

# RETHINKING PRISONS 2013

## VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Breakfast

8:30

Buttrick Atrium

Welcoming Remarks

9:00-9:15

Lisa Guenther, Vanderbilt University

Buttrick Atrium

Friday Morning Session I

9:15-10:45

**Gender and Prison Education**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 205

“Transforming Spaces: The Experiences of Women Teaching in Women’s Prisons,”

Breea C. Willingham, SUNY Oneonta

“Abolition Pedagogy: Bringing Antiprison Movements into Women’s Studies Classrooms,” Courtney D. Marshall,  
University of New Hampshire

“To Instill Love for Our People”: Recovering Religion in Formerly Incarcerated People’s Movements for Transforming the Prison System,” Laura McTighe, Columbia University

"'Bad Like Us': Abolitionist Challenges to Prison Ministry," Alexandra Chambers, Vanderbilt University

Friday Morning Session I

9:15-10:45

**Rethinking Prisons through the Lens of Reproductive Justice**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 206

"Birthing Behind Bars: Formerly Incarcerated Women Lead a Campaign for Reproductive Justice," Victoria Law, Independent Scholar

"'I Never Thought of Advocating Outside of Prison': Lived Experience as Expertise," Tina Reynolds, Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH)

"'She Doesn't Deserve to be Treated Like This': The Violation of Pregnant Women's Rights and Health in Prison," Rachel Roth, Independent Scholar

Friday Morning Session I

9:15-10:45

**Neoliberalism and Punishment**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 306

"Death Penalty Abolition in Neoliberal Times: The failure of the SAFE California Act and the Nexus of Savings and Security," Andrew Dilts, Loyola Marymount University

"'It's Going to Happen Again': Queer Time and the Future of the Neoliberal-Carceral State," Stephen Dillon, University of Minnesota

"Hypothecation: Neoliberal 'Bondage,'" Salmon Frye, Independent Scholar and Micol Seigel, Indiana University Bloomington

Friday Morning Session II

11:00-12:30

**Going Public With Prison Writing**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 205

“The Risks of Publishing about Prison Work,” Tobi Jacobi,  
Colorado State University

“Disseminating Incarcerated Men’s Versions of Events,”  
Stacy Bell, Oxford College (GA)

“Sharing Incarcerated Women’s Experienced through Outside  
Students’ Interviews,” Michele Dishong McCormack, Chemeketa  
Community College

Friday Morning Session II

11:00-12:30

**Prison Mentorship from the Inside Out**

Moderator: Tony Gaskew, University of Pittsburgh at  
Bradford and Inside Out Instructor at FCI McKean  
Buttrick 206

“The Reconstruct Program: Reconstructing Lives One at a  
Time,” Talib Shakir, Federal Correctional Institution  
McKean

“Inmate Mentorship,” Adam Bentley Clausen, Federal  
Correctional Institution McKean

Friday Morning Session II

11:00-12:30

**Safety Beyond Incarceration: Normative Foundations and  
Community**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 306

“Kant, Bakunin and a ‘Constellation of Ends’: The  
Categorical Imperative of Prison Abolition, James A. Manos,  
DePaul University

“Incarceration, Debt, and Right as Social Pathology,” Chad Kautzer, University of Colorado, Denver

“Precarious Safety: Toward Noncarceral Communities,” Sarah Tyson, University of Colorado, Denver

Friday Afternoon Session I

2:00-3:30

**Entries Down the Rabbit Hole: Exploring Zero Tolerance and the Cradle to Prison Pipeline**

Moderator: Janet Wolf

Buttrick 205

Damien Durr, Independent Scholar and Activist

Shakya Cherry-Donaldson, Independent Scholar, Activist, Educator, Sister of Ex-Insider

Ndume Olatushani, Ex-Deathrow Insider, Activist, Artist

Friday Afternoon Session I

2:00-3:30

**Gender Nonconformity and Queer/Trans Sexuality in Prison**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 206

“‘A Means of Assuring the Safe and Efficient Operation of a Prison’: Administrative Segregation, Security, and Gender Nonconformity,” Elias Vitulli, University of Minnesota

“Constellating Connections: Trans Justice, Prison Activism, and Participatory Action Research,” Pascal Emmer, University of California at Santa Cruz

“Epistemic Injustices in Correctional Health Care: Policies Affecting LGBTQI Prison Populations,” Andrea Pitts, Vanderbilt University

Friday Afternoon Session I

2:00-3:30

**Foucault Incarcerated**

Moderator: TBA  
Buttrick 305

“Prison Education and the Myth of Separation,” Steven DeCaroli, Goucher College

“Spaces of the Self: Foucault and Goffman on the Micro-Physics of Discipline,” Robert S. Leib, Villanova University

“On Being Already Outside: Religious Transcendence and the Great Confinement in Foucault’s *History of Madness*,” Adrian Switzer, Western Kentucky University

“Foucault, Tranquility, and the Work of Reform,” Perry Zurn, DePaul University

3:30-4:00  
Coffee Break

Friday Afternoon Session II  
4:00-5:30

**Transformative Prison Education and its Challenges**

Moderator: TBA  
Buttrick 205

“Therapeutic Philosophy in Prisons,” Dan Cheon, University of Oklahoma

“Bob Ross in Prison: Rethinking Art in Prison,” Treacy Zeigler, Center for Transformative Action, Cornell University

“Rethinking Prisons, Reconsidering Philosophy: Doing Philosophy with Prison Inmates,” Michael D. Burroughs, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Meliorism and Abolitionism in Prison Teaching and Research Collaborations,” Drew Leder and Joshua Miller, Loyola University Maryland and Morgan State University

