

CRITICAL RESISTANCE EAST:

Beyond the Prison Industrial Complex



Northeast Regional Conference

March 9-11, 2001

**Columbia University Law School
New York City**

Affirmation

I believe in living.
I believe in the spectrum
of Beta Days and Gamma people.
I believe in sunshine
in windmills and waterfalls,
tricycles and rocking chairs.
And I believe that seeds grow into sprouts,
And sprouts grow into trees. I believe in rain and tears.
And in the blood of infinity.

I believe in life.
And I have seen the death parade
march through the torso of the earth,
sculpting mud bodies in its path.
I have seen the destruction of the daylight,
and seen the bloodthirsty maggots
prayed to and saluted.

I have seen the kind become the blind
and the blind become the blind
in one easy lesson.
I have walked on cut glass.
I have eaten crow and blunder bread
and breathed the stench of indifference.

I have been locked by the lawless.
Handcuffed by the haters.
Gagged by the greedy.
And, if I know anything at all,
it's that a wall is just a wall
and nothing more at all.
It can be broken down.

I believe in living.
I believe in birth.
I believe in the sweat of love
and the fire of truth.

And I believe that a lost ship,
steered by tired, seasick sailors,
can still be guided home
to port.

- Assata Shakur

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Critical Resistance East: Beyond the Prison Industrial Complex. We live in a time in which, more than ever before, people's lives are being destroyed by the Prison Industrial Complex. We have seen an explosion in prison populations, privatized prisons, increased use of the death penalty, more militarized policing, racial profiling, the criminalization of youth and more hardships for communities of color and working class people. Entire communities – especially communities of color – are being annihilated by increased imprisonment, police brutality, stigmatization and alienation.

Out of the ashes of this wreckage has risen a wave of people working to resist and transform this system. Three thousand people came together in 1998 at the Critical Resistance Conference in Berkeley, California to begin the process of resistance and transformation. We believe this conference will push this process and the movement further along in its fight against the prison industrial complex. With everyone's participation, we can rededicate ourselves to creating a true culture of resistance.

We are incredibly excited about this weekend but even more excited about the concrete actions that will come in the days, weeks, months and years ahead because of the dialogue during the conference. Hundreds of people have helped build for this conference. Thousands of people will continue to challenge the prison industrial complex after the conference. It is only through the work of these dedicated people that this conference is happening and anything will happen in the future. We can create a new society that does not depend on prisons as a solution for social, political and economic problems. Through the work of millions of concerned people, we will create this new society.

With Hope and Solidarity, Critical Resistance East Steering Committee

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Critical Resistance East

Northeast Regional Conference and Strategy Session

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What is the Critical Resistance East conference?

Critical Resistance East: Beyond the Prison Industrial Complex is a Northeast regional conference and strategy session. The conference will be held March 9-11, 2001, at Columbia Law School in New York City. We anticipate at least 1000 participants.

This gathering will bring together communities including: current and former prisoners, families of prisoners, immigrants, community-based organizers, communities of faith, people of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people, women, youth, and elders.

What is the prison industrial complex and how is that an issue for the conference?

We understand the prison industrial complex (PIC) to be a multifaceted system that designates prisons as a solution to social, political, and economic problems. The PIC encompasses human rights violations, the death penalty, exploitative industry and labor, policing, courts, media, community disenfranchisement, the imprisonment of political prisoners and prisoners of war, and the elimination of dissent. Additionally, the PIC intersects with and depends upon the oppressive systems of racism, classism, sexism, and homophobia.

How do we discuss these issues and who is included in the discussion?

The conference will create a space for people with diverging points of view to have honest, facilitated dialogue and disagreement about directions the movement against the PIC could take/is taking.

Critical Resistance East will present an array of panels, roundtable discussions, workshops, and cultural expressions.

The conference will build stronger links between people who are already working together against the PIC. It will also broaden and strengthen networks throughout the region by engaging those who have not traditionally been involved in these conversations.

The conference will assist in developing the organizing skills of both beginning and seasoned activists.

What is our vision?

Critical Resistance East will serve as a springboard for building a culture of resistance. The conference will provide an opportunity to share successes and challenges, examine commonalities, explore emerging trends in the Northeast region and unite local, state, and regional organizations.

Following the conference, Critical Resistance East organizers will join with organizers from around the country for a strategy session. During this gathering, we will draw on the lessons learned and information gathered to form an ongoing campaign based locally and regionally.

We need to honor young people who will move struggle forward, whose world this becomes.

Principles of Unity

We recognize that we are all coming together with the common goal of organizing to challenge the prison industrial complex. We understand that each of us comes to this work from different communities, life experiences, and political ideologies, and we are here to work together. The fight against the prison system is, among other things, a fight for more humane treatment of people, therefore we expect people to treat each other humanely at this conference. We see our work as part of the larger struggles for the liberation of all oppressed people. In order to practice liberation, we will not tolerate disrespect of anyone based on their race, class, gender, sexuality, age or physical/mental ability.

Friday Night Opening Performance:

The Attica Rebellion: Roots of Resistance

The opening session of the Critical Resistance conference will celebrate the spirit of the Attica Prison Rebellion: the unity and self-determination of the Attica Brothers, the solidarity among prisoners and non-prisoners throughout the country. Critical Resistance will recognize the importance of Attica in inspiring a radical prison movement and will place it within a continuum of ongoing struggle against the prison industrial complex and the conditions it produces.

Friday, March 9th

6:30-8:30pm (doors open at 6:00)

Miller Theatre, Columbia University, 116th & Broadway

Presenters Include:

George Che Nieves, Attica Brother
David Johnson, San Quentin 6
Danny Meyers, Attorney
Fred Ho, David Bindman, Salim Washington, Saxophone Trio
Impact Repertory Theatre

MCs: Emani Davis, Daughter of an Attica Survivor,
Kai Lumumba Barrow, Critical Resistance

Saturday Evening Event:

Women, Prison & Globalization: A Collaborative Performance Work in Honor of International Working Women's Day

This debut performance examines women in prison, globalization and resistance through poetry, music, dance, painting and spoken word.

Saturday, March 10th

7:00-8:00pm (doors open at 6:00)

Riverside Church, 121st & Claremont

Featuring:

Angela Davis, activist/author
Ase, drummers
Chrystos, poet
Suheir Hammad, poet
Alisa de los Reyes, dancer
Olu, dancer
Christine Wong, painter
~ directed by Lorna Johnson ~

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CRE Conference Outline

Friday, March 9

3:00 - 6:00 pm Conference registration

6:30 - 8:30 pm Opening Event (doors open at 6), Miller Theater

Attica is All of Us: Former Attica & San Quentin Prisoners Speak Out

Saturday, March 10

9:30 am - 10:00 am Opening gathering

10:00 am - 11:45 am Workshops, Panels, Roundtables, and Caucuses

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm Roundtables, Caucuses
(bag lunches will be available)

2:00 pm - 3:45 pm Workshops, Panels, Roundtables, and Caucuses

4:00 pm - 5:45 pm Workshops, Panels, Roundtables, and Caucuses

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Evening Event (doors open at 6), Riverside Church
Women in Prison and Globalization with Angela Davis, Chrystos, and others

Sunday, March 11

8:00 am - 9:30 am Interfaith Breakfast

10:00 am - 11:45 am Workshops, Panels, Roundtables, and Caucuses

12:00 noon - 1:45 pm Workshops, Panels, Roundtables, and Caucuses

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Closing Plenary

3:00 pm Action!

Definitions:

PANELS:

Three or more participants will make ten to fifteen minute presentations. In the course of the discussion the moderator will invite audience members to share information and suggest campaign strategies.

SKILLS-BUILDING WORKSHOPS:

Using hands-on methods, workshop facilitators will present practical strategies for developing organizations and campaigns. Examples include: student groups; media campaigns; books to prisoners; using international human rights documents.

