**Speaker Biography**

**Kelly Walsh, PhD.** is a senior research associate in the Justice Policy Center and the Policy Advisory Group at the Urban Institute. Dr. Walsh focuses on innovative social financing arrangements such as social impact bonds or pay for success financing and social science research in forensic science. She is the Managing Director of the newly launched Pay for Success Initiative at Urban. Prior to joining the Urban Institute she was an instructor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a researcher at the Center for Modern Forensic Practice. She earned a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Scranton and her Ph.D. in criminal justice, with a specialization in forensic science, from the Graduate Center, City University of New York. She is a member of the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists and certified in general criminalistics by the American Board of Criminalistics.