

BEYOND THE BARS

Transcending the Punishment Paradigm

7th Annual Justice Conference at Columbia University



PANEL DISCUSSIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

Columbia School of Social Work



Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

Women Transcending the Punishment Paradigm

Columbia Law School - 6:30-9:00pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

Building the Movement: Conversations with Angela Davis

Lerner Hall - 7:30-9:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH

Transcending the Punishment Paradigm: Morning and Afternoon Panels

Columbia School of Social Work - 10:00-5:30pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

Building the Grassroots: Organizing Workshops

Columbia School of Social Work - 10:00-5:00pm





HOST AND CONFERENCE INTERLOCUTOR:

Michelle Fine, Distinguished Professor, the Graduate Center, CUNY

PLENARY 1
10:00 – 11:30 AM

**Understanding the Root Causes of Violence and
What Makes Communities Safe (Rm 311/312)**

PANELISTS

James Gilligan, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry School of
Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Law, NYU

Janetta Johnson, Executive Director, Transgender, Gender
Variant, and Intersex Justice Project

Page May, Co-Founder, Assata’s Daughters

Abraham Paulos, Executive Director, Families for Freedom

Malachi Gary Scott, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Restorative
Justice for Oakland Youth

MODERATOR

Soffiyah Elijah, Executive Director, Alliance of Families for
Justice

PLENARY 2
TIME 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

**Beyond the Non, Non, Nons: Challenging Policies of
Endless Punishment and the Narratives of “Violent
Criminals” and “Dangerous Communities” (Rm. 311/312)**

PANELISTS

Charlene Allen, Director of Partnerships, Common Justice

Aisha Elliot, Advocate for Currently and Formerly Incarcerated
Women

Danielle Ferrante, Daughter of Incarcerated Parent

Steven (Humble) Mangual, Prison Services Coordinator &
Producer of On The Count radio program

Erica R. Meiners, Professor of Education/Women/Gender studies,
Northeastern Illinois University

MODERATOR

Glenn Martin, Founder and President, JustLeadershipUSA

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PLENARY 3 TIME 2:15 – 3:45 PM

How Do We Respond to Violence? Strategies for Transcending the Punishment Paradigm (Rm. 311/312)

PANELISTS

Mariame Kaba, Organizer, Educator and Curator

Ayoola Mitchell, Community & Survivor Outreach Specialist, Insight Prison Project

Vincent Schiraldi, Senior Research Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management

Danielle Sered, Director, Common Justice, Vera Institute of Justice

MODERATOR

Marlon Peterson, Founder, The Precedential Group & 2015 Soros Justice Fellow

BREAKOUT SESSIONS TIME 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Healing and Accountability Inside Prison: Pathways to Restoration, Justice and Release (Rm. C03)

SPEAKERS

Cori Chertoff, Longtermers Responsibility Project, The Osborne Association

Karena Montag, Programs Director / Clinical Supervisor, Insight Prison Project

Joe Robinson, Co-Founder, Think Outside the Cell Foundation

Malachi Gary Scott, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth

Marie Verzuli, Project Safe Neighborhood, Albany/Schenectady





Safety and Justice Without Prison: Applying Restorative Justice to Violent Crime (Rm. 311/312)

SPEAKERS

Donnell Penny, Case Coordinator, Common Justice, Vera Institute of Justice

Danielle Sered, Director, Common Justice, Vera Institute of Justice

Andre Ward, Director of Programs, Common Justice, Vera Institute of Justice

Violence Interruption: Working with Community Members to Respond to Violence (Rm. C06)

SPEAKERS

Eric Cumberbatch, Program Director, NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

Hailey Nolasco, Project Planner, Center for Court Innovation

Marlon Peterson, Founder, The Precedential Group and 2015 Soros Justice Fellow

Iesha Sekou, Founder and CEO, Street Corner Resources, Speak Peace Forward

MODERATOR

K. Bain, Founding Program Director, 696 Build Queensbridge

Transformative Justice: Responding to Violence Outside of the Criminal Legal System (Rm. 305)

SPEAKERS

Ejeris Dixon, Founding Director, Vision Change Win

RJ Maccani, LMSW





Immigrant Communities Under Attack: Protection and Resistance (Rm. C05)

SPEAKERS

Angela Fernandez, Executive Director, Northern Manhattan Immigrants Rights Coalition

