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Rachel Johnston is a scholar and practitioner with expertise in policing, violence prevention, and criminal justice systems reform. Rachel works with public and private organizations, using institutional data and policy analysis in order to support better outcomes for the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Dr. Johnston is the inaugural Research Director of the Justice Collaboratory at Yale University Law School. Her research interests include violence prevention, law enforcement operations and policy, surveillance, and homicide and sex assault investigator's practice training.

Before joining Yale in October 2016, Dr. Johnston was the Program Director for the Criminology & Criminal Justice Master's Degree at Adler University in Chicago. Dr. Johnston also Developed and Directed the Violence Inquest for Solutions and Alliance (VISA) project at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. Prior to work on the VISA Project, Dr. Johnston worked for the Chicago Police Department in their Research and Development Division for approximately 13 years.

Dr. Johnston obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) from the Department of Criminology, Law and Justice, a master's degree from UIC College of Urban Planning and Policy, and a bachelor's degree from Cornell College.