



## Elder Abuse Training: Faculty Biographies

**Bridgette Stumpf** is Co-Executive Director of NVRDC, a position she has held since co-founding the organization in 2012. As part of this role, Ms. Harwood developed the Legal Services Programs at NVRDC, which offer assistance to victims of all crime types in asserting their rights throughout the criminal justice process, civil legal assistance to survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking in DC Superior Court, and representation to college campus survivors through administrative judicial hearings, appeals, and formal complaints to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights for Title IX violations. . Previously, she worked as a subject matter expert for Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime's National Identity Theft Victim Assistance Project. She is a certified police instructor and has trained at both entry-level and in-service academies on issues related to gender-based violence, the impact of trauma on victims, and the intersection of technology and privacy. She also teaches The Study of Victimology, Criminal Laws in Action, and Law of Sentencing and Corrections for the University of Maryland University College's Criminal Justice Department for undergraduate studies. Bridgette can be reached at [bridgette@nvrdc.org](mailto:bridgette@nvrdc.org).

**Amy Mix** is the supervising attorney for the Consumer Fraud and Financial Abuse Unit at Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE), the primary provider of free legal services and advocacy for older people in the District of Columbia. Amy represents LCE on the DC TROV (the District's Collaborative Training & Response for Older Victims), and was a member of the team that trained more than 350 MPD Detectives on identifying, investigating, and responding to elder abuse cases. In 2012, Amy received the Manna American Dream Award for her significant contributions to the field of affordable housing for low-income homeowners in Washington, D.C. Before joining LCE in 2003, Amy was an Equal Justice Works (formerly NAPIL) fellow at the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC). Amy is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Houston Law Center. Amy can be reached at [\(202\)434-2171](tel:(202)434-2171) or [amix@aarp.org](mailto:amix@aarp.org).

**Merry O'Brien** is the Grants Administrator and Elder Justice Coordinator at the Network for Victim Recovery of DC. In this role, she coordinates DC TROV: The District's Collaborative Training & Response to Older Victims and ITAP: The Identity Theft Assistance Project. Previously, Ms. O'Brien coordinated the National Identity Theft Victims Assistance Network, supported by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) at the U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. O'Brien's background in nonprofit administration has included administering grant awards, providing fiscal and programmatic oversight and training to subgrantees, developing program capacity, coordinating coalitions, writing grants, and training staff and volunteers. Ms. O'Brien holds an M.S.W. from the University of Michigan, where she also received the Geriatric Scholars Award. Merry can be reached at [merry@nvrdc.org](mailto:merry@nvrdc.org).

**Curtis Prince** is a native Washingtonian who joined the DC Metropolitan Police Department in 1994 and began his career as a clerk in the Court Liaison Division. In 1996, Detective Prince became a sworn police officer where he was assigned to the 4th District Patrol. Detective Prince

later became a narcotics investigator and worked on the ATF/DEA Task Force before becoming a detective in 2001. Detective Prince has spent the majority of his career investigating violent crimes in the Washington DC Metropolitan area as a detective in the 3rd, 4th, and 7th Police Districts. Detective Prince has been honored twice as the Detective of the Year and was the recipient of the Medal of Valor from the Metropolitan Police Department. He has been a member of the MPDC - FBI Robbery Task Force and in 2014 he was appointed as a Special Deputy with the United States Marshals Service. He is currently a member of the Washington Area Financial Crimes Task Force, the DC TROV training team and team member of the Financial & Cyber Crimes Unit where he is responsible for the investigation of financial fraud, identity theft, embezzlement and cyber-crime related cases.

**Sheila Jones** is the Chief for Adult Protective Services (APS) in the Department of Human Services, Family Services Administration. In this capacity, Dr. Jones is responsible for the management, supervision, direction, coordination and implementation of the work related to APS. Prior to joining Adult Protective Services, Dr. Jones served as a Senior Research Scientist at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Sciences. Dr. Jones continues to serve as a subject matter expert in the fields of Gerontology, Clinical Sociology and Program Evaluation for several federal government agencies and organizations. Dr. Jones has earned several degrees including a doctorate from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Health Care Administration. As an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland College Park and University College she teaches courses in Sociology, Gerontology and Research Methods and Statistics.