

# BEYOND THE BARS

## CLOSING JAILS AND PRISONS

8TH ANNUAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Closing Jails and Prisons  
Panel Discussions

**SATURDAY MARCH 3, 2018**

Columbia School of Social Work

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST**

### **Ending the Incarceration of Women and Girls**

6:30–9:00 pm, Columbia Law School

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND**

### **Building the Movement: Conversations with Patrisse Khan-Cullors**

7:30–9:30 pm, Lerner Hall, Columbia University  
(Doors at 6:45 pm; Event Starts at 7:30 pm)

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD**

### **Closing Jails and Prisons**

9:30 am–5:00 pm, Columbia School of Social Work

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH**

### **Building the Grassroots: Organizing Workshops**

10:00 am–5:00 pm, Columbia School of Social Work

SATURDAY MARCH 3RD:  
**CLOSING JAILS AND PRISONS**

9:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Columbia School of Social Work

MORNING PLENARIES

9:30 am - 12:45 pm

**The Case for Closure: Progress and Challenges**

Room 311/312

**Panelists:**

Mariame Kaba, Organizer, Educator and Curator  
Vidal Guzman, Community Organizer, Justleadership USA  
Marilyn Winn, Executive Director, Women on the Rise  
Mark-Anthony Johnson, Director of Health and Wellness,  
Dignity and Power Now

**Moderator:** Lex Stepling, Lead National Organizer,  
JustleadershipUSA

**Welcome**

Irwin Garfinkel, Interim Dean, Columbia School of Social Work

**Building the World We Want: Visions for a  
Decarcerated Society**

Room 311/312

**Panelists:**

Fatimah Loren Muhammad, Deputy Director, Equal Justice USA  
Aqeela Sherrills, National Training Director, Alliance for Safety  
and Justice

Bamby Salcedo, President & CEO, Trans Latin@ Coalition

Janae Bonsu, Organizer, Black Youth Project 100

James Kilgore, First Followers / Challenging E-carceration

**Moderator:** Michelle Fine, Distinguished Professor, CUNY  
Graduate Center

BREAKOUT BLOCK 1  
**CRITICAL ISSUES  
IN JAIL AND PRISON CLOSURE**  
1:45 p.m.- 3:15 pm

**Ending Cash Bail and Pre-Trial Detention**

Room 405

**Panelists:**

Marbre Stahley Butts, Co-Director, Law 4 Black Lives

Alec Karakatsanis, Founder & Executive Director, Civil Rights Corp

Sean Hill, Senior Legal Fellow, Katal Center for Health, Equity and Justice

Rachel Foran, Managing Director, Brooklyn Bail Fund

Atara Rich Shea, Director of Operations, Massachusetts Bail Fund

**Moderator:** Mariame Kaba, Organizer, Educator & Curator

**Beyond Punishment: Restorative and Transformative Justice**

Room C05

**Panelists:**

Andre Ward, Director of Programs, Common Justice

Whitney Richards-Calathes, Sweet River Consulting / Youth Justice Coalition

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

Karena Montag, Programs Director, Insight Prison Project

**Moderator:** Richard Smith, National Director, Healing Works / Common Justice

## **Can We Have and Do We Want Humane Incarceration?**

Rm C06

### **Panelists:**

Dr. James Gilligan, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine

Fred Patrick, Director of Sentencing & Corrections, Vera Institute of Justice

Ronald Day, Associate Vice President, Fortune Society

**Moderator:** Dr. Bandy Lee, Yale School of Medicine

## **Reparations and Justice: Strategies for Reparative Justice**

Room C03

### **Panelists:**

Kassandra Frederique, NY State Director, Drug Policy Alliance

Joey Mogul, Co-Founder, Chicago Torture Justice Memorials; Partner, People's Law Office

Piper Anderson, Founder & Chief Creative Strategist, Create Forward

Virgnie Ladisch, Senior Staff, International Center for Transitional Justice

**Moderator:** Farah Griffin, Director, Institute for Research in African American Studies, William B. Ransford Professor of English & Comparative Literature & African American Studies, Columbia University

## **Mental Health: Developing Alternatives**

Room 404

### **Panelists:**

Ayesha Delaney Brumsley, Director of Behavioral Health, Research & Programming, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

