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
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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