



**UNLOCKING THE PRISONS
OF OUR LIVES**

**13th Annual Justice Studies Association Conference
June 9–11, 2011**

**CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**



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Program Schedule Thursday, June 9th

Registration at the Commonwealth Chateau 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Continental Breakfast 8:00 am – 9:00 am

Welcoming Remarks 9:00 am

Sara Ellen Kitchen, Chestnut Hill College, Conference Co-Chair
Kenneth Soprano, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean
of the Faculty, Chestnut Hill College
T. Y. Okosun, President of the Justice Studies Association

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Session 1: Unlocking the Prison of Punishment Ideology

Facilitator: T.Y. Okosun

Justine Vianne Lee, New York University

Panopticon: Theory and Practice

Kayla Martensen, Northeastern Illinois University

**The Price that U.S. Minority Communities Pay:
Mass Incarceration and the Ideologies that Fuel Them**

John Wozniak, Western Illinois University

**Unlocking the Legal System from Vengeance, Harm, and
Punitive Justice: Toward a Compassionate Revolution of Peace,
Caring, and Unitive Justice**

Ann Marie Rocheleau and Brittany Kaminski, Stonehill College

Going to Supermax: Unraveling the Process of Going to Prison

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am – 12 noon

Session 2: Prisons of Dehumanization and Exclusion

Facilitator: Lois Presser

Wendy Wright, Rutgers University

The Ultimate Other: Criminality and Humanity

Deirdre Caputo-Levine, SUNY Stony Brook

**Keepin' Up the Yard Face, Inmate Interpersonal Violence and the
Carceral Habitus**

Mary Florence Sullivan, Bryn Mawr College

When the Bell Tolls: Time on Death Row

Colleen Breslin, Villanova University

The State of the American Worker is Strong

Iqra Jamal, Northeastern Illinois University

Imprisoned in Our Bodies: The Futility of Seeking Perfection

12:00 noon – 2:00 pm Lunch and Screening

We Are Still Standing — Stories of Women in Black

Followed by a conversation with Ellie Bernstein, Filmmaker

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Session 3: Prisons of Identity: Race, Gender and Ethnicity

Facilitator: Emily Gaarder

Lois Presser and Regina Benedict, University of Tennessee

Setting Themselves Free: Older Women in Prison

Jarret S. Lovell, California State University, Fullerton

**Hidden Identities: Identity Work and Gay Rights Movement
in a Climate of Political Repression**

Richard Walker, ICDC College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

**Mass Incarceration: The Perpetuation of Chronic Unemployment and
Absentee Parents in African American and Hispanic Families**

Justin Hayes-Smith, Central Michigan University

**Interrogating Whiteness in Criminology and Understanding
Consequences of Mass Incarceration**

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 4: Unlocking the Personal Prisons

Facilitator: John Wozniak

Michael J. Coyle, California State University, Chico

Building a Research Plan for Prison Abolition in the U.S.A.

Scott Browning, Chestnut Hill College

Unlocking One from the Loneliness of Autism

Leslie M Brody, Purchase College, SUNY

Breaking Free from the Performance of Sleep

Sharmon Monagan, Nova Southeastern University

**Breaking the Chains of Apathy: How Hyper-Material Culture
Imprisons Young People in the United States**

Dennis Sullivan

**Rambling Through the Fields of Justice in Search of Well-being
for All**

5:15 pm – 5:45 pm Shaker Breakout

Dinner on Own

Program Schedule Friday, June 10th

Registration at the Commonwealth Chateau 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Continental Breakfast 8:00 am – 9:00 am

9:15 am – 10:30 am
Session 5: Challenging Life Without Parole from Inside and Outside
the Prison: Reframing the Death Penalty Abolition Movement
Facilitator: Peter Sanzen

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Sandra Jones, Rowan University
Barriers to Taking Action Against LWOP in the Anti-Death Penalty
Movement

Ben Fleury-Steiner, University of Delaware
The Humanitarian Crisis of Life in Prison

Amir Vatic Amman, Lehman College/CUNY
Surviving a Life Sentence: Challenges from Inside and Outside
the Prison

*Paul Kali Hickman (serving LWOP at SCI Graterford, Montgomery County,
Pennsylvania)*
LWOP: Cruel and Unusual Death by Incarceration

