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Roxie Alcaraz' academic background is in experimental psychology. Prior to her work at the University of California, Riverside, she worked at California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) coordinating research projects related to minors' access to tobacco and the relationship between gender and ethnicity and health risk behaviors and the effects of such behaviors on mental health. She has a number of publications as a result of her research work at CSUSB. Roxie has been the Project Manager for the Southern California Academic Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention (ACE-UCR) for 8 years. She coordinates and/or monitors all activities of the project. She was a member of the City of Riverside Red Team on Youth Violence Prevention and is currently participates on the Mayor's Riverside's Youth Violence Prevention Policy Board. She is also a member of the Arlanza Neighborhood Collaborative, the Alvord Unified School District's Alvord Collaborative, the Perris Red Team, and Perris U.N.I.T.Y. (United Neighbors Interested in Today's Youth). Ms. Alcaraz is also a part-time instructor at Riverside Community College where she teaches Introduction to Psychology and Developmental Psychology.

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Cindy Cruz is an assistant professor in the department of education at UC Santa Cruz. First and foremost, She is a teacher—both at the public school and at the university—where she is committed to working with and developing the critical consciousness of working class students of color. She is also a researcher who collects and compiles the testimonios with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered street youth as an HIV educator/street outreach worker. She teaches writing and composition, U.S. Third World feminist theory, education and curriculum theory, qualitative research methodologies, and cultural studies.

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Deborah Freedman Lustig is a cultural anthropologist whose research has focused on gender and education in the United States and Kenya, where she was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in 2004-5. Lustig earned her Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Michigan. Her articles about teenage mothers have been published in the journals *Anthropology and Education Quarterly* and *Childhood* and in the new book *Childhood, Youth, and Social Work in Transformation: Implications for Policy and Practice* (Columbia University Press, 2009). Lustig is a Research Associate and the Graduate Training Coordinator at the Center on Culture, Immigration, and Youth Violence Prevention, a project of the Institute for the Study of Societal Issues at UC Berkeley. She serves as Project Director of the Youth

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Nancy Guerra is a professor of psychology at University of California Riverside. She received her doctorate from Harvard University. Her professional research interests and practice experience have focused on youth development and violence prevention. She is particularly interested in social-cognitive predictors of children's aggression, violence, and delinquency, including information processing skills and normative beliefs. Her research has involved longitudinal studies of risk for aggression and violence as well as preventive intervention studies designed to change children's cognitions and behavior. She was the principal investigator for the Metropolitan Area Child Study, an 8-year development and prevention study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. This study evaluated the impact of a comprehensive social-cognitive intervention involving children, teachers, and families on the prevention of aggression and violence in inner city and urban communities. Dr. Guerra is currently the principal investigator and director of the Southern California Academic Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention at UC Riverside (ACE-UCR), one of 10 similar centers across the United States funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Current research projects at ACE-UCR include a statewide bullying prevention, prediction, and evaluation study in grades K-12; Families and Schools Together (FAST) with Latino families and children; and Positive Life Choices (PLC) social-cognitive decision-making intervention for adolescents. New research projects include a qualitative study of bullying and victimization among middle and high school girls and boys; Child Development Parent Training (CDPT) home visitation program for Latino parents of elementary school children; evaluation of Positive Life Choices in detention and correctional settings including biological markers of responsivity; and Cross-site Aggression and Victimization scale ages 6-11. In addition to her research, Dr. Guerra has served on a number of national expert panels and study groups, such as the President's Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office of Education's National Standards Project, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's study group on serious and violent juvenile offenders.

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Barry A. Krisberg is a Distinguished Senior Fellow and Lecturer in Residence at the Berkeley Center for Criminal Justice (BCCJ), UC Berkeley School of Law. Prior to joining BCCJ, Dr. Krisberg was the President of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency from 1983 to 2009. Dr. Krisberg was appointed by the legislature to serve on the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Inmate Population Management. He is past president and fellow of the Western Society of Criminology and was the Chair of the California Attorney General's Research Advisory Committee. In 1993 he was the recipient of the August Vollmer Award, the American Society of Criminology's most prestigious award. Dr. Krisberg was appointed to chair an Expert Panel to investigate the conditions in the California youth prisons. He has recently been named in a consent decree to help develop remedial plans and to monitor many of the mandated reforms in the California Division of Juvenile Justice. His recent publications include "The Politics of the War Against the Young" in Frampton, Lopez, and Simon (Eds.), *After the War on Crime: Race, Democracy, and a New Reconstruction* (2008); *Continuing the Struggle for Justice: 100 Years of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency* (2007); "Juvenile Offending" (with Angela Wolf), in Heilbrun, Sevin, Goldstein, and Redding (Eds.), *Juvenile Delinquency* (2005).

