

*An Invitation from*

**THE JEFFREY DESKOVIC FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE**

*and*

**IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU**

*Please join us at the*

**2021**

**STATE OF NEW YORK VIRTUAL SUMMIT  
PATHWAYS TO A NEW CULTURE OF  
ACCOUNTABILITY IN STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE:**

**Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole Reform**

**Less Is More New York**

**The Powers and Procedures of the NY State Commission on  
Prosecutorial Conduct & The Commission Budget**

**Expanding Video-taping of Law Enforcement Interrogations**

**Investigating Who Killed Garrett Phillips**



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**Friday, February 26, 2021**

**11:30 am - 5:00 pm EST**

**10:30 am - 4:00 pm CST**

**8:30 am - 2:00 pm PST**

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## PROGRAM

**11:00**

### **Sign-In and Networking**

**Early Bird Discussion:** Building the 13 Forward Campaign; Fair Labor Pay for the Incarcerated

**Presenters:** Yusuf Abdul-Qadir, Pronouns: He, His, Senior Strategist for Racial Justice,  
New York Civil Liberties Union

Jacalyn Goldzweig Panitz, Pronouns: She/Her/Hers, Paralegal Casehandler, Employment Law  
Unit, Legal Aid NYC

**11:30**

**Welcome:** City of Council Alderwoman and Majority Leader, Tiffany Garriga, Vice-Chair,  
It Could Happen To You

**Introduction of Exonerees:** Jeffrey Deskovic, JD, MA, Founder of The Jeffrey Deskovic  
Foundation for Justice, Advisory Board Member of It Could Happen To You,  
State of New York – Exoneree

**11:45**

### **Panel Discussion**

#### **Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole Reform**

**Moderator:** Marvin Mayfield, Statewide Organizer, Center For Community Alternatives,  
Brooklyn, NY

**Panel:** Jose Saldana, Director, Release Aging People in Prison Campaign

Jeffrey Deskovic, JD, MA, Founder of The Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice, Advisory Board  
Member of It Could Happen To You, State of New York – Exoneree

Voices of Parolee's – Herbert Murray

Cheryl Kates P.C, Specialist in Parole Preparation, Appeals Against NYS Department of  
Corrections and Community Supervision

Mani Tafari, Parole Specialist, Queens Defenders

**12:30**

### **Panel Discussion**

#### **Less is More New York**

**Presentors:** Emily NaPier Singletary, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director  
of Unchained New York

Emelissa Curo, Katal Center for Equity, Health and Justice

**1:15**

Break



**PROGRAM (continued)**

**1:45**

**Panel Discussion**

**The Powers and Procedures of the NY State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct and The Commission Budget**

**Moderator:** Bill Bastuk, Chair, It Could Happen To You

**Voice of the Wrongfully Prosecuted:** Kali Watkins, Webster, NY

**Panel:** Steve Downs, Esq., Former Counsel NY Commission on Judicial Conduct, Founder, PROJECT SALEM, It Could Happen To You Board of Directors

Bennett Gershman, Professor, Pace University School of Law, Former Manhattan Assistant District Attorney

Marvin Schechter, Esq., New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

**2:30**

**Panel Discussion**

**440 Relief Reform**

**Moderator:** Nick Malinowski, VOCAL-NY

**Panel:** NY State Assemblyman Dan Quart

Tom Hoffman, Esq., Criminal Defense Attorney, Yonkers, NY

Andrea Nieves, Senior Policy Attorney, NY County Defender Services

Roger Clark, Vocal-NY Leader

**3:15**

**Break**

**3:30**

**Panel Discussion**

**Expanding Video-Taping of Law Enforcement Interrogations**

**Moderator:** Sergio De La Pava, Legal Director, NY County Defender Services

**Voice of Guest Exoneree:** Huwe Burton, State of New York – Exoneree

**Panel:** Rebecca Brown, Policy Director, The Innocence Project

Dr. Matthew Johnson, John Jay College, NY, Author of “Wrongful Conviction in Sexual Assault”

John Turi, Public Defender, New York State Defenders Association Board of Directors,  
Rensselaer County Public Defender



**PROGRAM (*continued*)**

**4:15**

**Panel Discussion**

**Investigating Who Killed Garrett Phillips**

**Moderator:** Steve Downs, Esq., Former Counsel NY Commission on Judicial Conduct, Founder, PROJECT SALEM, It Could Happen To You Board of Directors

**Panel:** Oral Hillary, Wrongfully Prosecuted for the Murder of Garrett Phillips

Jen Baxtron, Coordinator, Potsdam NY, Black Lives Matter

Tom Hoffman, Esq., Criminal Defense Attorney, Yonkers, NY

**5:00**

**Adjourn**