

Jeremy Travis
President
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Jeremy Travis became the fourth President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice on August 16, 2004. Prior to his appointment, President Travis served four years as a Senior Fellow affiliated with the Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute, a nonpartisan research and policy organization in Washington, DC. There, he launched a national research program focused on prisoner reentry into society and initiated research agendas on crime in a community context, sentencing and international crime.

From 1994-2000, Travis directed the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Justice. Nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate, Travis reinvigorated the agency, managing the growth of its annual budget from \$25 million to \$120 million. He established major initiatives to assess crime trends, evaluate federal anti-crime efforts, foster community policing and new law enforcement technologies, advance forensic sciences, and bolster research on counter-terrorism strategies.

Prior to his service in Washington, Travis was Deputy Commissioner for Legal Matters for the New York City Police Department (NYPD) from 1990-1994. He was Chief Counsel to the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice in 1990, chaired by then-Rep. Charles E. Schumer. Travis served as Special Advisor to New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch from 1986-89 and as Assistant Director for Law Enforcement Services for the Mayor's Office of Operations in 1986. From 1984-86, he was Special Counsel to the Police Commissioner of the NYPD.

Before joining city government, Travis served as law clerk to then-U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg, currently a member of the U.S. Supreme Court, and was the Marden and Marshall Fellow in Criminal Law at New York University School of Law. Travis was Executive Director of the New York City Criminal Justice Agency from 1977-79 and served six years at the Vera Institute of Justice, where he managed demonstration programs on bail reform, judicial decision making and victim-witness assistance. He began his career in criminal justice working as a legal services assistant for the Legal Aid Society, New York's indigent defense agency.

Travis has taught courses on criminal justice, public policy, history and law at Yale College, New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York Law School, George Washington University, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is the author of *But They All Come Back: Facing the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry* (Urban Institute Press, 2005), co-editor (with Christy Visher) of *Prisoner Reentry and Crime in America* (Cambridge University Press, 2005), and co-editor (with Michelle Waul) of *Prisoners Once Removed: The Impact of Incarceration and Reentry on Children, Families, and Communities* (Urban Institute Press, 2003). He has published numerous book chapters, articles and monographs on constitutional law, criminal law and criminal justice policy. He is a member of The Committee on Law and Justice of the National Research Council and of the Board of Trustees of the Urban Institute.

Travis earned a JD, cum laude, from the New York University School of Law, and an MPA from the New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. He received a BA, cum laude, in American Studies from Yale College