ROUNDTABLES:

Designed to encourage all participants to share ideas and information on a particular topic, these sessions will facilitate networking and creating strategies for collaborative work.

TASK FORCE ROUNDTABLES:

Designed to invite broad collaborative participation in the formation of coalitions, committees and networks that will devise specific projects to further the ongoing campaign.



ART EXHIBITION AND SOUND INSTALLATION BY PRISONERS AND FORMER PRISONERS

Art and writing by prisoners and former prisoners created in response to seven pieces of writing that have inspired and educated us in our struggle. Writing by Frederick Douglass, Martín Espada, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Audre Lorde, Assata Shakur, and a working class Chilean woman. This was a project of the Critical Resistance East Culture Committee.

Location: Buell Hall (on the Columbia University campus)

Saturday, March 10

Saturday 10:00 AM

PRISON VISITING AS AN ORGANIZING TOOL

Barnard Hall 406

This workshop discusses strategies to get students inside prisons. The workshop will also explore how visiting prisons can be used as an organizing tool. **Facilitator:** Colin Starger, Prison Access Working Group, National Lawyers Guild, Resistance in Brooklyn.

Presenters: Vera Beatty-Abiodun, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement ~ Karl Franklin, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement

MORATORIUM NOW! GRASSROOTS STRATEGIES FOR HALTING EXECUTIONS

Uris Hall 331

This workshop will explore the relationship between the death penalty and the criminal justice system, the moratorium movement as a step towards abolition, and the social, legal, and policy implications of moratorium. The group will also strategize about strengthening local moratorium campaigns, and about using state campaigns to build the national moratorium movement.

Facilitators: Shari Silberstein, Equal Justice USA/Moratorium Now! ~ Caleb Eber, Equal Justice USA/Moratorium Now!

EDUCATION NOT INCARCERATION, FIGHT THE POLICE STATE!

Uris Hall 307

The main purpose of this panel is to serve a networking function for groups that are organizing around each of

these topics: police brutality, labor, education, and gender as they all relate to criminalization and incarceration. **Facilitators:** Rima Vesely, Manning Marable

CREATING A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE: CHALLENGING THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Green Hall 104

This panel will explore culture as a tool for building popular support in opposition to the Prison Industrial Complex. **Facilitator:** Kai Lumumba-Barrow. **Presenters:** Anika Haynes ~ Jamal Joseph ~ Jeremiah Hosea ~ Marta Morena Vega

BUILDING BRIDGES TO RESISTANCE: ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER ACTIVISM AGAINST CRIMINALIZATION AND REPRESSION

Uris Hall 328

A networking discussion among Asian political and community activists who are currently doing work against institutions of criminalization and repression. This roundtable continues a discussion started by community organizers from the U.S. and Canada at the Critical Resistance Conference in 1998. **Facilitator:** Steve Yip, Asians for Mumia, Jericho, October 22nd Coalition

THE CRISIS IN NYC INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE

Barnard Hall 409

A workshop on the nature and impact of the Giuliani administration's systematic and continuing assault on the criminal defense of poor New

Yorkers. **Facilitators:** Michael Letwin, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys ~ Charlotte Hitchcock, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys

BOURGEOIS CRIMINAL INJUSTICE AND PROLETARIAN JUSTICE

Green Hall 646

An information session aimed to build public opinion against the US criminal injustice system which imprisons and executes a disproportionate number of oppressed people. This session highlights specific cases of prisoners from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

Facilitator: Lance Jackson, Maoist International Movement

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR SENTENCING ADULTS

Uris Hall 306

Facilitator: Marsha Weissman, Center for Community Alternatives

WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO? I USED TO WALK ALL THE WAY FROM PLEASANTVILLE

Barnard Hall 407

A presentation of a sound collage on prisons and policing created from the Vehicle for Conversation voice collection. **Presenter:** Lex Bhagat, artist and writer

TORTURE IN AMERICA: HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN U.S. PRISONS

Warren Hall 417

This workshop will explore the growing use of extended isolation in U.S. prisons: control units; administration segregation units; and other methods. The workshop will include information about the history of human rights violations in prisons and the current technology which is being used to

implement this abuse. **Facilitator:** Bonnie Kerness, Prison Watch, American Friends Service Committee.

Presenters: Masai Ekehosi, Prison Watch, American Friends Service Committee ~ Fredrica Bey, Women in Support of the Million Man March ~ Audrey Bomse

CORPORATE CAMPAIGNS AND PRISON ACTIVISM

Uris Hall 303

This workshop will provide an overview of corporate involvement in the prison industrial complex and provide participants with concrete strategies and tactics for confronting prison profiteers. **Facilitators:** Kevin Pranis, Prison Moratorium Project, Pari Zutshi, Hampshire College.

INTERROGATING THE ROLE OF CONTEMPORARY US PRISONS: RACE, CLASS, LITERACY AND STRATEGIES OF RESISTANCE

Green Hall 602

This session will examine four different aspects of the contemporary prison industrial complex, highlighting various methods and strategies of resistance.

Facilitator: Mecke Nagel.

Presenters: Emmanuel Eze, DePaul University ~ Greg Moses, Marist College ~ Larry Ashley, SUNY, Cortland ~ Onaje Mu'id, N'COBRA.

AIDS AND PRISONS

Green Hall 502

This workshop will explore the issues of AIDS in prisons.

Facilitator: Mel Stevens, ACT-UP NY.

Presenters: Robert Cohen, physician ~ Katherine Hanssen, Lambda Legal Defense Fund ~ Ivan Umiz, ex-offender.

Saturday 12:00 PM

JURY INDEPENDENCE: CHANGING LAWS BY REFUSING TO ENFORCE THOSE WHICH ARE UNJUST

Green Hall 602

This strategy session seeks to address the idea of jury independence (nullification) and facilitate a discussion concerning its use in various locales. National Center on Institutions and Alternatives (NCIA) stands ready to coordinate the effort and serve as a conduit of information.

Facilitators: Todd Bussert, NCIA, Barry Holman, NCIA

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

Barnard Hall 409

Hands-on training on preparing for police violence at militant demonstrations.

Facilitator: Northeast Action Medical Association

DETENTION AND IMPRISONMENT OF IMMIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Uris Hall 331

A panel on the detentions of immigrants and asylum seekers.

Facilitator: Mac Scott. **Presenters:** Asif Ullah-Desis Rising Up and Moving, Rita Dave, Judy Greene, Lisa Gryzboski-Coalition on Detentions and Imprisonment

CHANGING THE DISCOURSE: A STRATEGY SESSION ON DECRIMINALIZING HEALTH PROBLEMS

Uris Hall 307

This workshop seeks to raise the awareness of participants about the criminalization of medical problems,

and will facilitate a focused discussion about strategies for "remedicalizing" our country's healthcare crises, particularly those in poor and disenfranchised communities.

Facilitator: Heather Barr, Urban Justice Center **Presenters:** Craig Acorn, Urban Justice Center Mental Health Project ~ Natalie Bimel, Filmmaker ~ Romeo Sanchez, Latino Commission on AIDS.

A CAUCUS ON PROTESTING THE AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION

Barnard Hall 406

A discussion of strategies to demonstrate during the convention of the American Correctional Association in Philadelphia.

Facilitator: Kitty Height

LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL/ TRANSGENDER CAUCUS

Lenfest Café

A caucus on LGBT issues.

Facilitators: Jesse Heiwa ~ Scott Berry ~ Katherine Welsh, Bluestockings Women's Bookstore

USING ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES TO STOP NEW PRISONS: DELANO, CA, A CASE STUDY

Green Hall 102

The session will look at litigation, grassroots organizing, and the use of environmental strategies to build coalitions, and the role of legislative lobbying and media in one campaign against prison expansion.

