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# **Upcoming Events**



**FORUM:** 

Last weekend, members of Columbia Law School. School of Social Work, School of International and Public Affairs, Mailman School of Public Health. Teacher's College and Columbia University hosted a campus-wide conference entitled: "Removing the Bars: TAKE ACTION." The conference was an interdisciplinary event to support people affected by the criminal justice system, advocate for positive change and create systemic sustainable transformation. "Removing the Bars: TAKE ACTION" provided a collaborative environment for service providers; community members; students and faculty to network and strategize around criminal justice related issues. The conference featured keynote speaker Angela Davis, as well as a number of other legal scholars and practitioners from around the country. On Saturday, DRCPP was honored to be asked to facilitate a panel on "Perspectives of the Formerly Incarcerated," and serve as a panelist during a breakout session later in the day on the issue of how formerly incarcerated people are perceived by society. Congratulations, especially to the student volunteers and coordinators, on a successful event!



Best, Glenn E. Martin Director, DRCPP

Rockefeller Drug Laws Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7:30PM

Harlem Y.M.C.A. 180 West 135th St New York, NY 10030

The Frederick E. Samuel
Community Democratic
Club's Political Action
Committee, NANPAC and
the Second Chance
Committees present a forum
on the Rockefeller Drug
Laws.

For further information contact: Dawn L. Jones, Chair (917.557.0109), Brenda Ricketts, Co-Chair (917.723.4378), Victor Pate, Chair (646.229.9869).

Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions Inaugural Human Justice Award Gala Friday, April 13, 2012 7:30pm - Arrivals 8:00pm - Gala 1199/SEIU Penthouse 330 West 42nd Street New York, NY 10036

The Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions is the first and only independent research, training and advocacy center in the United States that was founded and developed by formerly incarcerated professionals. More details HERE.

#### **SCREENING:**



The Doe Fund's Guide to Understanding <u>Article</u> <u>23-A</u> for New York State Employers

<u>The Doe Fund</u> has produced a guide to help employers fairly evaluate qualified job seekers and current employees with conviction histories. Read the full guide <u>HERE</u>.

The Sentencing Project Celebrates 25 Years of Progress with a Forward-Looking Publication

Published to celebrate The Sentencing Project's 25th anniversary, *To Build a Better Criminal Justice System: 25 Experts Envision the Next 25 Years of Reform* also looks into the future of the criminal justice system. The publication features 25 essays from leading thinkers in the field, including Fortune's Glenn E. Martin. Read it HERE.



Black Youth Detained at 46 Times the Rate of White Youth in Cook County Chicago Tribune March 9, 2012

According to a report by the <u>National Council on</u> <u>Crime and Delinquency</u>, black youth in Cook County, IL are detained at 46 times the rate of white youth. <u>Click here to read the whole story</u>.

**Incarcerated Men Used as Labor In Alabama** 

Zero Percent
Monday, April 16th, 2012
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Columbia Law School Jerome
Greene Hall,
Room 101
435 W. 116th St.,
New York, NY 10027

"Zero Percent" follows participants of the Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison program, which provides college education, life skills, and reentry support to incarcerated men and women. After the screening, there will be a conversation with participants from the film.

For more information: email <u>aknee@law.columbia.e</u> <u>du</u> or <u>info@hudsonlink.org</u>, visit <u>www.hudsonlink.org</u>, or call 914.941.0794.

Panel and Job Fair Wednesday, April 18, 2012 1:00 PM-4:30 PM 475 Riverside Drive New York, NY 10115

The College and Community
Fellowship and The
Interchurch Center are hosting
a Panel and Job Fair for
formerly incarcerated job
seekers with college
educations. Registration must
be received by April 1, 2012.
Click HERE for more
information, or download the
registration form by

# Primary Election Loop 21 By Aaron Morrison March 14th, 2012

Televised images of incarcerated men helping deliver ballots during the Alabama Republican primary conjure up a stark reality of voter disenfranchisement. Alabama is one of 11 states where the formerly incarcerated might live the rest of their lives without the right to vote again. Click here to read the whole story.

At City Council Hearing, Police Commissioner Fights Back The New York Times

March 15, 2012

For the last few weeks and months, <u>Raymond W. Kelly</u>, the police commissioner of New York, had taken his lumps over various issues, from his department's handling of Occupy Wall Street to its surveillance practices and its reliance on <u>stop-and-frisk tactics</u>. But as the session began, it became evident that Mr. Kelly was not going to take it anymore. <u>Click here to read the whole story.</u>

# Police Body Cameras Record Police/Civilian Interactions

nbcnewyork.com March 19, 2012

Cameras worn by police may provide clear video evidence of who said what during the officer/civilian exchanges. <u>Click here to read the full story</u>.



The Fortune Society and The NYC ATI/Reentry Coalition Testify Before the NYC Council Budget clicking **HERE**.

#### **Blog Buzz**



Crime and Justice with Dan Schorr: Featuring Fortune CEO JoAnne Page WVOX Radio March 6, 2012

The Fortune Society's JoAnne Page discusses prison reentry programs, and criminal law attorney Gabe Tapalaga talks about the latest criminal justice issues. <u>Listen to the Podcast now!</u>

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## **Hearing Committees**

On March 19, 2012, Josue Ramos, Community Organizer with The Fortune Society, submitted testimony before the New York City Council Budget Hearing Committees. Click the following links to read Josue's testimony to, respectively, the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism, Drug Use and Disability Services Committee, the Public Safety Committee, and the Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice Services.

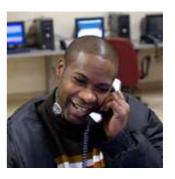
#### **Tools and Resources**



EEOC Commissioner Says New Guidance On Employment Criminal Checks Likely bna.com By Kevin P. McGowan

The Equal Employment
Opportunity
Commission is likely to
review and update its
long-standing guiding
principles and
recommendations
regarding potential
discrimination
originating from
employers' use of arrest

# Job Opportunities



Job Openings at Prisoner Reentry Institute – John Jay College of Criminal Justice

There are currently four openings at the Prisoner Reentry Institute. Click each link below for more information about the positions.

Project Director
Project Administrator
Grants Associate
Administrative
Assistant



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and conviction records during the hiring process, EEOC Commissioner Victoria Lipnic said March 13th, 2012. Learn more by clicking HERE.

# **NYC Department of Corrections**

Director of Reentry Services

Download job description and qualification information HERE.

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