

Application Form

Profile

If you have any questions or have difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or 203-946-7670.

 First Name

 Middle Initial

 Last Name

 Email Address

 Home Address

 Suite or Apt

 City

 State

 Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

None Selected

 Primary Phone

 Alternate Phone

Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

Yes No

If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?

Yes

 Employer

 Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Library Directors: Appointed

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

Appointment

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.

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Upload a Resume

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?

Yes No

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

I am a New Havener, born and raised. Though I no longer work for the City of New Haven, I welcome any opportunity to serve my community.

Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected Board and Commissions?

I believe with my background especially, I would be a great fit for the Library Board of Directors. I consider myself a lifelong learner, reflected both in my formal pursuit of higher education but also in my personal endeavors for continued informal learning. All of my work, whether personal or professional, is founded on the idea that education is liberation. Libraries and their programming are free, public, resources that support that ideal. They should be protected and supported as spaces of learning for all.

Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?

Not at this time.

Demographics

In order to stay compliant with State Statute, what is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

Independent

In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?

Yes No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

Ethnicity

African American

Gender

Female

How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?

DIJONÉE A. TALLEY

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EDUCATION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice
2016 - 2025 (Expected)

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN

Master of Science, Criminal Justice,
concentration in Forensic
Psychology
2014 - 2016

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

Bachelor of Arts, Social Thought &
Political Economy, Political Science
minor
2010 - 2014

SKILLS

- Research
- Policy Analysis
- Advocacy
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Performance Measurement
- Academic Writing
- Project Management
- Contract Management
- Program Development

CERTIFICATIONS

- Cornell University, Project Management, 2024 (in-progress)
- Tow Youth Justice Institute, Transforming Youth Justice, 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER

Project Manager, Corrections and Reentry (March 2024 - Present)

Provide technical assistance to state, Tribal, and local agencies; nonprofits and reentry service providers as they develop and implement comprehensive policy and practice changes to reduce recidivism for formerly incarcerated individuals in their respective jurisdictions. Lead a national campaign to identify and promote best practices in reentry success through resource guides and webinars. Coordinate data projects to move the field forward in advancing data sharing systems and measurement of reentry outcomes.

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

Special Projects Director, Department of Community Resilience (May 2022 - February 2024)

Oversaw and coordinated violence prevention, reentry, and victim service support initiatives in the City. Conducted research to inform development of new programs or innovations in current ones throughout the department including those under my supervision, but also mental health, housing, and homelessness. Other responsibilities included grant writing and contract management with partners to track and improve service provision for residents. P technical assistance to community partners.

Policy Analyst, Office of Mayor Justin Elicker (August 2021 - May 2022)

Researched and developed policy products for multiple audiences, including state and local leaders; Interoffice collaboration on data collection, performance reporting, and project management; Managed relationships with both internal and external stakeholders to inform policy considerations; and conducted research to help explain and advocate for policy and/or program priorities.

HEALTH PROMOTION COUNCIL & CEASEFIREPA (CO-HOSTED FELLOWSHIP)

Stoneleigh Foundation Emerging Leader Fellow (September 2019 - July 2021)

Established and maintained partnerships with key city agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders to build a coalition committed to uplifting youth voice in gun violence prevention policy efforts. Designed, piloted, and implemented a youth advocacy program focused on gun violence prevention. Engaged in broader policy efforts with stakeholders, with a specific focus on elevating the voices of young people and impacted communities.

CITY OF NEW HAVEN, YOUTH STAT PROGRAM

Program Manager

(Summer 2017)

Developed curriculum and organized summer activity schedule for program. Oversaw day-to-day program operations and activities for program youth. Engaged partnering organizations to provide violence prevention, conflict mediation, and social-emotional services for program participants and families. Supervised all case management and success planning for youth. Provided trauma-informed interventions for youth in crisis.

VEOCI Program Assistant

(January 2015 - August 2016)

Built and maintained school and community partnerships to promote interests of the Youth Stat program. Supervised a team of student interns and researchers in building data infrastructure and preliminary program evaluation of Youth Stat. Managed protocols, interview processes, and survey collection involving youth in Youth Stat for analysis. Worked collaboratively with National Council on Crime and Delinquency and other Youth Stat partners to share data and findings. Authored reports, prepared presentations, and managed communication for internal and external stakeholders.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reimagining public safety, alternatives to incarceration, reentry, firearm injury prevention, mental health and trauma, youth and emerging adult justice

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Temple University, Criminal Justice

(January 2018 - August 2019)

Dr. Elizaeth Groff and Dr. Jennifer Wood, Temple University

Understanding the Broader Impacts of Body-Worn Cameras on Police Work, Community Perceptions and Community Health: A Multi-Method Assessment

- Participant recruitment
- Facilitated focus groups
- Analyzed qualitative data
- Developed survey instruments
- Prepared reports and articles for peer-review

Research Consultant, Philadelphia Mental Health Care Corp.

(September 2018 - February 2019)

Built and executed program evaluation of PMHCC's Network of Neighbors Responding to Violence program. Tasks included survey construction and pilot testing, data collection and analysis, and final reporting to internal stakeholders with recommendations for improving the program.