Aber Kawas, Youth Lead Organizer, Arab American Association of New York

Ben Ndugga-Kabuye, Immigration Policy Analyst, Black Alliance for Just Immigration

Donald Anthonyson, Organizer, Families for Freedom

MODERATOR

Charlotte Gossett, Regional Outreach Manager, New York Immigration Coalition

The State vs. The People: Government Strategies to Eliminate Protest and Responses from the Movement (Rm. C02)

SPEAKERS

Erin Beth Harrist, Senior Staff Attorney, New York Civil Liberties Union

Radhika Sainath, Staff Attorney, Palestine Legal

G. Flint Taylor, Human/Civil Rights Attorney, Partner, People's Law Office

MODERATOR

Charlene Sinclair, Director of Reinvestment, Center for Community Change





Challenging State Violence in the Community: Police, ICE, Schools..... (Rm. 404)

SPEAKERS

Mizue Aizeki, Deputy Director, Immigrant Defense Project

Allen Kwabena Frimpong

Kyung-Ji Rhee, Deputy Director, Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions

MODERATOR

Kendall Thomas, Nash Professor of Law and Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Culture at Columbia Law School

Struggles Against State Violence in Jails and Prisons (Rm. 405)

SPEAKERS

Woods Irvin, Program and Policy Director, Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex Justice Project

Tyrell Muhammad, Project Associate, Prison Visiting Project at Correctional Association of NY

gabriel sayegh, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Katal Center for Health, Equity and Justice

Veronica Vela, Staff Attorney, Prisoners Rights Project, Legal Aid Society

MODERATOR

Samuel K. Roberts, Associate Professor, Columbia and Director, Institute for Research in African American Studies





Investing in Our Youth: Violence Prevention, Systems of Violence and Transformation (Rm. 301)

SPEAKERS

Joshua Laub, Director of Youth Development for District 88
NYC, Dept. of Education

Khary Lazzare-White, Executive Director & Co-Founder,
The Brotherhood/Sister Sol

Cidra Sebastien, Associate Executive Director, The
Brotherhood/Sister Sol

MODERATOR

Aida Cuadrado, National Reinvestment Organizer, Center
for Community Change





CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

The Center for Justice at Columbia University

The mission of the Center for Justice is to engage the University's many disciplines in working together with community partners to contribute towards ending mass incarceration and to support new approaches to justice and safety through education, research and policy change. It works in partnership with schools, departments, centers and institutes across Columbia, other universities, government agencies, community organizations, advocates and those directly affected by the criminal justice system. Visit centerforjustice.columbia.edu for more information.

The Beyond the Bars Fellows

The Beyond the Bars Fellowship offers students and community members an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of mass incarceration and social change, and to collaborate with social justice organizers, activists, and academics to plan the annual Beyond the Bars Conference. This interdisciplinary leadership program aims to bring together a diverse group of Fellows to further develop their leadership skills – Fellows gain a theoretical and practical understanding of mass incarceration – inclusive of its origins, and wide spread personal and societal consequence. Fellows are also introduced to various models of social change while having an opportunity to interact and learn from community activists, organizers and academics. In addition, Fellows work together with the Center for Justice and the Criminal Justice Caucus to organize the annual Beyond the Bars Conference on mass incarceration. The Fellowship is made up of both student and community members. Our aim is to work collaboratively with the University and community towards social change.





The Criminal Justice Caucus

The Criminal Justice Caucus seeks to provide a forum for CSSW students to access a spectrum of issues related to the social issue of criminal justice in order to build awareness, raise consciousness, and enhance practice competencies. Through the use and facilitation of film, lectures, debate, panels, and trainings, the caucus will provide essential context and information about prison expansion in the United States, in which currently one in one hundred adults is in jail or prison; about 10 million children have a parent in jail or prison; and one in nine African American men between the ages of 20 and 34 are in jail or prison. We believe it is the right and responsibility of all social work students to access critical dialogue, both inside and outside of the classroom, about the needs of people affected by incarceration; this client population crosses lines of generation, race, gender, religion, economic status, political belief, ability, sexual orientation, and others. Student voices contribute to building solutions that meet the needs of people in prison, jail, on parole, on probation, victims of crime, children of incarcerated people and their families.





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