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Robert Nash Parker is a professor of sociology and Co-Director of the Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies at University of California, Riverside. He is currently a co-PI of the UCR-ACE and was a co-PI of "Health People, Healthy Places", a SAMHSA funded project to reduce the risk of school violence in the Riverside Unified School District. Prior to his arrival at UC Riverside, Dr. Parker taught in sociology departments at the University of Akron, Rutgers University, and the University of Iowa; held an appointment as an NIAAA Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley; and was a Senior Research Scientist and Study Director at the Prevention Research Center, Berkeley, CA, a non profit National Center funded by NIAAA and devoted to the study and prevention of alcohol related social problems. In addition, he has published widely in sociology and criminology on the causes of violence in general and homicide in particular, including a 1995 book published by State University of New York Press, *Alcohol and Homicide: A Deadly Combination of Two American Traditions*. Dr. Parker's most recent publication is *GIS and Spatial Analysis for the Social Sciences: Coding, Mapping, and Modeling* and he has conducted numerous workshops and trainings in GIS across the U.S. since the book's publication in 2008. Overall, Dr. Parker's research interests include criminal justice policy analysis and evaluation; the relationship between alcohol and violence, both offending and victimization, the relationship between alcohol policy and crime prevention; and the development and application of geospatial statistical models to the study of violence, alcohol, and other social problems.

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Emily Ozer received her Ph.D from UC-Berkeley in 1999 in clinical psychology with an emphasis on community psychology. She has pursued two lines of research on adolescent development in context. One line of research addresses the question: *What features of social settings promote healthier development in the face of violence and other risks?* She has primarily studied factors that are amenable to change, such as social support and connection to school. Her other line of research is focused on: *What characteristics of school-based prevention programs mediate and moderate program effects?* She is particularly interested in how the school and classroom contexts in which prevention programs are implemented affect positive outcomes, and what students actually experience when schools implement research-based programs. Her primary research at the present time involves a multi-method study of the impact of an empowerment-oriented participatory research intervention on adolescents attending San Francisco public schools, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and the William T. Grant Foundation. She seeks to bridge collaborative-participatory approaches to conducting interventions with traditional scientific designs by testing the impact of intentional variation in collaborative processes. For the past several years, she has collaborated with colleagues at UC-Berkeley and in Mexico on investigations of the predictors of psychosocial functioning within Mexico's *Oportunidades* large-scale economic program. She has published widely in the psychology and health field, including recent papers in *Pediatrics*, *Psychological Bulletin*, *American Psychologist*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *the American Journal of Community Psychology*, and the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

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Maria Rendon received her Ph.D. in sociology and social policy from Harvard University in 2009. Her primary research interests are in the fields of immigration, urban poverty, and social policy. Her dissertation examined the role of high poverty neighborhoods in shaping school and work outlooks and decisions of male, young adults who are children of Mexican immigrants. She is currently a scholar with the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy program at UCSF/UCBerkeley and is extending her research to examine the factors associated with youth violence among Latino male youth. She is originally from Los Angeles and received her B.A. from the University of California, Irvine.

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In September 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger named Paul Seave as Director of the newly-established Governor's Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy. Its mission is to bring coordination to the state's broad efforts to reduce gang and youth violence and to ensure that those efforts take advantage of the most effective strategies and programs. Before assuming that position, Seave pursued a career in public service that combined prevention, intervention, and enforcement. He worked as a federal prosecutor for 16 years, serving as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California (Sacramento) between 1997 and 2001. As U.S. Attorney, he chaired the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, co-chaired the Greater Sacramento Area Hate Crimes Task Force, and founded Project HELP: Sacramento Mobilizing Against Substance Abuse. Seave's office prosecuted more than 20 Stockton gang members as part of a multi-agency collaborative that reduced that city's gang homicide rate by 43%. From 2001 to 2005, Seave was Director of the California Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center; his staff of 40 focused on such areas as domestic violence, gang violence, and elder abuse. In 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger named Seave as Chief Counsel to the State Board of Education, where he served until his current appointment. Seave received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University, and his law degree *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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Jon Stiles is the Executive Director of the California Census Research Center and director of archive services at the UC DATA archive at UC Berkeley. He received his Ph.D in Sociology at UC Berkeley in 2006, and has research interests in educational and population dynamics, immigration, segregation, inequality and stratification, and transfer programs. He has been involved with evaluations of California's Cal-Learn program and the impacts of lifetime caps placed on assistance in public assistance programs in California, examined impacts of PRWORA on immigrants' use of public assistance programs, created statistical profiles of Latino and Asian populations in California, modelled impacts of demographic change in California and its implication for higher education, and tracked changes in the American population throughout the course of the 20th century using decennial census data.

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Gianna Tran is the Deputy Executive Director of the East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC), a private non-profit community organization dedicated to inspiring young people to be life-long builders of a just and compassionate multi-cultural society. EBAYC has a membership of over 1,000 Asian, Latino, and African American families that reside in the San Antonio neighborhood of East Oakland. Through its network of village centers, EBAYC members build powerful political and social relationships that enrich their lives, strengthen their neighborhoods, and transform the local public schools. Gianna Tran has dedicated her life to working with youthful offenders and immigrant families and has tried to tackle violence as a community health issue during her 20 years tenure at the East Bay Asian Youth Center. In December 2000, Ms. Tran was awarded the California Peace Prize from the California Wellness Foundation for her distinguished effort to prevent violence and promote peace in the Oakland community. Ms. Tran holds a Master of Social Work degree from San Francisco State University.

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