




**Holiday  
Open House**

Justice Programs Office  
at American University

4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Suite 508  
Washington, DC 20016

December 22, 2016  
1:30-4:30pm

### Holiday Open House

The Justice Programs Office at American University wishes you the best this holiday season. If you are in the area on December 22nd, please stop by our Open House at our office, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 508, Washington, DC from 1:30 – 4:30 pm. Enjoy some camaraderie, desserts, and other refreshments and see our new office space.

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### **JPO Research Associate Kerwin Henderson Presents at 30th Annual People of Colour Conference**

Leaders in the field of addiction treatment and in drug and veterans courts assembled from November 28 – December 3rd to advance multi-cultural approaches to health, healing, and prevention. Kerwin Henderson, who works on JPO's adult and juvenile treatment court projects, served on several panels and helped facilitate discussions regarding reducing racial and ethnic disparities in treatment courts. The founding and permanent sponsors of the People of Colour Conference are the Human Resources Development Institute of Chicago and State University of New York at Stony Brook.



**UPCOMING  
WEBINARS**

#### **Tuesday, December 6**

Selecting and Using Risk Assessment Tools in Problem-Solving Courts

1:00-2:30pm EST

[Register here >>](#)

#### **Tuesday, December 13**

Reviewing the Veterans Treatment Courts Report

2:00-3:30pm EST

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### **Upcoming Webinars Explore Use of Assessments, Key Findings of Veterans Treatment Court Report**

The Justice Programs Office at American University will conduct an interactive webinar session entitled **Selecting and Using Risk Assessment Tools in Problem-Solving Courts** on **Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. EST**. This webinar will provide a brief introduction to the history of risk assessment, followed by a discussion of risk assessment instruments being used by drug courts and other parts of the justice system. This webinar will be presented by **Dr. Sarah Desmarais**, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Applied Social and Community Psychology Program at North Carolina State University. [Register here >>](#)

And on **Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. EST**, JPO will host the webinar, "**Veterans Treatment Courts: 2015 Survey Results**." In 2015, JPO at AU conducted a survey to provide a closer look into Veterans Treatment Courts. This survey was developed to provide a snapshot of the range of policies, practices, and services in operating VTC programs. The resulting report on this project, **Veterans Treatment Courts: 2015 Survey Results**, provides a view into these emerging courts. The webinar will discuss key findings and their implications for policy and practice. This report was completed as part of JPO's work funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Adult Drug Court Technical Assistance Project. [Register here >>](#)

### **JPO at AU Winter Holiday**

American University offices are closed from December 24, 2016 through January 2, 2017. Hope you have a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to working with all of you in the New Year!

*The Justice Programs Office (JPO), under the School of Public Affairs, at American University is pleased to present its second monthly newsletter. Each month, we will send you valuable information on our current initiatives such as the Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Technical Assistance projects, the Right to Counsel (R2C) National Campaign, and Training and Technical Assistance for State Administering Agencies. Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues and partners in the field, and if you have been forwarded this email but would like to receive it directly, email [justice@american.edu](mailto:justice@american.edu).*

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