Research Assistant, Temple University, Criminal Justice

(May 2018 - August 2018)

Dr. Caterina Roman

The Victim Offender Overlap: Examining Police & Service System Network of Responses among Violence Street Conflict

- Conducted semi-structured interviews
- Administered surveys

Research Assistant, Tow Youth Justice Institute, University of New Haven (October 2014 - January 2016)

Served as research staff for the Connecticut General Assembly's Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee. Projects included a problem analysis of Connecticut juvenile justice system, a study examining the impact of Raise the Age Legislation, an exploration into conditions of youth confinement, and an assessment of mental health and trauma in congregate care facilities across the state.

PUBLICATIONS

- Couloute, L. & **Talley, D.** (2024). "That shit ain't helping nobody": Narratives of exclusion and individualism among criminalized men. *Victims and Offenders*.
- Wood, J., Groff, E., & **Talley, D.** (2023). It depends: Officer insights on the potential for body-worn cameras to change police and citizen behavior. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 17.
- Kento, Y., Morreale, K., **Talley, D.**, Cooper, D., Hoy-Watkins, M., & Coker, K. (2023). Psychiatric disorders among employment requiring firearms. *Behavioral Sciences and Law*, 41(1), 19-29.
- **Talley, D.**, Warner, S., Brissette, E., Consiglio, F., Capri, R., Perry, D., Violano, P., & Coker, K. (2021). Understanding situational factors and conditions contributing to suicide among Black youth and young adults. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 58.
- **Talley, D.** (2020). Review: Convicted and condemned: The politics and policies of prisoner reentry, by Keesha M. Middlemass. *National Review of Black Politics*, 1(3), 433-436.
- Dinwiddie, K., Zawadzki, S., Ristau, K. I., Luneburg, A. F., Earley, T. A., Ruiz, M., **Talley, D.**, Iaccino, J., Coker, K. L. (2019). A sample of predominately African American domestic violence victims' responses to objective risk assessments. *Violence Against Women*, 26(8), 870-888.

ISSUE BRIEFS

- Fader, J. & **Talley, D.** (2021). Respect: A necessary element of justice contact with emerging adults. For the Emerging Adult Justice Learning Community (EAJLC) at Columbia University's Justice Lab.

SELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Reflections on Implementing a Second Chance Hiring Campaign

National League of Cities, Economic Mobility Convening
Atlanta, GA - November 2023

"Sunlight is the Best Disinfectant": Body-Worn Camera Implementation as a Window into Police Governance

Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology
Atlanta, GA - November 2022

Will residents and police change their behavior while on camera? Qualitative findings from a body-worn camera evaluation in Philadelphia

Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology
San Francisco, CA - November 2019

Voice and Validation: Examining Political Engagement in the Gun Violence Debate Using #MarchForOurLives

Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology
Atlanta, GA - November 2018

Evaluating an Interagency Intervention Program for Disengaged Youth.

Presentation to the City of New Haven and Youth Stat Community Partners Gateway Community College.
New Haven, CT - October 2016

The Psychological Impact of Police Brutality and Excessive Use of Force on Black Communities

with Dr. Coker, J.D., Dr. Kringen, Dr. DeLoach, and Dr. Robinson in a presentation to Missouri Advisory Committee for the Commission on Civil Rights.
St. Louis, MO - March 2015

Impact of Raise the Age

with Dr. Kendell Coker, J.D.
Presentation to the Connecticut General Assembly (CGA) Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee.
Hartford, CT - January 2015

A Review of Relevant Reports in Connecticut Youth Justice Policy and Practice

with Dr. Kendell Coker, J.D. Presentation to CGA's JJPOC.
Hartford, CT - December 2014

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY JUSTICE LAB

Consultant (May 2021 - May 2022)

Supported a community-centered initiative to help transform the local youth justice system into one that relies less on detention by imagining and creating more community-based approaches to youth crime and delinquency.

OURCHIVE

Justice & Advocacy Coordinator (October 2018 - July 2021)

Board Member (August 2021 - Present)

OURchive is an organization that curates community-based art, literacy, and service projects for social awareness and change, and seeks to archive the history and praxis of social change for generations to come. I supported young activists in coordinating community events and programs; provided capacity-building frameworks to individuals or community groups looking to engage in advocacy work; and maintained a resource network. I now serve on the Board.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2018 - Spring 2019, Summer 2021

TeenSHARP program, University of Delaware (Newark, DE)

Instructor for Race, Crime, & (In)justice

Fall 2016 - Fall 2017

Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice (Philadelphia, PA)

Teaching Assistant for Nature of Crime, Victims in Society, & Criminal Behavior

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023 Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Community Violence Intervention and Prevention grant

2021 March for Our Lives Mutual Aid grant

2019 Philadelphia Office of Violence Prevention Targeted Community Investment grant

2019 Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Youth Health Corps grant Temple University, College of Liberal Arts,

2018 Travel Award

2018 Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice, Travel Award