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A COMMUNITY  
COLLABORATIVE EVENT

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
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MARCH 23 & 24, 2012

## Schedule of Events

**MARCH 23, 2012**

### **ALFRED LERNER HALL**

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Kick-Off Keynote Event  
Featuring Angela Y. Davis

**MARCH 24, 2012**

### **LOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Check-In & Light Breakfast

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM PANEL 1  
Perspectives of the Formerly Incarcerated

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM PANEL 2  
Voices of Children of Incarcerated Parents

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch Break  
*(Lunch provided to those registered for morning panels.)*

### **ALFRED LERNER HALL**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Community Organizations Tabling

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM Block 1 Workshops/Discussions

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Block 2 Workshops/Discussions

### **SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS ALTSCHUL AUDITORIUM**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Removing the Bars Concert  
*Doors Open at 6:15 PM*

## Co-Sponsors

**Criminal Justice Initiative:  
*Supporting Children, Families, and Communities***

**Columbia University  
*President and Provost's Student Event Fund***

**Columbia Law School**  
Black Law Students Association  
Center for Institutional and Social Change  
Criminal Justice Action Network  
Student Senate

**Columbia University School of Social Work**  
AGE Caucus | API Caucus | Criminal Justice Caucus  
Feminist Caucus | Interfaith Caucus | Latino/a Caucus  
Men's Caucus | Office of Student Services | Queer Caucus  
Social Work Arts Group | Student Union Executive Board

### ***Students and faculty from...***

Columbia Law School  
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health  
Columbia University School of the Arts  
Columbia University Students Against Mass Incarceration  
Teachers College Columbia University

## Special Thanks

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Rudy Scala | Marcia Sells | Sunmit Singh | Dean Jeanette Takamura  
University Events Management

***All of the presenters and volunteers that dedicated  
their time and talents to the conference.***

Last year the Criminal Justice Caucus held a very successful skills-based conference on criminal justice. Due to its success and the clear interest and need for further education and action around criminal justice issues, this year the Criminal Justice Caucus and the Criminal Justice Initiative at Columbia University School of Social Work worked together to partner with students and faculty across Columbia University and community organizations to develop a collaborative conference that would address these issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, incorporate community, and inspire action.

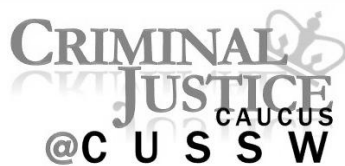
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**Donations are greatly appreciated to support our efforts.**

Donations may be sent to:  
**Criminal Justice Initiative c/o Social Intervention Group**  
**1255 Amsterdam Ave. New York, NY 10027**

All checks should be made payable to:  
**"Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York"**  
Memo:  
**Criminal Justice Initiative / CUSSW**

All donations will be used to support the  
"Removing the Bars Conference" and the Criminal Justice Initiative at  
the Columbia University School of Social Work.



The Criminal Justice Caucus at Columbia University School of Social Work seeks to increase awareness around the wide spectrum of issues that relate to the criminal justice and prison systems in the United States. The caucus hopes to inspire student, faculty, and community interest and involvement in constructive criminal justice curricular and extra-curricular endeavors.

[criminaljusticecaucus.wordpress.com](http://criminaljusticecaucus.wordpress.com)

## Low Memorial Library

### Panel 1: Perspectives of the Formerly Incarcerated

*This panel will highlight the personal experiences of formerly incarcerated individuals, including time spent in solitary confinement, parole regulations, discrimination, and reentry challenges. In addition, panelists will speak about their efforts to effect change in the criminal justice system through advocacy, education, employment, and activism.*

**Moderator: Glenn Martin** | Vice President of Development & Public Affairs  
Fortune Society

*Panelists:*

**Joseph "Jazz" Hayden**

Campaign to End the New Jim Crow

**Yolanda Johnson Peterkin** | Director of Reentry  
Women's Prison Association

**Julio Medina** | Executive Director  
Exodus Transitional Community

**Nora Moran** | Assistant Instructor  
Puppies Behind Bars

**Tina Reynolds** | Executive Director  
Women On The Rise Telling HerStory

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### Panel 2: Voices of Children of Incarcerated Parents

*This panel will feature the voices of children of incarcerated parents sharing their challenges and the roles they have taken as advocates for change. Senator Montgomery will talk about proposed legislation to support this population.*

**Moderator: Tanisha Douglas**

Center for Community Alternatives

**Remarks: Emani Davis** | Consultant

*Panelists:*

**Velmanette Montgomery** | New York State Senator, 18<sup>th</sup> District

**LaQuintae Bradley** - **Donavan Clarke** - **Johnnay Clover**  
**Shanice Jones** - **Miyanna Nelson** - **Raymond Rodriguez**

## BLOCK 1

### Maintaining a Relationship with an Incarcerated Loved One

*Alfred Lerner Hall / West Ramp Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*

*Moderator: Dana Lemaster-Schipani, LMSW* | Project Associate  
New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents, The Osborne Association

