

# Policy Pathways and VCU RISE to Launch UNCOUNTED: VIRGINIA

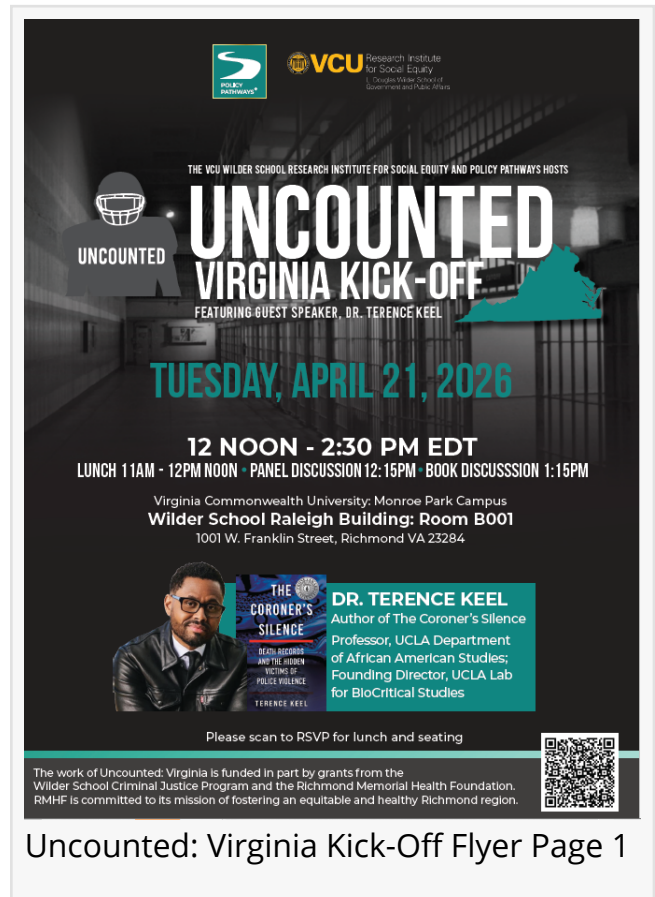
*The Commonwealth's First Civilian-Led Database on In-Custody Deaths*

RICHMOND, VA, UNITED STATES, March 30, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Policy Pathways and the VCU Wilder School Research Institute for Social Equity (RISE) will launch [Uncounted: Virginia](#), a groundbreaking initiative aimed at preventing, documenting, and analyzing in-custody deaths across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The event will take place on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM EDT at the Wilder School Raleigh Building, Room B001 (1001 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23284). Box lunches will be available from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Book signing will take place at the conclusion of the event.

The Virginia initiative is part of a broader national effort led by a team at Uncounted: National working together to expand Uncounted state by state through collaboration with local institutions and community partners. Dr. D. Pulane Lucas, the director of Uncounted: National, is thrilled to have an opportunity to collaborate with VCU Wilder School Dean, Dr. Susan T. Gooden, and VCU RISE Director, Dr. Nakeina E. Douglas-Glenn, on this important initiative that brings recognition and transparency to custodial deaths across Virginia by drawing upon civilians and other responsible citizens to report individuals who die in prisons, jails, and detention centers. Dr. Lucas stated: "We envision a future where every death in custody is reported, documented, and analyzed to drive meaningful reforms in the criminal justice system and prevent unnecessary loss of life."

The event will feature a panel discussion with members of the Uncounted: National team:

- Logan Sowers, Coordinator, Administrative Operations
- Amelia Rooney, Coordinator, Quantitative Data and Research Analysis



The flyer for the 'Uncounted: Virginia Kick-Off' event features a dark background with a prison hallway. At the top left is the 'Policy Pathways' logo, and at the top right is the 'VCU Research Institute for Social Equity' logo. The main title 'UNCOUNTED VIRGINIA KICK-OFF' is prominently displayed in white and teal, with a silhouette of Virginia to the right. Below the title, it says 'FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER, DR. TERENCE KEEL'. The date 'TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026' is in large teal letters. The time '12 NOON - 2:30 PM EDT' is in white, with a schedule below: 'LUNCH 11AM - 12PM NOON | PANEL DISCUSSION 12:15PM | BOOK DISCUSSION 1:15PM'. The location is 'Virginia Commonwealth University, Monroe Park Campus, Wilder School Raleigh Building, Room B001, 1001 W. Franklin Street, Richmond VA 23284'. A photo of Dr. Terence Keel is shown next to his name and credentials: 'DR. TERENCE KEEL, Author of The Coroner's Silence, Professor, UCLA Department of African American Studies; Founding Director, UCLA Lab for BioCritical Studies'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. A note at the bottom left says 'Please scan to RSVP for lunch and seating'. A small text block at the bottom left states: 'The work of Uncounted: Virginia is funded in part by grants from the Wilder School Criminal Justice Program and the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation. RMHF is committed to its mission of fostering an equitable and healthy Richmond region.'

Uncounted: Virginia Kick-Off Flyer Page 1

- Jule Trent, Research Assistant

VCU Wilder School Professor, Dr. Amy Cook, a book discussion with UCLA Professor, [Dr. Terence Keel](#), acclaimed author of "The Coroner's Silence: Death Records and the Hidden Victims of Police Violence," whose work explores systemic gaps in the reporting and investigation of deaths in custody.

### Event Details:

Event: UNCOUNTED Virginia Kick-Off

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST (Lunch begins at 11:00 AM)

Location: Wilder School Raleigh Building, Room B001

1001 W. Franklin Street  
Richmond, VA 23284

The event is free and open to the public.

Researchers, policymakers, law enforcement officers, advocates, students, and community members are encouraged to attend.

