



**The Alumnae Continuing Education Program
Fall 2022**

Police and Accountability
Thursdays 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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Mark Iris received his B.A. from Brooklyn College, his M.A. from the University of Vermont, and his Ph.D. from Northwestern University.

He served as Executive Director of the City of Chicago Police Board from 1984 to 2004. During that time, he oversaw the hearings of many hundreds of cases involving allegations of police misconduct. He was also closely involved with the City of Chicago's activities under the First Amendment Consent Decree and Judgment Order, which set out safeguards against governmental interference with citizens engaged in First Amendment protected conduct. He also took part in four searches as the Board selected candidates to fill the vacancy for Superintendent of Police, giving the mayor a short list of three finalists.

His publications about arbitration of police disciplinary cases, crime hot spots, and police-related litigation have appeared in *Police Chief*, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, *Virginia Journal of Criminal Law*, *St. Louis University Public Law Review*, and *Police Quarterly*.

Dr. Iris has taught undergraduate and graduate classes for Northwestern University, both on a part-time and full-time basis since 1985. He also taught courses on police accountability for Northwestern's Pritzker School of Law.

Dr. Iris was a Lecturer in the Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences Program (MMSS). In that capacity he had supervised dozens of seniors working on data-driven research projects with police departments in various large cities, including New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, Philadelphia, and Long Beach. He was also a faculty associate of Northwestern's Center for Public Safety, teaching police managers in the Executive Management Program, and Preventing Community Crisis workshop.

In addition to his teaching and research, Dr. Iris has served as an expert witness in police-related litigation and was a member of a consulting team with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), working on a project for the Nassau County NY Police Department (a major suburban law enforcement agency).

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