Facilitator: Rose Braz, Critical Resistance. **Presenters:** Julia Sudbury, Critical Resistance ~ Michelle Foy, California PMP

ACROSS THE LINES: WORKING TOGETHER FOR WOMEN PRISONERS

Uris Hall 327

This panel will analyze the successes and challenges of work around issues of women in prison in order to strengthen national coordination of efforts to change a wide range of policies and conditions with affect women prisoners all over the United States.

Facilitator: Diana Block, California Coalition for Women Prisoners and Jericho Amnesty Movement to Free Political Prisoners. **Presenters:** Harriette Davis, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children and Former Prisoner ~ Stephanie Poggi, Inside/Outside: Women in Prison Project of *Sojourner: the Women's Forum* ~ Karen Shain, Legal Services of the California Coalition for Women Prisoners ~ Laura Whitehorn, Former Political Prisoner, Poz Magazine

COINTELPRO UNDER FIRE!

Uris Hall 303

Current and former political prisoners and their attorneys expose various government sponsored programs to incarcerate political activists.

Facilitator: Ahmed Obafemi, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement. **Presenters:** Kazi Toure~Jihad Mumit~Michael Tarif Warren~Dhoruba Bin Wahad~Bob Boyle~Ashanti Alston~Mutulu Shakur

INSIDE THE MARYLAND STATE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Warren Hall 417

This roundtable will expose the Maryland State prison industrial complex, including discussion of education vs. prison construction, racial disparities in the legal system,

the death penalty, police brutality, and the criminalization of youth.

Facilitators: Ameejill Whitlock, Marshall Eddie Conway Support Committee~John Gilliam, Baltimore Campaign to End the Death Penalty

MUMIA: A GRASSROOTS OUTREACH TEACHING

Green Hall 501

A training session which will use the Campaign to Free the Puerto Rican Prisoners of War as a model for outreach in organizing for Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Facilitator: Resistance in Brooklyn

LIVE FROM DEATH ROW: MEET THE DEATH ROW 10 - POLICE TORTURE VICTIMS ON ILLINOIS DEATH ROW

Uris Hall 326

Hear the stories of men and women who have experienced some of the worst injustices because of capital punishment and a corrupt legal system.

Facilitator: Lucy Herschel

Presenters: PA Abolitionists United Against the Death Penalty~Joan Parkin, Campaign to End the Death Penalty

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN RE-ENTRY AND DIVERSION: THE PROSPECTS FOR ALTERNATIVES

Barnard Hall 202

This panel will draw on work the Justice Policy Institute is currently conducting with the District of Columbia to suggest ways they could divert up to 20% of their prison population to community-based alternative programs, and a national

research effort on the prospects for re-entry nationwide.

Facilitator: Jason Zeidenberg, Justice Policy Institute

INCARCERATED MOTHERS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Uris Hall 329

A teach-in where social service, legal, community-based advocates and former prisoners can share practical knowledge and develop advocacy strategies to empower mothers on the inside, and support women who are transitioning back into their families and communities. **Facilitators:**

Martha Raimon, Incarcerated Mother's Project, Women's Prison Association ~ Lynn Vogelstein, NYU Family Defense Clinic. **Presenters:** Ellen Barry, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children ~ Barbara Ellis, Sarah Powell Huntington House ~ Tonia Krupat, ACS ~ Pearlette Scott, Family Dynamics, and Beverly L.

BEYOND EITHER/OR POLITICS: RESISTING THE SOCIAL CONTROL OF WOMEN

Uris Hall 306

This workshop is framed around "Social Control and Policing Women's Bodies," and includes presentations on women's experiences with law enforcement agencies, population control, abusive and hazardous contraceptives, and the "greening" of hate through anti-immigrant environmentalism. **Facilitator:**

Rachael Kamel, National Community Relations Unit of American Friends Service Committee. **Presenters:** Anannya Bhattacharjee, Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program ~ Rajani Bhatia, Committee on Women, Population and the Environment ~ Syd Lindsley, Hampshire College Population and Development Program ~ Marsha

Darling, Center for African American & Ethnic Studies, Adelphi University

PRISON WRITING LIVE (PRISONER CALL IN)

Uris Hall 307

This session will present prisoners' experiences as revealed through reflections on their own writings. The panel will also include a brief historical perspective on prison writing and discussion of the collection *Doing Time* by the editor of that volume.

Facilitator: Bell Gale Chevigny, editor of *Doing Time: 25 Years of Prison Writing*. **Presenters:** Bruce Franklin, editor of *Prison Writing in 20th Century America* ~ Judee Norton, former prisoner author, PEN prize winner ~ Eric Waters, former prisoner author, PEN prize winner ~ Jarin Warren, former prisoner author, and others

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN PRISONS

Green Hall 502

A discussion for people interested in getting post-GED education and TAP funds back into New York State prisons.

Facilitator: Rudy Cypser, CURE-NY

WWW.360DEGREES.ORG: PERSPECTIVES ON THE AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Warren Hall L104

This session will discuss how to use the web more effectively for social change. **Presenters:** Kenyatta Belcher, Picture Projects ~ Alison Cornyn, Picture Projects ~ Adrienne FitzGerald, Picture Projects ~ Sue Johnson, Picture Projects

A PILGRIMAGE TO DEATH ROW

Green Hall 646

The story of a prisoner on Arkansas Death Row and the formation of a Dharma relationship with those on death row.

Facilitators: Rev. Kobutsu Malone, The Engaged Zen Foundation ~ Dakota Rowland

STREET CRIMES UNIT

Case Lounge

Community activists from the Coalition Against Police Brutality will discuss the New York City Street Crimes Unit (SCU) and its role in the expansion of the prison industry. They will also talk about its effects on local communities, especially communities of color.

Facilitator: Maegan Ortiz, Justice Committee/NCPRR **Presenters:** Dayo Gore, Audre Lorde Project ~ Eric Tang, CAAAV.

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CAUCUS OF PRISON BOOK PROGRAMS

Green Hall 546

Caucus for prison rights activists from books to prisoners programs. Discussion will include histories, operations, successes, funding, resources, obstacles, and opportunities for networking.

Facilitator: Fran Roznowski, Prison Book Program

Saturday 2:00 PM

TECHNOLOGY AS A TOOL OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION IN PEOPLE OF COLOR COMMUNITIES FACING THE TECHNOLOGICAL DIVIDE

Green Hall 546

This workshop will explore how technology has created obstacles and opportunities for organizations, artists, and ex-prisoners who are building movements. How will people of color who are poor gain access to technology in order to transform their lives?

Facilitator: John Kim, SLAM

THE BIBLE AS A RESOURCE

Uris Hall 329

An interactive discussion of how the Bible can be used as a resource when dealing with issues of crime and imprisonment.

Facilitators: Renee Womack-Keels~Brooks Berndt, American Friends Service Committee

VICTORY GARDENS

Uris Hall 327

This workshop will educate participants on the Victory Gardens program, which brings organic food to low-income communities. The workshop will provide tools and information for starting similar programs, connecting rural and urban communities, and recognizing how communities can benefit from growing their own food as part of a larger liberation struggle.

Facilitator: Michael Vernon, Victory Gardens

THE NATIONWIDE EPIDEMIC OF POLICE BRUTALITY - CONTOURS, CAUSES, AND THE CURES

Warren Hall 417

The goals of this workshop are to examine the political forces/exigencies behind police brutality on a deeper level and to arm and engage participants with approaches to building resistance on a higher level of struggle.