**Bobby Blanchard-Lewis** | Senior Staff Associate  
Center for Children & Families, Columbia University School of Nursing  
**Shu'aib Abdur Raheem, MPS** | Case Manager  
Fatherhood Initiative, Osborne Association  
**Sheila Rule** | Executive Director  
Think Outside the Cell Foundation

*This workshop will examine the challenges and methods around maintaining relationships with family and friends in prison.*

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### Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

*Alfred Lerner Hall / East Ramp Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*

**Donna Hylton** | Advocate  
STEPS to End Family Violence  
**Sharon Richardson** | Reentry Specialist  
STEPS to End Family Violence  
**Jesenia Santana, MIA** | Supervisor of Client Advocacy Services  
Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families  
**Jaya Vasandani** | Acting Director  
Women in Prison Project, The Correctional Association

*This discussion will explore the history of intimate partner violence and its intersection with the criminal justice system. Presented from the perspective of professionals working in the field and survivors sharing their stories.*

## BLOCK 2

### Inside Juvenile Justice: Youth, Jail, & Raising the Age

*Alfred Lerner Hall / Room 569*

**Kate Barrow, LMSW** | Project Director  
Bronx Futures, Center for Court Innovation  
**Kyung Ji "KJ" Rhee** | Director  
Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform and Alternatives  
**Annie Salsich** | Director of Center on Youth Justice  
Vera Institute of Justice

*This panel will explore issues surrounding the juvenile justice system, including efforts to raise the age of responsibility, alternatives to detention and diversion programs, as well as reform initiatives.*

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### REMOVING THE BARS CONCERT

Produced by Voza Rivers and Jamal Joseph

New Heritage Theatre Group

*School of International and Public Affairs – Altschul Auditorium*

*(Entrance on Amsterdam between 116<sup>th</sup> & 118<sup>th</sup> next to Casa Italiana)*

*Featuring:*

**Bryonn Bain** | Poet, Author, Activist  
**IMPACT Repertory Theatre**  
**Kwame and the Uptown Shakedown**  
**Felipe Luciano**

*This performance will feature a myriad of performing artists, including spoken word, dance, song, and instrumentals, as well as the talents of youth involved in the IMPACT Repertory Theatre group.*

## BLOCK 2

### Criminalization of People with Mental Illness

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 567 (Jed D. Satow Room)*

**Jennifer (JJ) Parish** | Director of Criminal Justice Advocacy  
Urban Justice Center's Mental Health Project  
**Siobhan Morris, LCSW, CASAC** | Mitigation Specialist  
Manhattan Arraignment Diversion Project, Legal Aid Society

*This panel will explore how people with mental illness are targeted by the criminal justice system and overrepresented in the prison population without effective mental health services.*

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### Society's Perceptions of the Formerly Incarcerated

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 568*

**Mika'il Deveaux** | Executive Director  
Citizens Against Recidivism  
**Glenn Martin** | Vice President of Development & Public Affairs  
Fortune Society  
**Dr. Laura Smith** | Assistant Professor of Psychology & Education  
Teachers College Columbia University

*This workshop will create a space for discussion around the impact of perceptions, assumptions, and personal biases of service providers working with individuals who have been incarcerated and highlight the importance of self-awareness when working within communities who traditionally experience discrimination and stigmatization.*

## BLOCK 1

### Supermaxes & Solitary Confinement

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Broadway Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*

**Brett Dignam** | Clinical Professor of Law  
Columbia Law School  
**Lisa Kerr** | Fellow, J.S.D. Student  
New York University Law School  
**Gabriel Torres-Rivera, J.D.** | Director of New York Reentry Roundtable  
Community Service Society

*This workshop will detail supermax and solitary confinement conditions, as well as the mental and physical consequences long-term isolation has on inmates.*

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### Know Your Rights & Reentry

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 477*

**Alexandra Keeling** | Senior Staff Attorney  
Office of the Appellate Defender  
**Nicole Rochat, LMSW** | Director of Social Work/Reentry Program  
Office of the Appellate Defender

*This workshop will focus on the rights of individuals reentering society from periods of incarceration, with specific attention to issues of employment, voting, obtaining benefits, treatment services (i.e. substance abuse, mental health), housing, education, parole and the sex offender registry.*

## BLOCK 1

### Aging Behind Bars

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 501*

**Dr. Tina Maschi, LCSW, ACSW** | Assistant Professor  
Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service  
**Larry White** | Community Advocate and Policy Liaison  
David Rothenberg Center for Public Policy, Fortune Society

*This presentation will explore the challenges facing the aging population in prison and post-release, including health concerns, work limitations, and stigma.*

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### Immigration & Criminal Justice: The Intersection

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 502*

**Lynly S. Egyes, Esq.** | Attorney  
Sex Worker Project, Urban Justice Center  
**Justin Tullius** | Senior Program Associate  
Center on Immigration & Justice, Vera Institute of Justice  
**Chia-Chia Wang** | Civic Participation Coordinator  
American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program

*This discussion will focus on working with people involved in the criminal justice system who are facing deportation, as well as immigration as a tool of the criminal justice system.*