“

We envision a future where every death in custody is reported, documented, and analyzed to drive meaningful reforms in the criminal justice system and prevent unnecessary loss of life.”

*Dr. D Pulane Lucas*

D Pulane Lucas  
Policy Pathways, Inc.  
+1 804-814-7197

[email us here](#)

Visit us on social media:

[LinkedIn](#)



**UNCOUNTED: VIRGINIA KICK-OFF**

Uncounted Virginia will create the state's first-ever civilian led database for in-custody deaths occurring in Virginia's prisons and jails during the year 2024 and serve to assess the reliability of the newly mandated annual Civilian Deaths in Custody Report by the DCJS, DOC, and BLRJ by engaging government, advocacy, and community.

Uncounted's national team leads the process of expanding state by state, beginning with preliminary outreach at the national level and evolving into collaborations with local stakeholders and institutions.

**NOW IS YOUR TURN VIRGINIA. MAKE IT COUNT.**

**3 STATES. 1 MISSION.**

**KICK-OFF RUN OF SHOW**

**LUNCH 11AM - 12PM NOON**

**GREETINGS**

Dr. Susan T. Gooden | Dean, Virginia Commonwealth University, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

Dr. Nakelna E. Douglas-Glenn | Director & Associate Professor, Research Institute for Social Equity, VCU L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

Dr. D. Pulane Lucas | President and CEO, Policy Pathways, Inc., Mother of the late Stanley Wilson, Jr.

**PANEL DISCUSSION: UNCOUNTED 12:15PM**

WITH MEMBERS OF UNCOUNTED: NATIONAL

Logan Sowers | Coordinator, Administrative Operations

Amelia Rooney | Coordinator, Quantitative Data and Research Analysis

Jule Trent | Research Assistant

**BOOK DISCUSSION: THE CORONER'S SILENCE 1:15PM**

Dr. Amy Cook | Professor of Criminal Justice and Senior Consultant, Center for Public Policy

Dr. Terence Keel | Professor, UCLA Department of African American Studies; Founding Director, UCLA Lab for BioCritical Studies

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Richmond Memorial Health Foundation  
Wilder School Criminal Justice Program

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**TERENCE KEEL** is an award-winning Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles where he holds appointments in the Department of African American Studies and the UCLA Institute for Society and Genetics. Keel is the Founding Director of the Lab for BioCritical Studies—an interdisciplinary space committed to studying the interactions of society and human biology. Keel also serves as the Advisor for Structural Competency and Innovation within the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine. He is the author of *The Coroner's Silence: Death Records and the Hidden Victims of Police Violence*, *Diverse Variations: How Christian Thought Became Racial Science*, and co-editor of *Critical Approaches to Science and Religion*. [TerenceKeel.com](#)

**PANELISTS**

LOWERY SOWERS ROONEY TRENT KEEL COOK

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT [RISE@VCU.EDU](mailto:RISE@VCU.EDU)

Uncounted: Virginia Kick-Off Flyer Page 2

The work of Uncounted: Virginia is funded in part by grants from the Wilder School Criminal Justice Program and the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation. RMHF is committed to its mission of fostering an equitable and healthy Richmond region.

For more information on Uncounted: Virginia, contact: [RISE@vcu.edu](mailto:RISE@vcu.edu)

Please [RSVP](#) to reserve your spot and lunch: <https://tinyurl.com/3c9xa2rs>

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

[X](#)

# UNCOUNTED: NATIONAL

## WHO WE ARE

UNCOUNTED is committed to bringing recognition of and transparency to custodial deaths across America by drawing upon civilians and other responsible citizens to report individuals who die in prisons, jails, and detention centers, ensuring that their deaths are not overlooked, forgotten, or intentionally left unreported.

Our goals are to (1) educate the public on the issues and challenges related to the in-custody death crisis, (2) advocate for improved transparency and accuracy in death in custody reporting systems, and (3) provide an online portal where deaths in custody can be reported and investigated so that systemic issues can be better addressed.

UNCOUNTED works at the intersection of advocacy, community, and government to (1) shed light on deaths in custody through data collection, research, and analyses, and (2) to ensure that every individual who dies while being detained, arrested, transferred, or held in custody is accurately counted and respected.



At UNCOUNTED, we envision a future where every death in custody is reported, documented, and analyzed to drive meaningful reforms in the criminal justice system and prevent unnecessary loss of life.

## OUR STORY

On February 1, 2023, Stanley Wilson Jr. —a former NFL player and the only son of Policy Pathways President & CEO Dr. D. Pulane Lucas —died while in the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). LASD has not included Stanley's death in its online database of in-custody deaths. Nor does it appear in the California Correctional Health Care Services database of in-custody deaths. Why is he missing from these records?

This question is not unique to the LASD, or even to California. Stanley is one of the many people whose deaths in custody will go uncounted. Across the country, nearly 1,000 in-custody deaths went unreported in 2021 alone, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. This is likely an undercount.

## THE SOLUTION: UNCOUNTED

On June 6, 2025, UNCOUNTED was launched as a solution, rooted in civic responsibility, compassion, and data integrity that empowers individuals and families most directly impacted by custodial deaths to document what official systems fail to acknowledge.

The country's first civilian-led and civilian-reported national database to document in-custody deaths across the United States.

Our Death in Custody Submission Form enables anyone—family members, medical personnel, correctional staff, EMS professionals, incarcerated individuals, or concerned citizens—to submit reports of in-custody deaths anonymously or by name at any time.



**UNCOUNTED.US**

Uncounted: Virginia Kick-Off Flyer Page 3

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/902173651>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2026 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.