Facilitator: Carl Dix, October 22nd Coalition. **Presenters:** Nicholas Heyward, Sr., father of Nicholas Heyward, Jr. who was murdered by a Housing Authority cop in NYC~Emma Jones, mother of Malik Jones who was murdered by North Haven, CT police, MALIK Organization~Ray LaForest, Haitian Mobilization

PRISONS IN RURAL AMERICA: OVERVIEW FOR SOCIAL CHANGE ACTIVISTS

Uris Hall 331

A workshop which will provide an overview of available information, analyses and organizing strategies and tools for addressing the increasing placement of prisons in rural communities. The workshop will discuss strategies for connecting rural and urban activists as well as activists coming from various issue areas.

Facilitator: Tracy Huling, Justice policy analyst, filmmaker, journalist **Presenters:** Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Prison activist, author, professor at UC Berkeley, Department of Geography ~ Craig Gilmore, California Prison Moratorium Project ~ Grace Defina, Concerned Citizens of Wayne County, PA

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF: THERE ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE U.S.

Uris Hall 330

An interactive discussion of political prisoners in the United States and what can be done to help free them.

Facilitator: Vera Beatty **Presenters:** Monifa Akinwale ~ Rosa Clemente ~ Russell Shoats~Jamel Jacot-Bell

LGBT YOUTH OF COLOR IN THE PRISON AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Warren Hall L104

This workshop explores the ways in which LGBT youth of color and LGBT poor youth are especially vulnerable to state violence.

Facilitators: Jesse Ehrensaff-Hawley, ~ LaDedra Brown ~ Shawnta Smith ~ Corrina Wiggins (all from F.I.E.R.C.E.)

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SCHOOLS WORK, PRISONS DON'T: BUILDING COALITIONS FOR CHANGE

Green Hall 107

This roundtable will focus on how the recent United Black Radical Congress conference in Harlem was constructed and what organizers learned. The emphasis will be on sharing experiences of coalition building and how to build sustaining coalitions.

Facilitator: Rima Vesely

INTERGENERATIONAL INCARCERATION: BREAKING THE CURSE

Uris Hall 304

This panel is aimed at discussing issues of women in prison with children and the increasing issue of children with parents in prison.

Facilitator: Joyce Dixon, Sons and Daughters of the Incarcerated

YOUNG ACTIVISTS ROUNDTABLE

Barnard Hall 302

This workshop will be an informal roundtable of young activists from around the country who are working on fighting prison expansion and organizing around prison issues.

Facilitator: Kate Rhee. **Presenters:** Rashid Shabazz, NY PMP~Pan Zutshi, NY PMP

WHO SEES BEHIND THE WALLS: A ROUNDTABLE ON COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT

Uris Hall 306

This session will be a facilitated discussion for organizations working on state or local proposals to establish community oversights of prisons. It will include an example of launching a local campaign. **Facilitator:** Mimi Budnick, Direct Action for Rights and Equality

THE RISE AND FALL OF CORRECTIONAL CORPORATION OF AMERICA

Lenfest Café

This panel will address the rapid growth of prison privatization through presentations that explore the history and operations of the Corrections Corporation of America.

Facilitator: Judy Greene, criminal justice policy analyst. **Presenters:** Alex Friedmann, Reconciliation~Linda McCarty, Tennessee State Employees Association~Harmon Wray, Restorative Justice Ministries

HOMES NOT JAILS

Uris Hall 305

A workshop connecting the issues of homelessness and imprisonment along with strategies for raising awareness and promoting affordable housing for all.

Facilitators: Monica Gutierrez, Homes Not Jails~Jennifer Kirby, Homes Not Jails

FROM THE ROSENBERGS TO MUMIA: FIGHTING THE DEATH PENALTY

Uris Hall 303

This workshop presents an historical perspective on political repression and the death penalty as well as updates on Mumia's case and current organizing efforts.

Facilitator: Pam Africa, MOVE **Presenters:** Robert Meeropol, Rosenberg Fund for Children ~ Leslie Jones, Youth for Mumia.

DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT ME: WOMEN IN PRISON AND HARM REDUCTION PRACTICE IN NEW YORK STATE

Uris Hall 328

This presentation will focus on harm reduction programs in prisons and will strategize about practices that go beyond corrections to education, meditation, and trauma recovery.

Facilitators: Awilda Gonzales, social work student, ex-offender ~ Mary Cotter, God's Love We Deliver

GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING FOR A MORATORIUM NOW!

Uris Hall 326

This workshop will pull together activists who have been involved in

grassroots campaigns around death row cases up and down the East Coast. They will discuss the successes they have had and the problems they've faced. **Facilitator:** Lucy Herschel, Campaign to End the Death Penalty. **Presenters:** Jay Nickerson, death penalty defense attorney ~ Lawrence Hayes, former NY state death row inmate ~ Sam Jordon, National Coordinating Committee for Mumia Abu-Jamal

THE OLD VANN PLANTATION: THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN THE SOUTH

Warren Hall L107

This panel presentation will examine the role of the Prison Industrial Complex in Southern rural communities and struggles against it.

Facilitator: Constance Curry - Author; civil rights and prison work activist.

Presenters: Si Kahn, Grass Roots Leadership ~ Kamau Marcharia, Public Safety and Justice Campaign ~ Chea Prince, Georgians for Equal Justice ~ Kim Diehl, Southerners on New Ground.

PRISON PROGRAMS AS CONTROL STRATEGIES IN THE CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISE: A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THE POLITICS OF PRISON EDUCATION

Green Hall 501

This session will examine how prison schools and other programs relate to prison labor and together function as a control mechanism for those in prison. Prison organized educational activities will also be discussed.

Facilitator: Howard Davidson

HOPECOURAGE

Barnard Hall 409

A performance piece which focuses on the ways in which race, gender and sexuality intersect with the criminal justice system. **Facilitator:** Andre Lancaster, University of Texas, Austin

APPRENDI V. NEW JERSEY

Green Hall 502

This workshop will explore what types of cases would be eligible for review by either state or federal courts under the Apprendi doctrine, and offer information packets on filing Apprendi motions. **Facilitator:** Gilda Sherrod-Ali

Saturday 4:00 PM

WHO CARES? COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR FORMER PRISONERS RETURNING TO HARLEM AND THE SOUTH BRONX

Uris Hall 303

This panel will discuss how Harlem, the South Bronx and other poor communities of color are struggling with huge numbers of people returning from jail and prison, and the importance of service programs for those being released. This session will begin with a 20-minute film entitled "The Riker's Bus- Not This Time" by Natalie Bimel; the panelists include some participants in the film.

Facilitator: Natalie Bimel, Community Advisory Board member for Rikers Women's jail. **Presenters:** GJ Jenkinson, Health Link Project ~ Ray Willis, Health Link Project ~ Phyllis Anderson, Health Educator and Former Prisoner ~ Maria Hernandez, Health Link Project and Former Prisoner ~ Romeo Sanchez, Latino Prison Project for the Latino Commission on AIDS and a Former Prisoner ~ Clinton Lacey, Friends of Island Academy

WHAT MAKES DC'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM UNIQUE

Green Hall 602

This roundtable will discuss how DC's criminal justice system has been handed to the federal government by Congress. It will also address how not having representation in federal government has prevented the people of the District from participating in their own criminal justice system and the severe impact this has on our families and communities.

Presentors: Jenni Gainsborough, Sentencing Project, Olinda Moyd, Public Defender Services of DC, Marie-Ann Sennett, DC Prisoners' Legal Services Project

ROCKEFELLER DRUG LAW REFORM: THE TIME IS NOW!

Barnard Hall 304

This panel examines the role of the War on Drugs in the criminal justice system, including the link between the prison industrial complex and the drug war, the manner in which the drug war enhances racial and class disparities, and the alternatives to prison for drug offenders.

