisure activities and recognizing the importance of family traditions. Rick interests include developing and adapting Vinland's Trauma Informed Services, and the new curriculum to increase the resiliency of individuals with chemical dependency and brain injury. In consultation with SAMHSA and CSAT, the mental health model Illness Management and Recovery has been tailored to address the learning styles of our clients and the adapted model is being evaluated.

Heather Kussatz coordinates the Arrowhead's judicially integrated ignition interlock program.

Tracy Loynachan has worked for the Fourth Judicial District of Minnesota since 2012 and, in that capacity, provides research support to various administrative and operational divisions, including Drug Court and DWI Court. Loynachan was a research and policy analyst for the American Bar Association from 2008 to 2011 and a project associate for the Pretrial Justice Institute from 2007 to 2008. From 2005 to 2007, she worked for the Michigan Judicial Branch where she participated in an evaluation project related to state DWI courts. Loynachan received her B.A. from Simpson College in 2005 with majors in political science and criminal justice. In 2006, she received a MS in criminal justice from Michigan State University.

Douglas B. Marlowe, J.D., Ph.D. is the Chief of Science, Law & Policy for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Previously, he was a senior scientist at the Treatment Research Institute and an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. A lawyer and clinical psychologist, Dr. Marlowe has received numerous research grants to study coercion in substance abuse treatment, the effects of Drug Courts and other programs for substance abusing individuals involved in the criminal justice system, and behavioral treatments for substance abusers and criminal offenders. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA) and has received proficiency certification in the treatment of psychoactive substance use disorders from the APA College of Professional Psychology. Dr. Marlowe has published over 175 articles, books, and book chapters on the topics of crime and substance abuse. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Drug Court Review and is on the editorial board of the journal, Criminal Justice & Behavior.

Deena McMahon, MSW is a licensed independent clinical social worker in private practice. She has been working with families and children for over 30 years and has developed a national reputation for excellence in areas ranging from attachment therapy and adoption dynamics to childhood sexual abuse and trauma.

In addition to her therapy caseload, Ms. McMahon provides forensic assessments and frequently serves as an expert witness in court proceedings regarding permanency placements, child custody, and other issues. She is a faculty consultant for the Minnesota Guardian ad Litem Program, as well as an adviser to numerous child protection agencies, adoption organizations, and parent support groups.

Ms. McMahon presents national and regional trainings on a variety of mental health topics to a wide range of parents and professionals including state judges, social services, educators, foster care providers, and mental health workers. Several of Ms. McMahon's trainings have been adopted by the Minnesota Department of Human Services as best practice protocol; she also developed a children's mental health curriculum which is required across Minnesota for foster care licensing CEU. Additionally, Ms. McMahon authored the Child Development section for Minnesota's District Court Bench Book, the document judges rely on for best practice.

For more information about Deena McMahon, please visit mcmahonccs.net.

Michelle Meyer is a probation officer in Hennepin County and has worked in the field for the past 22+ years. She has worked at Re-Entry Metro, a correctional half-way house, as a correctional officer at the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center and a Hennepin County juvenile probation officer. Ms. Meyer is currently an adult probation officer in Hennepin County in the sex offender unit on a full time basis and a correctional officer at the Anoka County

Workhouse on a part-time basis. She has been a Hennepin County trainer in Motivational Interviewing for the past 4-years.

Elizabeth Miller is a career probation officer in Hennepin County. Prior to working with Hennepin County, she spent a little over a year working in residential mental health care, and volunteered time with the Council on Crime and Justice working with victims of domestic violence. Elizabeth has worked as a probation officer for the past 9 years, most of which was spent in the Mental Health Court. She is currently in a mobility assignment as a Motivational Interviewing trainer and proficiency coach and coder of Motivational Interviewing tapes.

Jody Oscarson is the Impaired Driving Program Coordinator at the Department of Public Safety.

Jane Pfeifer has over 20 years of experience working in the criminal justice system and 17 years of experience working with drug courts at the local, state and national level. As a Drug Court Program Manager, Ms. Pfeifer oversaw the day to day fiscal, programmatic and administrative operations of an Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Program. She served as Lead Faculty for the National Drug Court Institute, providing TTA to adult and family drug court teams across the country, and as faculty for other organizations including the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and National Judicial College. Ms. Pfeifer is a highly skilled trainer, providing computer-based and onsite training to local, state and national audiences on a range of topics, with a focus on community resource development, collaboration, case management, and the needs of rural jurisdictions. At CCFF, Ms. Pfeifer leads the development of FDC Guidelines and is a Program Management Liaison for Regional Partnership Grantees. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Psychology and a Masters in Public Administration.

Miranda Rosa served as the initial coordinator for the Fifth District's Ignition Interlock Program and is currently the coordinator of the Le Sueur County Drug Court.