*Sara Krusan (sentenced to JLWOP at age 16, currently housed at Central
California Women’s Facility State Prison, Fresno, California)*

10:30 am – 10:45 am Break

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10:45 am – 12 noon
Session 6: After the Unlocking: Re-entry Realities and Challenges
Facilitator: Jarrett Lovell

Jack McCurdy, Northeastern Illinois University
Chains of Oppression: Conditions of Prisoners and their Families

Charles S. Lanier, Hudson Valley Community College
Breathing Life into “the Concept of Social Capital”: The Contributions
of People Formerly Imprisoned

Douglas E. Thompkins, Sr., John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY
The Prisoner Reentry Industry

Michael Hallett, University of North Florida
Prisoner Reentry as Neoliberal Punishment

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12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
Activist Café/Lunch Facilitated by Susan Krumholz
Activist Award Recipients Lori Pompa and Tyrone A. Werts

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm
Session 7: Transformation: Unlocking our Thinking Prisons
Facilitator: Kenneth Litwin

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Hal Pepinsky and Christopher Magno, Indiana University/Bloomington
Domains of Crime and Oppression

Emily Gaarder, University of Minnesota-Duluth
Broadening the Confines of the Discipline: An Argument for Green
Criminology

Avi Brisman, Emory University, City University of New York
Examining Potential Tensions in Green Criminology:
Green Corrections, Rights Regimes, and Individual-Level
Eco-Deviancy/Environmental Delinquency

Eshanda A. James, University of Phoenix
The Imprisoning Nature of Contemporary Social Media

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Break

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3:45 pm – 5:00 pm
Session 8: Unlocking the “Prisons” of Curriculum and Classroom
Facilitator: Dan Okada

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Sheryl L. Van Horne, Arcadia University
Capturing the Prison Experience: Freeing Students From Their
Preconceived Notions of House Arrest through a Hands on Approach

Jo-Ann Della Giustina, Bridgewater State College
Masculinity and Violence: Views of Male Prisoners

Susan Krumholz, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
Criminal Justice Students Making Sense of Peace

Joe Allen, Chaminade University
Prisoners to Paradigms: Unraveling Student Attitudes Toward Social
Justice and Prison

Sara Ellen Kitchen, Chestnut Hill College
Unlocking the Criminal Justice Major Mindset:
Reflections of Restorative Justice Students

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5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Jazz Reception
Ed Straumann, Associate Professor of Music, Chestnut Hill College

6:00 pm Chomsky Award Dinner
Kathy Kelly, Recipient

8:30 pm Talent Show — All Welcome at Pool House

Program Schedule Saturday, June 11th

Continental Breakfast 8:00 am – 9:00 am
JSA Membership Meeting — All Welcome 8:00 am – 9:00 am

9:15 am – 10:30 am
Session 9: Unlocking Legal Alternatives Toward Justice and Restoration
Facilitator: Susan Krumholz

Allen N. Fairfax, Merrimack College

A Discussion of the Life and Work of Benedict S. Alper

Garson Hunter, University of Regina

Regina's Ban on Panhandling Sweeping the Poor and Homeless off the Streets

T. Y. Okosun, Northeastern Illinois University and Robert D. Cobb, Jr.,
Nova Southeastern University

**Improving Community Policing and Response to Gang Violence:
Unlocking an Alternative Approach to Incarceration**

Douglas E. Thompkins, Sr. and Maria Pryor, John Jay College of Criminal
Justice/CUNY

Barriers to Citizenship for the Formerly Incarcerated

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am – 12 noon
Session 10: The Academic Institution as 'Ivory Prison'
Facilitator: Jo-Ann Della Giustiana

Ken Litwin, University of Michigan, Flint

The "Ivory Prison's" Collateral Consequences

T. Y. Okosun, Northeastern Illinois University

**Neo-administrative Strategies that Stifle Academic Freedom:
The Nature of the Contemporary Pursuit of Tenure, and the Absence
of Departmental and/or University Faculty Support**

Komanduri S. Murty, Fort Valley State University and Ashwin Vyas, Fort Valley
State University

Bullying Faculty by Administrators

Hal Pepinsky, Indiana University, retired in Worthington, Ohio

Academic Survival from a Radical Retiree

12:00 noon FAREWELL LUNCHEON
JSA Board Meeting

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“A human being is part of a whole, called by us the Universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.”

— Albert Einstein