Facilitators: Bill Piper, Lindesmith Center, Sharda Sekarn, Lindesmith Center

LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIES FOR COMBATING POLICE ABUSE

Uris Hall 328

This workshop will discuss the efforts by activists in both Pittsburgh, PA and Prince Georges' County, MD to fight The Officers' Bill of Rights which is a codification of the Blue Wall of Silence.

Facilitators: Jonathon W. Hutto, Sr., Amnesty International, USA; Opio Sokoni, Sister Community Project

between Pittsburgh, PA and Prince Georges' County.

A GROWING MOVEMENT TO ELIMINATE MANDATORY SENTENCING LAWS

Uris Hall 306

This workshop will be a combination of presentations on mandatory sentences and hands-on training based on the principals of community organizing.

Facilitator: Monica Pratt, FAMM

Presenters: Kemba Smith, former prisoner, Laura Sager, FAMM

IMPLEMENTING ANTI-RACISM STRATEGIES IN ANTI-PRISON WORK AND ACTIVISM

Case Lounge

This workshop seeks to help white organizers gain a better understanding of racism and whiteness in their lives and community work. **Facilitator:** Sonja Sivesind. **Presentors:** Jennica Born, Gabriel Sayegh, Liz Roberts, Evelyn Lynn

BUILDING A PEOPLE'S ARMY OF ARTISTS

Lenfest Café

This will be an interactive and practical "how to" discussion for young people interested in developing a long-term collective organization for artists that exists beyond one-time projects.

Facilitators: Omana Imani, Underground Railroad ~ Stefan Goldstone, Underground Railroad

CHILDREN WHO HAVE AN INCARCERATED PARENT: CAUCUS

Uris Hall 331

This caucus is for children with parents in prison, targeted for those under 17 to talk about strategies for dealing with having a parent in prison and discussions of their own experiences, as well as providing information about organizations and support systems available for these children.

Facilitators: Emani Davis ~ Russell Shoats, III

YOUTH DIALOGUE WITH PRISONERS

Uris Hall 305

This workshop examines the powerful relationships that can be created between youth and prisoners in hopes of challenging the ways prisons oppress prisoners and isolate them from their communities.

Facilitator: Justin Steil **Presenters:** Deby Silva, Nina Harmon, Nina Keough, Dorose Desilus, Carolyn Dieckmann

THE IMPACT OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ON WOMEN

Uris Hall 329

This panel discusses women in prison and how the prison industrial complex has affected women as a population.

Facilitator: Natalie Sokoloff, Dept. of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. **Presenters:** Delores Jones-Brown, Dept. of Law and Police Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice ~ Zelma Henriques, Dept. of Law and Police Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

FROM OUTLAWS TO REVOLUTIONARIES

Uris Hall 326

This teach-in will look at the Black Underground and prisoners of war from a historical perspective. From the murder of George Jackson to the liberation of Assata Shakur, panelists will speak to the transformation of the "outlaw to the revolutionary."

Facilitators: Kumasi ~ Sujah ~ Thomas Blood McCreary ~ George Che Nieves ~ Pam Hannah ~ David Johnson ~ Willie Sundiata Tate ~ Janet Cyril

HIP HOP AND ACTIVISM

Green Hall 646

This workshop explores the role of hip hop activism in opposing the prison industrial complex.

Facilitator: Ethan Blue, University of Texas, Austin

EDUCATION NOT INCARCERATION

Uris Hall 330

This workshop will focus on the public schools' ability to discuss issues around the prison industrial complex and to organize around them.

Facilitator: Jessica Shiller, Satellite Academy, Resistance in Brooklyn. **Presenters:** Qasim Davis, Beacon School ~ Daniel Jerome, East Side Community High School

LABOR FOR JUSTICE: A NEW LABOR-COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Uris Hall 304

This workshop explores the recent dramatic changes in New York City labor that have begun to galvanize an alliance of unions and rank-and-file groups around such issues as labor givebacks, welfare for the rich, and police abuse. **Presentors:** Members of TWU Local 100, PSC-CUNY, ALAA/2325, DC 37

PRISONS: NEW FORMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM

Green Hall 103

This session will examine the parallels between environmental racism and the prison industrial complex, and look at how prisons constitute new forms of environmental racism and injustice both in communities where a majority of new prisons are sited and in the communities where most prisoners come from. **Facilitator:** Cassandra Shaylor, Justice NOW, Critical Resistance ~ Dorsey Nunn, Critical Resistance, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children ~ Ruthie Gilmore, Critical Resistance, CA PMP

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? AN UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF FURTHER STRATEGIES IN THE FIGHT TO FREE LEONARD PELTIER

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Uris Hall 327

This workshop will give an update in the case of Leonard Peltier and will foster dialogue on how work on his case can be focused in the Northeast region. **Facilitator:** Jason Corwin, Communications Coordinator for the League of Indigenous Sovereign Nations of the Western Hemisphere (LISN). **Presenters:** Paulette D'Auteuil, Jericho NYC ~ Teresa Laino, Leonard Peltier Defense Committee

ASIANS FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL: ORGANIZING ASIAN COMMUNITIES TO FREE MUMIA

Barnard Hall 406

This workshop will discuss the different strategies and approaches to organizing, empowering, and mobilizing the Asian community.

Facilitator: Chaiti Sen, Asians for Mumia, South Asians Against Police Brutality and Racism

CONCRETE SOLUTIONS: AN OUTREACH WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH OF COLOR

Green Hall 546

Youth will learn to do street outreach and will leave the conference to outreach in Harlem in squads.

Facilitator: SLAM

IN BETWEEN THE LINES: HOW THE NEW YORK TIMES FRAMES YOUTH

Warren Hall 417

A workshop which will use the work of the New York City Youth Media Watch as a model for youth-led media activism which will also include skills-building and information from youth who have challenged inaccurate reporting of youth crime and criminal justice issues.

Presenters: Shaquesha Alequin, Satellite Academy ~ Hayden Mendoza, Youth Force ~ Joseph Vazquez, Satellite Academy ~ La'Toya Ware, Satellite Academy ~ Lisa Figueroa, Youth Force. **Facilitator:** Pia Infante, We Interrupt This Message



Sunday, March 11

CRITICAL RESISTANCE EAST

Interfaith Breakfast

8 - 10 am
Sunday, March 11, 2001

Lenfest Cafeteria
Columbia University Law School

The Interfaith Breakfast is a gathering intended to provide space for discussion and dialogue among people of faith who work to challenge the prison industrial complex. Whatever your faith perspective - Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Ika or any other - we invite you to come and share a meal and some good conversation with others who do their work inspired by, strengthened by, and rooted in their spirituality.

Sunday 10:00 AM

VOICES BEYOND BARS

Green Hall 546

This workshop will create a dialogue about teaching creative writing in prison and give strategies for starting a prison writing workshop in your community. **Facilitator:** Victoria Sammartino, VoicesUnbroken

PRIVATIZED DETENTION AND INCARCERATION OF IMMIGRANTS FACING DEPORTATION

Uris Hall 329

This panel discussion will address privatization of prisons and the growing relationship between the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the INS and private prison companies. The panel will focus on effects these processes have had on immigrants in the US.

Facilitators: Marcela Diaz-Somos Un Pueblo Unido, Mark Dow-Freelance writer, Judy Greene-Criminal justice policy analyst

LIFE ON THE INSTALLMENT: THE ROCKEFELLER DRUG LAWS (LEGALIZED SLAVERY)

Uris Hall 331

This session will talk about the ways in which the Rockefeller Drug Laws have destroyed the fabric of our communities, especially our youth.

