

BEYOND THE BARS 2024

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# **JUSTICE BEYOND PUNISHMENT**

Beyond the Bars 2024 Preliminary Agenda

*Agenda Subject to Slight Changes, Full Agenda Will Be Available at the Conference*

## **Thursday April 4th - Women Transcending Collective Leadership Celebration (SOLD OUT)**

Doors at 5:30pm, Event begins at 6pm

Location: The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture - 515 Malcolm X Blvd. New York, NY 10037

Featuring Batalá NYC, the Collective Leadership Institute, Fox Rich, Andrea James, Kierah King, Tammara Mccoy, and more.

## **Friday April 5th - Solidarity Through Struggle: Global Conversations (SOLD OUT)**

Doors at 5:30pm, Event begins at 6pm

Location: The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture - 515 Malcolm X Blvd. New York, NY 10037

Featuring Kenya Cuevas, Debbie Kilroy, Katia Kim, Teresa Njoroge, Dawn Harrington, Pascale Solages, Nadia Ben-Youssef, and more.

## **Saturday April 6th - Justice Beyond Punishment Plenaries and Workshops (SOLD OUT)**

Light Breakfast Begins at 9:15am - Panels Start at 10:00am with the last workshop ending at 5:30 pm

Location: Columbia School of Social Work (1255 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10027)

**WELCOME (10:00AM-10:15AM)**

**INDIGENOUS WORLDVIEWS ON JUSTICE BEYOND PUNISHMENT (10:15AM-11:45AM)**

**Panelists:**

**Orland Biship\*\***, Shadetree Multicultural Foundation

**Erik Bringswhite**, I. Am. Legacy.

**Albino Garcia**, La Plazita Institute

**Fania Davis**, Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth\*\*

**Cheryl Fairbanks\*\***, Sovereignty 360/Life Comes From It

**Moderator: Ariel Clark**

**\*\*Joining virtually**

## **JUSTICE BEYOND PUNISHMENT: GROWING RESPONSES TO INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE (12:00PM-1:30PM)**

### **Panelists:**

**Sonya Shah**, The Ahimsa Collective

**Juan Gomez**, MILPA

**K Bain**, Community Capacity Development

**Nikki Brown**, Spirit House

### **Moderator:**

**Charlene Allen**, Justice Beyond Punishment Collaborative

## **JUSTICE BEYOND PUNISHMENT: UPROOTING STATE VIOLENCE (2:30-4:00PM)**

### **Panelists:**

**Andrea James**, The National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls

**Sumaya Awad**, Adalah Justice Project

**Joyce McMillan**, JMac for Families

**Tammara McCoy**, Survivors Justice Project

**Krystal Twobulls\*\***, Honor the Earth

### **Moderator:**

**Barbara Ransby**, University of Illinois Chicago, Social Justice Initiative

## **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS (4:00–5:15 PM)**

- Indigenous Perspectives on Peacemaking
- Creating community Art-I-Visions: Cross-Community Projects for Healing and Accountability Through the Oral Tradition and Visual Storytelling
- Funding Her Future: A Guide to Grant Writing to Help Grow Your Impact
- Integrating Gender Justice Strategies Within and Beyond the Walls
- Collective Movement to End the Criminalization of Survivors
- Practicing Freedom, Making Just Futures
- Uncovering the Power of the Administrative Remedy Process
- The Slow Torture of Lockdown: Combatting Violence, Torture, and Repression in Prisons
- A Cradle for Our Grief
- A New Tree
- Building Bridges Beyond Punishment: Rhyme, Reason, and Restorative Approaches to Youth Mentorship

**\*\*Joining virtually**

## **SATURDAY NIGHT - BEYOND PUNISHMENT STORIES OF JUSTICE AND HEALING SCREENING AND TALKBACK (SCREENING BEGINS AT 6:00PM AND ENDS AT 7:30PM)**

Location: Columbia School of Social Work (1255 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10027)

Beyond Punishment: Stories of Justice and Healing is an original interview-based theater performance co-produced by the Justice Beyond Punishment Collaborative (JBPC) and Ping Chong and Company. Written and directed by Kirya Traber in collaboration with the performers, Beyond Punishment follows the lives of four remarkable individuals who grapple with the intersections and impacts of interpersonal and state violence. This event will include a filmed excerpt, and interactive audience conversation with cast members and advocates: Jose Saldana, TeAna Taylor, Roslyn Smith, Colin "Tai Chi" Absolom, with facilitation by writer/director: Kirya Traber

## **Sunday April 7th - Justice Beyond Punishment Plenaries and Workshops**

Light Breakfast Begins at 9:30am - Workshops start at 10:00am with the last workshop ending at 3:15 pm

Location: Columbia School of Social Work (1255 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10027)

### **WORKSHOP BLOCK ONE (10:00-11:15 AM)**

- One Million Experiments: Making Media, Archives, and Invitations into Abolitionist Movement
- Reimagining Communities
- Gentle Action Theory As A Community Based Approach
- Overcoming Post Incarceration Challenges
- Decarceration Beyond the Buildings: Confronting Electronic Shackles, Mental Health Confinement, Family Policing, and More
- Mirror on the Wall
- A Journey Towards Healing: Cultural Coalition of African and Indigenous Spiritual Healing workshop
- Expanding Movements through Building Practice: What Community Circle Processes Offer us Beyond their Perimeters
- Why Survivor Engagement is the Answer to Eliminating Carceral Punishment
- Underground Scholars Credible Messengers Creative Arts and Writing Program

## **WORKSHOP BLOCK TWO (11:30AM-12:45PM)**

- Project Restore: Community-Based Intervention for Violence Disruption and Legal-System Change
- #Closure Is Possible
- From NYC to the Philippines: International Solidarity & the Fight Against State Repression
- “Reclaiming Our Stories”: Oral histories from the Perspective of Anti-Carceral Organizers, Activists, and Survivors of Incarceration and the Criminal (In)justice System
- We Are Project Rebound
- Let’s Groove: Movement and Brave Conversations Using RJ Circles
- Ceremony and Ritual in Conflict Transformation: What, Why and How
- The Abolitionist Game of Life
- Resisting and Reworlding: The Process of Zine Making in Logan Prison

## **WORKSHOP BLOCK THREE (2:00-3:15PM)**

- Beyond Life Without Parole: Healing Through Advocacy
- Ho‘oponopono: Native Hawaiian Peace-making
- Disrupting the Womb to Foster-System Pipeline: Shifting From Punishment and Family Separation to Care in Medical Settings
- Building Out Justice: Advocating for Women’s Decarceration and Reentry
- Breaking Chains Beyond Bars: Advocacy and Policy Reform in the Shadow of Post-Incarceration Immigration Detention
- Reclaiming Narrative Power: Using Inquiry to Tell New Stories about Violence
- Prep Your Loved Ones for Parole
- Welcoming with Love and Caring with Affection: Practices for Trans Women and Transvestites Inside and Outside Prison (Acolhendo com Amor e Cuidando com Carinho: Práticas de Atuação com Mulheres Trans e Travestis Dentro e Fora da Prisão)
- Decarcerating Care: Uprooting Harm in Mental Health Industrial Complex

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