Marilyn Sinkewicz, Vera Institute of Justice

Jasmine Graves, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Lynnae Brown, Director, Howie the Harp Advocacy, Community Access

**Moderator:** Elwin Wu, Associate Professor of Social Work, Columbia School of Social Work

## **What's in a Strategy? Campaigns and Their Theories of Change**

Room 406

### **Panelists:**

Hernan Carvente, National Youth Partnership Strategist, Youth First Initiative  
Seema Sadanadan, Managing Director for Campaigns, Alliance for Safety and Justice  
Lex Stepling, Lead National Organizer, JustLeadershipUSA  
Dionna King, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance  
James Nelson, Campaign Lead, Dignity and Power Now  
**Moderator:** Michelle Fine, Distinguished Professor, CUNY Graduate Center

## **Ending Mass Supervision: Probation, Parole and Surveillance**

Room 311/312

### **Panelists:**

James Kilgore, FirstFollowers/Challenging E-Carceration  
Topeka Sam, Founder and Executive Director, Ladies of Hope Ministries / Director, Dignity Campaign at #Cut50  
Sharyl McFarland, Ex-Prisoners Organizing, ROC Campaign  
Vincent Schiraldi, Co-Director, Columbia Justice Lab / Senior Research Scientist, Columbia School of Social Work  
**Moderator:** Bruce Western, Co-Director, Columbia Justice Lab / Visiting Professor of Sociology, Columbia University

BREAKOUT BLOCK 2  
**MAKING CLOSURE REAL:  
CAMPAIGNS IN FOCUS**  
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Closing Prisons**

Rm 311/312

**Panelists:**

Tyrrell Muhammad, Project Associate, Prison Visiting Project,  
Correctional Association of New York

Nicole Porter, Director of Advocacy, The Sentencing Project  
Rogelio Headley, Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated  
Confinement

Jarred Williams, Soros Justice Fellow

Soffiyah Elijah, Executive Director, Alliance of Families for  
Justice

**Moderator:** Scott Paltrowitz, Associate Director of Advocacy  
and Community Engagement, Correctional Association of  
New York

**Closing Youth Prisons**

Room C05

**Panelists:**

Mishi Faruqee, National Field Director, Youth First Initiative  
James Braxton, Juvenile Justice Organizer at the Legal Aid  
Justice Center, RISE for Youth

Krystal Seruya, Advocate at Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.  
James Williams IV, Juvenile Justice Field Organizer at New  
Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Vincent Schiraldi, Co-Director, Columbia Justice Lab / Senior  
Research Scientist, Columbia School of Social Work

**Moderator:** Rubén Austria, Executive Director, Community  
Connections for Youth

## **Closing Jails**

Room C06

### **Panelists:**

Darren Mack, Member, #CLOSErikers

Anthony Robles, Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition

Alan Schultz, Community Organizer with #closeMSDF, Board member of EXPO (Ex-prisoners Organizing)

Reuben Jones, Executive Director, Frontline Dads

Marilyn Winn, Co-Founder and Lead Organizer, Women on the Rise Lead Organizer\* tentative

**Moderator:** Khalil Cumberbatch, Associate Vice President of Policy, Fortune Society

## **Transforming Parole: Ending Perpetual Punishment and Getting People Out**

Rm C03

### **Panelists:**

Melissa Tanis, Center for Justice at Columbia University / Release Aging People in Prison Campaign

Brett Dignam, Professor, Columbia Law School

Alejo Rodriguez, Mentoring and Alumni Coordinator, Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay / Release Aging People in Prison Campaign

Fox Rich, Activist / Public Speaker, Fox Rich Motors

Mujahid Farid, Lead Organizer, Release Aging People in Prison Campaign

Laura Whitehorn, Release Aging People in Prison Campaign

**Moderator:** Michelle Lewin, Executive Director, Parole Preparation Project



SATURDAY EVENING  
**SCREENING AND TALKBACK:**  
***LIKE ANY OTHER KID***  
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm

**Like Any Other Kid**  
Room C03

Talkback with Charles Galbreath, Trainer, Missouri Youth Services Institute and Kimara Dawson, Sheltering Arms

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