



Center on Youth Violence  
and Juvenile Justice

**FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON  
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**

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Thursday, June 6, 2019

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**Location: Rutgers Law School – Lower Atrium – B070**

8:30 AM Registration and light refreshments

9:15 AM **Conference welcomes** from Paul Boxer, Ph.D., Co-Director, Rutgers-Newark Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, and David Lopez, Co-Dean, Professor of Law and Professor Alfred Slocum Scholar Rutgers Law School.

**Welcome address** from Robert Johnson, MD, FAAP, Dean, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Interim Dean, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

9:30 AM **“HOW THE “DIGITAL STREET” CHANGES YOUTH VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE”** by Jeffrey Lane, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication, Rutgers School of Communication and Information. (Introduction and moderated Q&A by Paul Boxer, Ph.D.)

**Overview:** Rutgers ethnographer Jeffrey Lane will discuss *The Digital Street*, his new book on the role of communication and technology in the transformation of neighborhood violence and juvenile justice. Based on five years of ethnographic study, Lane illustrates the online and offline experiences of black teenagers in the shadow of the Harlem Children’s Zone and sweeping gentrification when social media came to permeate all facets of life. The book shows how street life in Harlem plays out on and across the physical street and the digital street among youth, neighborhood adults, and the authorities and explains how social media use and the visibility of online interaction shape neighborhood violence and its countervailing forces.

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM      ***“COULD YOUR INSTAGRAM LAND YOU IN JAIL? HOW POLICE USE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING”*** by Rachel Levinson-Waldman, Esq., Senior Counsel, Liberty and National Security Program, Brennan Center for Justice. (Introduction and moderated Q&A by Laura Cohen, Distinguished Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director, Rutgers Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice.)

**Overview:** A recent study shows that almost every teenager in the United States - 97% - uses at least one major social media platform, and nearly half of all teens are online "almost constantly." It's not an exaggeration to say that for many teens, they live their lives online. But it's not just their friends and family who may be interested in those posts; sometimes law enforcement is surfing the web as well. What do the courts say about this practice? Who's affected the most? And if it's all posted publicly, what's the big deal? We'll be exploring the current legal landscape and the hard questions raised by social media monitoring of youth by law enforcement and the private industry.

12:30 PM      **Lunch**

1:30 PM      ***“SOME PEOPLE UNDERSTAND DIFFERENTLY: A JOURNEY”*** by Eric Campbell, Music Producer, Songwriter, and Creator and Executive Director of the SPUD Inc. (Introduction by Prof. Laura Cohen)

**Overview:** Eric will discuss his years as a juvenile lifer in the adult prison system, his quest for freedom, his career as a music and media entrepreneur, and SPUD Inc., his innovative, music production-based program for at-risk youth.

2:30 PM      **Panel Discussion: *Combating Juvenile Life without Parole in New Jersey***- Alexander Shalom, American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey; Tyler Dougherty, New Jersey Office of the Public Defender; Eric Campbell, Executive Director of SPUD Inc. (Moderated by Prof. Laura Cohen)

**Overview:** Since 2012, states have taken steps to comply with the United States Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Montgomery v. Alabama*, which outlawed mandatory life without parole sentences for youth. This panel will explore current litigation in New Jersey, ongoing re-sentencing efforts, and the parole process.

3:00 PM      **Closing remarks** by Prof. Laura Cohen.