

## **Lisa Daugaard**

Lisa Daugaard is Deputy Director and supervises the Racial Disparity Project at the Defender Association in Seattle. The Racial Disparity Project works to reduce racial bias in the criminal justice system. Since 2001, under her leadership, the project has focused on racial disparity in Seattle drug arrests, and since 2005, they have worked to develop a pre-arrest, community-based diversion model for low-level drug suspects (including dealers). The RDP is supported by grants from the Ford Foundation and the Open Society Institute.

Daugaard has been a felony and misdemeanor lawyer at the Defender Association, and supervised its misdemeanor division from 2002-2006. In 1999, as a staff attorney, she led the successful defense of hundreds of activists falsely arrested during the WTO demonstrations. Prior to becoming a public defender in 1996, she directed the Urban Justice Center Organizing Project and was Legal Director of the Coalition for the Homeless, both in New York City, and was a fellow at the ACLU National Legal Department, where she helped to coordinate the successful campaign and litigation to shut down the internment camp for HIV+ Haitian refugees at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

She graduated from the University of Washington in 1983, obtained a M.A. in Government from Cornell University in 1987, and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1992.