Facilitators: Edmond Taylor, The Fortune Society ~ Renato McCray, The Fortune Society

UPDATE ON THE MOVE PRISONERS

Green Hall 107

As post-conviction appeals for the MOVE political prisoners get underway, MOVE members will report on current organizing efforts and will lead a discussion of how activists in the region can get involved. **Facilitators:** Ramona Africa, the Seeds of Wisdom

CHANGING THE FACE OF THE ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT-- DEVELOPING NEW STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

Uris Hall 303

This panel discusses the crucial work of organizing against the death penalty in diverse communities, the use of civil disobedience in anti-death penalty work and the development of a youth movement to do anti-death penalty work. **Presenters:** Steven Hawkins, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty; Amy Dalton, Pennsylvania Abolitionists United Against Death Penalty; Matthew Coles, ACLU- national Lesbian and Gay Rights and AIDS/HIV Projects; Suemyra Shah, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

AN ATLAS FOR ALTERNATIVES: UNVEILING OF THE MOTHER JONES PRISON PROJECT

Green Hall 105

This panel will provide an overview of the Mother Jones prison project and an explanation of how activists can use the data in their work and build on it for future efforts. **Facilitator:** Jason Zeidenberg-The Justice Policy Institute

INTRODUCTION TO THE CASE OF POLITICAL PRISONER MARSHALL EDDIE CONWAY

Uris Hall 327

This workshop will focus on the case of political prisoner, Marshall Eddie Conway. **Facilitator:** Ameejill Whitlock-Marshall Eddie Conway Support Committee. **Presenters:** Marshall Eddie Conway-Political Prisoner, Samanth Codes-Marshall Eddie Conway Support Committee

BUILDING OUR CONNECTIONS

Warren Hall 417

This is a caucus to develop connections/networks between individuals and groups working with and for women prisoners in order to better share information, ideas and action plans. **Facilitator:** Diana Block- California Coalition for Women Prisoners, Jericho Amnesty Movement to free Political Prisoners

YES, IN MY BACKYARD!: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION ON RURAL COMMUNITIES

Green Hall 103

A film screening of the film "Yes, in My Backyard" by Tracy Huling, focusing on the transition from agricultural economies to prison economies in upstate New York.. **Facilitator:** Tracy Huling - Justice policy analyst, filmmaker, journalist. **Presenters:** Ruth Wilson Gilmore -Prison activist, author, professor at UC Berkeley ~ Ted Conover, author of *Newjack: Guarding Sing Sing* ~ Grace Defina -Concerned Citizens of Wayne County, PA

RACE, GENDER AND THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Green Hall 101

This panel will discuss issues of racism, sexism, homophobia, colonization, state violence and the political economy of prisons in a global context.

Facilitator: Julia Sudbury-CR National Organizing Committee, Dept. of Ethnic Studies, Mills College. **Presenters:** Faith Nolan-musician, activist, Dorsey Nunn-CR National Organizing Committee, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, Juanita Diaz Cotto-SUNY Albany, Luana Ross-author, activist

DOCUMENTING THE NATIONWIDE EPIDEMIC OF POLICE BRUTALITY AND POLICE MURDER AND THE NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT OF RESISTANCE

Warren Hall L104

This workshop will bring together the topics of research and activism with the use of the media to spread the knowledge of the injustice being perpetrated by the authorities and strengthen the movement of resistance. It will help arm activists with the documentation needed to refute the justifications of the authorities and of the complicity of the media. **Facilitator:** Margot Harry, Stolen Lives Project. **Presenters:** Ajamu K. Sankofa, New York City Police Watch, Andree Smith-mother of Justin Smith who was murdered by police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Margarita Rosario-mother of Anthony Rosario and aunt of Hilton Vega, who were murdered by the NYPD, Parents Against Police Brutality

ISSUES FOR WOMEN IN PRISON

Uris Hall 305

This panel will review human rights violations against women in prison, including issues of non-implementation of laws to protect female inmates, systematic retaliation against those inmates who complain of this treatment and solutions for change. **Facilitator:** Sheila Dauer - Amnesty International, USA Women's Human Rights Program. **Presenters:** Christine Doyle - Amnesty International, USA, Widney Brown - Human Rights Watch Women's Division, Andy Moss - NIC, Brenda Smith, Claudia Angeles - NYU Law School

EXPOSING THE ENEMY: INTERNET RESEARCH STRATEGIES TO FIGHT THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Uris Hall 304

A workshop designed for organizers, policy advocates, and researchers. The training will introduce the "research-for-action" research methodology that argues for timely, strategic information tailored to specific action plans and goals in an organization's work.

Facilitator: Ryan Pintado-Vertner-Data Center, **Presenters:** Liza Turner-Data Center, Grace Chang-Data Center

LEAVING PRISON

Warren Hall 101

A workshop to discuss what services are now available to ex-offenders, what services are needed, and how to engage in activities that encourage governments to provide these services.

Facilitators: Ken Bloomfield, The Fortune Society ~ JoAnne Page, The Fortune Society

ORGANIZING AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY IN THE POST-SEATTLE PERIOD: LINKING CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE ANTI-GLOBALIZATION MOVEMENT

Uris Hall 306

This workshop will discuss how to synthesize the decades old struggle against police brutality as it pertains to communities of color with the new movement against globalization which has had to confront police brutality at mass demonstrations starting with the anti-globalization protests in Seattle.

Facilitators: Zein El-Amine, Justice Action Coalition

REFORMING THE ROCKEFELLER DRUG LAWS

Barnard Hall 302

A workshop on reforming the Rockefeller Drug Laws. **Presenters:** Vera Beatty-Abiodun, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement~Karl Franklin, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement ~ Jennifer Wynn, Correctional Association

COMMUNITY JUSTICE

Uris Hall 328

This workshop addresses the development of community justice initiatives and how they can be used as vehicles to transform our criminal justice system. **Presentors:** Mishi Faruquee, Developing Justice Project, Fifth Avenue Committee ~ Darryl King F., Fifth Avenue Committee ~ Eric Cadora, Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services ~ Joy Taylor, Youth Force

CULTURAL PERMANENCE: LIVING IN BALANCE

Uris Hall 330

A panel discussion examining the vital importance cultural permanence has for the wellness of incarcerated Native Americans. **Facilitator:** Tim Hays, musician, writer, cultural curator, advocate. **Presenters:** George Stonefish, Native performer, actor, HIV educator, cultural activist ~ James Jackson, Alcohol/substance abuse counselor.

FUNDING THE FIGHT: RAISING \$ FOR PRISON ACTIVISM

Green Hall 602

A workshop to explore the many fundraising strategies that grassroots

groups can use to increase monetary support for their work. **Facilitators:** Brigitte Sarabi ~ Kathleen Pequeño

PAROLE IN NEW YORK STATE: CRISIS FOR PRISONERS, CRISIS FOR PAROLEES

Case Lounge

This panel will explore the severe reduction in parole under the Pataki administration in New York State, particularly for violent offenders, and the abuses parolees face at the hands of their parole officers. **Facilitator:** Dean Spade, UCLA Law School, Parolee Rights Project. **Presenters:** Amy James-Oliveras, The Coalition for Parole Restoration ~ Joseph Bostic, Oral History Project at the New York City AIDS Housing Network ~ Darryl P. King, Fifth Avenue Committee ~ Chris Farrell, Parolee Rights Project

Sunday 12:00 PM

COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OF COLOR

Green Hall 501

This workshop for women of color will explore community-based responses to violence that do not depend on law enforcement. **Facilitator:** Beth Richie, Incite! Women of Color Against Violence

CLOSETS AND CELLS: LGBT/SGL PEOPLE OF COLOR AND THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Case Lounge

This workshop will explore the impact of prisons upon lesbian, gay, bisexual,

two spirit, and transgender people of color and their communities.

Facilitators: Julian Liu, Center for Economic and Social Rights~Vanessa Agard-Jones, Prison Activist Resource Center

NOT OZ: WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE

Warren Hall L104

This workshop will bring together artists who have different strategies, audiences, and histories to discuss their work, their experiences, and to dialogue with each other and the workshop participants to strategize new visions for work to come.

