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 Steppling, 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 Sherrils, 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
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 Heath, 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 Stepping, 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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