## BLOCK 2

### LGBTQ in Prison

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 501*

**Judy Yu** | Associate Director, LGBTQ Youth Issues  
Juvenile Justice Project, The Correctional Association

*This presentation will focus on the unique issues facing the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer population in prison, specifically stigma, health concerns, and policing gender.*

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### Stop & Frisk

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 555*

**Chino Hardin** | Field Coordinator  
Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform and Alternatives  
**Joseph "Jazz" Hayden**  
Campaign to End the New Jim Crow  
**Donna Lieberman** | Executive Director  
New York Civil Liberties Union

*This workshop will explore stop and frisk policies, how they are implemented disproportionately against populations of color and the community mobilization around this issue.*

## BLOCK 2

### Death Penalty – Troy Davis: Continuing the Conversation

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Broadway Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*

**Lawrence Hayes** | Co-Founder

Campaign to End the Death Penalty

**Thenjiwe Tameika McHarris** | Northeast Field Organizer

Amnesty International

*This discussion will revolve around the continuing use of the death penalty in the United States and highlight recent advocacy efforts in the wake of the unjust execution of Troy Davis.*

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### Role of Education Inside Prison & In Successful Reentry

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 477*

*Moderator: Susan Sturm* | Director of the Center for Institutional and Social Change  
Professor of Law and Social Responsibility, Columbia Law School

**John Gordon** | Associate Vice President of Programs  
Osborne Association

**John Molina** | Director of I.M.P.A.C.T.

Exodus Transitional Community

**Reverend Vivian Nixon** | Executive Director

College and Community Fellowship

*This discussion will explore education as a central component of reentry programming as a means of empowerment and will highlight the networks and campaigns to promote education as a way to reduce recidivism.*

## BLOCK 1

### Drug Law: Policy & Reform

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 555*

*Moderator: Gabriel Sayegh* | State Director, New York Drug Policy Action

**Hiawatha Collins** | Organizer and Board Member  
VOCAL-NY

**Kassandra Frederique** | Policy Coordinator  
Drug Policy Alliance

**Dr. Divine Pryor** | Executive Director  
Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions

**Tracy Pugh** | Policy Associate  
New York Academy of Medicine

*This discussion will focus on how changes in drug policy affect mass incarceration in New York State and nationwide and how addiction can be approached from a public health perspective.*

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### How Do We DE-carcerate?

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 567 (Jed D. Satow Room)*

*Moderator: Michelle Fine* | Professor of Psychology  
The Graduate Center, City University of New York

**Eddie Ellis** | President  
Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions

**Markus Redding** | Adjunct Professor  
Columbia University School of Social Work

**Silky Shah** | Field Director  
Detention Watch Network

**Elise White** | Deputy Director  
Midtown Community Court, Center for Court Innovation

*This discussion features professionals from various disciplines exploring alternatives to incarceration & innovative methods that will shift the focus from the current phenomenon of mass incarceration.*

## BLOCK 1

### Pipelines to Prison

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 568*

**Angela Jones** | Coordinator of the School to Prison Pipeline Project  
New York Civil Liberties Union

*This presentation will explore how the education system serves as a pipeline to the criminal justice system as the result of high dropout rates and student arrests in schools.*

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### Parole 101

*Alfred Lerner Hall | Room 569*

**Moderator: Philip Genty** | Clinical Professor in Professional Responsibility  
Columbia Law School

**Leslie Ann Brody** | Supervising Attorney  
Parole Revocation Defense Unit, Legal Aid Society

**Robert Dennison** | Former Chair  
New York State Division of Parole

**Bridget Mahoney, LMSW** | Forensic Social Worker  
Parole Revocation Defense Unit, Legal Aid Society

**Diana Ortiz** | Associate Director  
Exodus Transnational Community

**Lawrence Parham** | Upstate Campaigns Manager  
Citizen Action New York

*This workshop will lay out the basics of parole and post-release supervision, including laws and policies affecting people currently incarcerated and those reentering and will explore the challenges these restrictions impose.*

## BLOCK 2

### Legal Health Rights & HIV/AIDS in Prison

*Alfred Lerner Hall | West Ramp Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*

**Moderator: Dr. Robert E. Fullilove** | Associate Dean, Community & Minority Affairs  
Professor of Clinical Sociomedical Sciences  
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

**Tracie Gardner** | Director of NYS Policy / Coordinator of WISH-NY  
Legal Action Center

**Mary Johnson** | Director of the Coming Home Program  
Center for Comprehensive Care, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital

*This workshop will focus on how changes in the HIV/AIDS epidemic have impacted prisoner health both inside and post-release, as well as the struggles involved in accessing health care resources.*

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### Restorative Justice

*Alfred Lerner Hall | East Ramp Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*

**Toni Bundy**

**Elizabeth Gaynes** | Executive Director  
Osborne Association

**Marie Verzulli** | Vice President  
Capital District Coalition for Crime Victims' Rights

*This presentation will explain the basics of the restorative (or participatory) justice model in order to promote accountability and repair individual harm therefore reducing recidivism and healing communities.*