Facilitator: Ashley Hunt, Filmmaker

BOSTON CAUCUS

Green Hall 602

Facilitator: Justin Steil

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Barnard Hall 302

ON THE PRISON DHARMA WALKS

Barnard Hall 409

A presentation of photographs and stories from the Prison Dharma Walks which journeyed around New York State visiting prisons and related sites. A back ground on peace walks will be presented as well as the potential of prison walk activities for the anti-prison movement. **Facilitator:** Lex Bhagat, Artist/Writer

ROUNDTABLE ON PRISON LABOR

Green Hall 646

Facilitator: Soffyah Elijah

CHILDREN WHO HAVE AN INCARCERATED PARENT: A FOLLOW UP WORKSHOP

Barnard Hall 202

This strategy session/workshop aims to increase public awareness about the large numbers of children affected by the growing prison industry. The workshop is primarily for children with incarcerated parents to have discussions, formulate solutions and build networks about the primary concerns that children feel need advocating. **Facilitators:** Emani Davis, Russell Shoats III

CREATING A MULTICULTURAL STRATEGY CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE: A PEOPLE OF COLOR DIALOGUE

Uris Hall 331

This roundtable session is designed to bring activists and organizers of color together to discuss the possibility and necessity of building a Multicultural Strategy Center for Social Justice in New York City. **Facilitator:** Saulo Colon. **Presenters:** Monami Maulik - Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM), Fernando (Reals) Restrepo - Grupito, John Kim - SLAM, Brigitte M. Moore - Black Grrrl Revolution, Joan Lucas - Black Grrrl Revolution, Nova Gutierrez - Black Grrrl Revolution

EDUCATION NOT INCARCERATION

Uris Hall 305

This workshop will give a brief overview of The Prison Moratorium Project's Education Not Incarceration campaign and provide a strategy session on how to organize effectively around these issues throughout the region. The session will also identify critical organizing concepts, tools, and

resources for conducting this type of campaign. **Facilitator:** Kate Rhee-Prison Moratorium Project, **Presenters:** Members of PMP

FENCED IN: POLICING, CONTAINMENT, AND CONTROL OF LGBT YOUTH IN THE WEST VILLAGE OF NEW YORK CITY

Warren Hall 417

This workshop discusses a documentary film project, *Fenced In*, that discusses the policing of LGBT youth in the West Village of New York City. **Facilitators:** Jesse Ehrensaft-Hawley-F.I.E.R.C.E., LaDedra Brown-The New Neutral Zone, Shawnta Smith-Sister Outsider, Corrina Wiggins, youth organizer

THE DEATH OF A NATION: FIGHTING THE DEATH PENALTY IN RACIST AND CAPITALIST AMERICA

Uris Hall 307

This workshop will focus on information sharing as well as discussing the role of anti-death penalty work in bringing the prison industrial complex to its knees.

Facilitator: Kazi Toure. **Presenters:** Renny Cushing-Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation, Pat Clark-Criminal Justice Program, American Friends Service Committee, Joanne Commerford-American Friends Service Committee, Alicia Yang-Asian Pacific Islander Youth Promoting Advocacy and Leadership, Youth Force Coalition

RELEASE CAMPAIGN 2001: WORKING TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS

Uris Hall 327

This workshop will focus on the working definition we've used of political prisoner, the short history of our group and the work we've done, and our plan for mounting campaigns in states where there are political prisoners. **Facilitator:** Laura Whitehorn-former political prisoner, Release 2001 Campaign

STOPPING RURAL PRISONS: A PRACTICAL STRATEGY SESSION FOR GRASSROOTS ORGANIZERS

Uris Hall 326

This workshop will address the crucial role that activism in rural towns plays in stopping prison construction and will present a practical guide to stopping the construction of new prisons.

Facilitator: Craig Gilmore-California Prison Moratorium Project.

Presenters: Ruthie Wilson Gilmore-California Prison Moratorium Project, Michelle Foy-California Prison Moratorium Project, Sarah Jarmon-California Prison Moratorium Project

WINNING REPARATIONS: A TOOL TO DISMANTLE THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Uris Hall 330

The purpose of this workshop is to expand the knowledge base and tools of activists in order to dismantle the prison industrial complex through a profound understanding and increased support for both the national and international movement for reparations for African people.

Facilitator: Ajamu K. Sankofa, Esq.,

Director New York City PoliceWatch of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. **Presenters:** Adjoa Aiyetoro, Esq., National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA) ~ Roger Wareham, Esq., December 12 Movement ~ Fahima Seek, Producer Pacifica Radio WPFW ~ Mark Thompson, Criminal Justice Project, NAACP

WHAT WE LEAVE BEHIND

Uris Hall 329

A media workshop suitable for prisoners, former prisoners or any group that has little or no media-making experience which will take people through the process of making a video and presenting it to audiences. The panel will include a screening of the video *What We Leave Behind*.

Facilitator: Salome Chasnoff, Beyonmedia Education, Women's International Information Project (WIIP) ~ Joanne Archibald, Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)

BOOKS THROUGH BARS: INSIDERS' ART

Green Hall 546

The Books through Bars program will discuss the Prisoner Art show and exhibit work from the collection.

Presenters: Members of Books Through Bars

LITIGATION: IS IT STILL RELEVANT?

Uris Hall 303

A panel on the role of litigation in the prisoners' rights movement, including a discussion of how legal strategies have transformed since the Prison Litigation Reform Act and other measures which restrict the possibilities of litigation. **Facilitator:** Eric Lotke, Prisoners' Legal Services

Project. **Presenters:** Elizabeth Alexander, American Civil Liberties Union National Prison Project ~ Tom Terrizzi, Prisoners' Legal Services Project of New York ~ John Boston, Legal Aid Society.

POETRY FOR THE LOVE OF FREEDOM

Uris Hall 328

A workshop addressing how creative presentations and poetry can be tools for helping people, communities, and organizations understand the effects of the prison industry, which will help teach participants how to incorporate cultural presentations into their discussions of the prison industry.

Facilitator: Angel Martinez, The Bread is Rising Poetry Collective.

Presenters: Carlos Dufflar, The Bread is Rising Poetry Collective ~ Amina Baraka, poet, singer, activist ~ David Gordon, The Bread is Rising Poetry Collective ~ Dorothy Johnson-Laird, poet

DRUG POLICY AND PRISON OVERCROWDING IN CONNECTICUT: RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

Green Hall 502

This workshop will discuss drug laws within a public health framework, focusing on public education and legislative campaigns.

Facilitators: Naomi Murakawa, Research for a Better Way ~ Sarah Bray, Research for a Better Way

COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION

Warren Hall 101

The workshop shares the experiences of those working with vulnerable populations who are trying to reintegrate into their communities from both jail and prison settings.

Presenters: Sam Rivera, The Fortune Society ~ Stanley Richards, Hunter College Center on AIDS, Drugs and Community Health ~ Willie Cleveland, The Fortune Society ~ Pamela Goodrich, The Fortune Society

IS THIS OUR HIP-HOP?

Uris Hall 306

This panel will discuss perspectives on methods of utilizing hip-hop to empower the people. **Facilitators:** Sasa Ynoa ~ Rachel LaForest

CRITICAL RESISTANCE EAST

SUNDAY PLENARY

CALL & RESPONSE: Visualizing a Society Without Walls

2 - 3 pm

Sunday, March 11, 2001

How should we impart justice?
This closing plenary will examine prison abolition and alternatives to incarceration as a viable response to the US culture of incarceration. The session will explore diverse cultural and community-based models and will present a vision of a self-determining society that does not rely on prisons as a solution to social, economic, and political disenfranchisement. **Presenters:** Ashanti Alston, Sherrie Wilson, Incarcerated Young Women, and others.

