



Meet the Researcher

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Charles Katz is the Watts Family Director of the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety and is a Professor in School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University. Much of his work focuses on police transformation and strategic responses to crime. From 2004 to 2010 he worked under contract with the Ministry of National Security of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to reform the Trinidad and Tobago Police Services, including the creation of an in-service training program for police leaders, creation and training of a police gang unit, homicide unit, and crime analysis unit. During this time, he completed a project for the US DHS examining the connection between MS13 in El Salvador and the United States. He also completed a project funded by the United Nations Development (UNDP) program to assess citizen insecurity throughout the Caribbean. He recently completed working on several USAID funded projects. One was with the Eastern Caribbean's Regional Security System (RSS) to diagnose the gang problem in nine Caribbean nations and developing a regional approach to responding to gangs. Others are in El Salvador where he examined gangs, migration, and informal social control, the Salvadorian gang truce, and risk and protective factors associated with violence and gang joining among Salvadorian school youth. He is the (co) author of several peer reviewed articles, monographs, and books including Policing Gangs in America (Cambridge University Press: 2006), The Police in America (McGraw Hill: 2013), and Gangs in the Caribbean (University of West Indies Press, 2015).



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