



## ***Defund the Police Panel: Reimagining Public Safety***

*Moderated by Geoffrey Gibbs, Special Counsel at UC Office of the President*

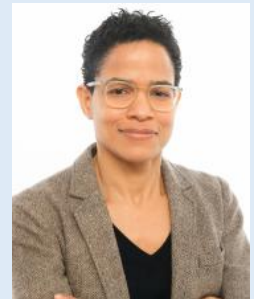
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### **Featured Panelists**

**Nikki Jones, Ph.D.** - *Professor of African American Studies at UC Berkeley.* Professor Jones' work focuses on the experiences of Black women, men, and youth with the criminal legal system, policing, and violence. Professor Jones has authored two books: *Between Good and Ghetto: African American Girls and Inner-City Violence* (2010) and *The Chosen Ones: Black Men and the Politics of Redemption* (June 2018). Her current research efforts are focused on the systematic analysis of routine encounters between the police and civilians within the Black community.



**Major David Hughes** - *Professional Standards Bureau Chief, Newport News Virginia Sheriff's Office.* Major Hughes is an experienced law enforcement professional with over 30 years of service and is an advocate for reforming police practices from within. Major Hughes' opinion piece, "[I'm a Black Police Officer. Here's How to Change the System.](#)", was featured in the New York Times in July 2020. Major Hughes has also been a featured guest on podcasts such as *The Well* and *The Purple Conversation* to discuss his perspectives on policing and reform.



**Jennifer Cobbina, Ph.D.** - *Associate Professor, School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University.* Dr. Cobbina's primary research focuses on the issue of corrections, prisoner reentry and the understanding of recidivism and desistance among recently released female offenders. Her second primary research area is centered on examining how race, gender, and neighborhood context impact victimization risks among minority youth. She is the author of [Hands Up, Don't Shoot: Why the Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore Matter, and How They Changed America.](#)