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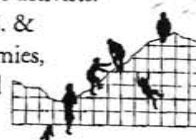
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CR East: Film Screenings

(All screenings at Warren Hall 103, unless otherwise indicated.)

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES: THE MOTHERS OF THE NY DISAPPEARED,

a 14minute film which documents the struggle by mothers and families to end the Rockefeller Mandatory Minimum Drug Laws. Panel includes filmmakers: Nina Rosenblum - Oscar nominated Producer/Director, Jules Shell - Co-Producer/Cinematographer, Dennis Watlington-Emmy Award winning Writer, cinematographer/photojournalist Andre Lambertson of Time Magazine and features Terrence Stevens - a sufferer of muscular dystrophy from childhood, recently released on clemency after serving nine years of a fifteen to life sentence under the Rockefeller Drug Laws. Produced by Daedalus Productions. **Saturday, 12 pm.**

ISOLATED INCIDENTS

shows the sentiment of countless communities and peoples toward police brutality and police abuse of power. This fictional film parallels actual instances of lawlessness by police departments across America and examines institutional racism at its very best. Through a series of events, Shkymba exposes the tactics used by police departments including racial profiling, random searches, and "friendly fire" that affect all classes of the African-American and Latino communities. Discussion will follow screening. "Isolated Incidents" is a production of Hook or Crook Productions, Inc. **Sunday, 10 am.**

DEATH ROW IN OUR TOWN

Huntsville, Texas has 76 churches, a state university, and a 65-foot statue of Sam Houston. But that's probably not why you've heard of it. To outsiders, Huntsville is the death penalty capital of the world-a town of 35,000 responsible for one third of America's executions.

DEATH ROW IN OUR TOWN chronicles life in this small prison town-both inside and outside of prison walls-as residents wrestle with the everyday reality of executions in their lives.

Producer / Director: Ali Pomeroy, Lumiere Productions, NY. **Saturday, 2 pm.**

OUT: The Making of a Revolutionary,

by Sonja DeVries and Rhonda Collins, is a 59-minute documentary about leftist political prisoners in the United States and the life story of one of them, Laura Whitehorn, who served over 14 years in federal prison. Along with her co-defendants (two of whom were just released by Clinton), she was charged with "conspiring to change, protest and oppose policies and practices of the US government by violent and illegal means." Released in 1999, she has helped work on Critical Resistance. **Sunday, 12 pm.**

YES, IN MY BACKYARD!

Film by Tracy Huling, focusing on the transition from agricultural economies to prison economies in upstate New York. Screening and panel on **Sunday at 10 am, Green Hall 103**

CORRECTIONS,

by Ashley Hunt. Corrections is a story of justice turned to profit, where the war on crime has found new investors: Venture capital and for-prisons, the story of the private prison. Official Slamdance Film Festival Selection, 2001.

Saturday, 4 pm.

WHAT WE LEAVE BEHIND.

While women make up only a small percentage of the burgeoning prison population, their numbers are growing much more rapidly than those of men. The media most commonly focus on women who kill their children or commit other horrific crimes. But these women are not truly representative of the female prison population, who are primarily non-violent offenders. For the most part, women prisoners are invisible and voiceless. What We Leave Behind challenges stereotypes about women in prison and demonstrates the power of disenfranchised groups to shape their own media images.

Produced by Visible Voices, Beyondmedia Education and Women's International Information Project. Directed by Salome Chasnoff. **Sunday 12pm Uris Hall 329.**

A wall is
just a
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— Assata Shakur

Critical Resistance Northeast Regional Conference:
Beyond the Prison Industrial Complex

Columbia Law School
New York City
March 9-11, 2001

Plenaries and Cultural Events

friday — 03.09.01 — 6³⁰ to 8³⁰ p.m. (door open at 6)

THE ATTICA REBELLION: ROOTS OF RESISTANCE

PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

- ◆ George Che Nieves, *Attica Brother*
- ◆ David Johnson, *San Quentin 6*
- ◆ Fred Ho, David Bindman & Salim Washington, *Saxophone Trio*
- ◆ Danny Meyers, *Attorney*
- ◆ Impact Repertory Theatre
- ◆ MCs: Emani Davis, *Daughter of an Attica Survivor* & Kai Lumumba Barrow, *CRE*

The opening session of the Critical Resistance conference will celebrate the spirit of the Attica Prison Rebellion: the unity and self-determination of the Attica Brothers, the solidarity among prisoners and non-prisoners throughout the country. Critical Resistance will recognize the importance of Attica in inspiring a radical prison movement and will place it within a continuum of ongoing struggle against the prison industrial complex and the conditions it produces.



"We are men, not beasts, and will not be driven as such."

In September 1971, prisoners of the NYS Attica Penitentiary took control of the prison yard for five days. The Attica uprising was in part a reaction to the murder of George Jackson, a revolutionary and prisoner killed by guards at the Soledad Prison in California, and in part a protest against widespread mistreatment and inhumane conditions by prison authorities. The impact of the Attica rebellion resulted in some prison reforms in most states throughout the country. Additionally, the Attica rebellion inspired and encouraged the broader revolutionary movement among prisoners and non-prisoners alike.

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saturday — 03.10.01 — 7 to 8 p.m. (door open at 6)

WOMEN, PRISON & GLOBALIZATION: A COLLABORATIVE PERFORMANCE WORK

in Honor of International Working Women's Day

This debut performance examines women in prison, globalization and resistance through poetry, music, dance, painting and spoken word.

FEATURING:

- ◆ Angela Davis, *activist/author*
- ◆ Ase, *drummers*
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- ◆ Suheir Hammad, *poet*
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On the Move from Death Row
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PROGRAM UPDATE**

ROOM AND TIME CHANGES

Saturday, March 10th, 12:00pm:

Changing the Discourse: A Strategy Session on Decriminalizing
Health Problems URIS HALL 330

Prison Writing Live URIS HALL 307

Saturday, March 10th, 2:00pm:

Cultural Permanence: Living in Balance CASE LOUNGE

Saturday, March 10th, 4:00pm:

Update on the MOVE Prisoners GREENE HALL 105

Sunday, March 11th, 10:00am

Yes, In My Backyard: A Film Screening and Discussion on Rural
Communities URIS HALL 307

Sunday, March 11th, 12:00pm

Death of a Nation: Fighting the Death Penalty in Racist and
Capitalist America GREENE HALL 105

PRESENTER AND SESSION DESCRIPTION CHANGES

Saturday, March 10th, 12:00pm URIS HALL 303

COINTELPRO Under Fire! Facilitator: Ahmed Obafemi
Presenters: Ashanti Alston, Bob Boyle, Jihad Mumit, Mutulu
Shakur, Kazi Toure, Michael Tarif Warren, Laura Whitehorn

Saturday, March 10th, 2:00pm GREENE HALL 107

Education Works, Jails Don't: The Fight Against Edison

Presenters: Sandra Rivers, Community School Board Five; Maria Romos, School Team Leader; Manning Marable, United New York Black Radical Congress

Sunday, March 11th, 10:00am URIS HALL 306

Organizing Against Police Brutality in the Post-Seattle Period:
Linking Civil Rights and the Anti-Globalization Movement

Presenters: Zein El-Amine, Justice Action Coalition; Mara Verheyden-Hilliard, attorney

FILM SCREENING ROOM CHANGES

The films listed on the back of the program book have been moved to URIS HALL

Saturday, March 10th:

10:00am – Isolated Incident	URIS HALL 304
12:00pm – Unintended Consequences	URIS HALL 304
2:00pm – Death Row in Our Town	URIS HALL 307
4:00pm – Corrections	URIS HALL 307

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10:00am – Yes, In My Backyard	URIS HALL 307
12:00pm – Out: The Making of a Revolutionary	URIS HALL 307

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