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Stephen Saloom joined the Innocence Project as Policy Director in October 2004. The Innocence Project, which is affiliated with Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, is a national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted people through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice. To date, 289 individuals nationwide have been exonerated through DNA testing and dozens of states have implemented critical reforms to prevent wrongful convictions.

Prior to joining the Innocence Project, Stephen directed state policy efforts for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has also served as executive director of the Massachusetts-based Criminal Justice Policy Coalition, intake attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, lobbyist on behalf of numerous non-profit organizations at the Connecticut legislature, and as an adjunct professor in the graduate program in criminal justice at Suffolk University, where he taught the courses Criminal Justice Policy and Legal Issues in the Criminal Justice System.

Stephen holds a BA in Communications from the University of Connecticut and a JD from the University of Connecticut School of Law.