Friday Afternoon Session II

4:00-5:30

**The Interstices of Punishment and Discipline: Interrogating Race, Gender, Sexuality and Incarceration**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 206

“Black Defendants, White Judges: A case study of the distribution of punishment in São Paulo,” Enedina do Amparo Alves, Sao Paulo Catholic University (PUC-SP)

“(Re)Building Community and (Re)Creating Alternatives: Black Women and Mass Incarceration,” Haile Eshe Cole , Doctoral Candidate, The University of Texas at Austin

“‘The skunk in the box’—The theatrical (re)production of truth and justice at the intersections of sexuality, race, gender, and class,” Elvia Mendoza, The University of Texas at Austin

Friday Afternoon Session II

4:00-5:30

**A Working Group Discussion: Counting the Cost of Death, or How to Effectively Measure and Communicate How Much the Death Penalty Costs**

Moderator: TBA

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Amy Sayward, Middle Tennessee State University

Margaret Vandiver, University of Memphis

Stacy Rector, Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

**Keynote Address**

8:00pm

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**Susan Rosenberg**

Writer, Educator, Former Political Prisoner  
Author of *An American Radical: A Political  
Prisoner In My Own Country (2011)*

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Breakfast

8:30

Buttrick Atrium

Saturday Morning Session I

9:00-10:30

**Legal and Comparative Perspectives on Mass Incarceration**

Buttrick 205

“The Procedural Entrapment of Mass Incarceration:  
Prosecution, Race, and the Unfinished Project of American  
Abolition,” Brady Heiner, California State University,  
Fullerton

“Serving Time by Coming Home: Communicating Hope through a  
Reentry Court,” Jeralyn Faris, Purdue University

“From the Free World to the Carceral Empire – United States  
Prisons in War and Peace,” Volker Janssen, California State  
Fullerton

“American and Foreign Efforts to Curb Mass Incarceration,”  
Christopher Slobogin, Vanderbilt University

Saturday Morning Session I

9:00-10:30

**Prison Abolition and Black Radical Politics**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 206

“‘I can still...teach people’: Genuine Solidarity, African  
American Literature, and the Coalitional Project of

Abolition Pedagogy,” Patrick Elliot Alexander, University of Mississippi

“Abolition’s Legacies: Historical Memory and Contemporary Anti-Prison Organizing,” Joshua Mitchell, University of Southern California

“George L. Jackson on Fascism and Neo-Slavery, Revolution and Maroonage,” Greg Thomas, Syracuse University

“The Extermination of the North American Third World Left: How Black Power was Pivotal in the Expansion of the Prison-Industrial Complex,” Lisa M. Corrigan, The University of Arkansas

Saturday Morning Session I  
9:00-10:30

**Remorse and Rehabilitation**

Moderator: TBA  
Buttrick 306

“Remorse and Criminal Sentencing,” David Gurney, Arizona State University

“Prison Inmate Education and Rehabilitation: An International Comparison,” Obi N.I. Ebbe, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Jeannie Alexander, Riverbend Maximum Security Institution

“Aristotelian Flourishing and Virtue as the Benchmarks for Rehabilitation,” Andrew C. Koehl, Roberts Wesleyan College

Coffee Break  
10:30-11:00  
Buttrick Atrium

Saturday Morning Session II  
11:00-12:30

**Race, Disability, Gender, and Life Beyond Bars**

Moderator: TBA  
Buttrick 205



“The Role of Empowerment in the Job Search Process of Re-Entering African American Males,” Chloe Jackson, Georgia State University

“Dual Stigmas Beyond the Bars: An Initial Investigation into Employment Outcomes for People with Disabilities and Criminal Histories,” Jason E. Gines, Penn State University

Saturday Morning Session II

11:00-12:30

**Teaching Freedom: Humanities Education in the Prison Classroom**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 206

"Demotic Political Theory, Power, and Prison Education"  
Bill Dixon, Bard Prison Initiative, Bard College and the Johns Hopkins University

"Dignity, Dialogue, and Habilitation," Eric Anthamatten,  
New School for Social Research

"Dignity and the Prison Classroom," Grace Hunt, Bard Prison Initiative and Bard College

Saturday Morning Session II

11:00-12:3

**Transformation Within/Without: Prisons and the Restoration of Human Dignity**

Moderator: Ulrike Wiethaus

Buttrick 305

The Children of God: Race, Class, Religion, and Punishment in America, Ron Neal, Wake Forest University

Correctional Reform: The View From Inside the Walls, Daniel Redding, Alexander Correctional Institution (Taylorsville, NC)

Comments of a Zen Abbot: The Inside Story of Making  
Lemonade. Sandy Gentei Stewart, North Carolina Zen Center  
Sosen-ji

A New Framework for Considering the Prison Explosion. Rev.  
Joe Ingle, United Church of Christ

Lunch  
12:30-2:00

### **Keynote Address**

2:00-3:30pm  
Buttrick 101

## **Mark L. Taylor**

Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Theology and  
Culture, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Author of *The Theological and the Political: On  
the Weight of the World* (2011) and *The Executed  
God: The Way of the Cross in Lockdown America*  
(2001)

3:30-4:00  
Coffee Break  
Buttrick Atrium

Saturday Afternoon Session II  
4:00-5:30

### **Critical Prison Pedagogy and its Political Dimensions**

Moderator: TBA  
Buttrick 205

“Punishment and Curing Through Culturally Relevant  
Curriculum,” Tria Andrews, University of California,  
Berkeley

“The Prison and the Parallel Polis: Staging Postsecular Pedagogy Through Redemptive Critical Theory,” Sol Neely, University of Alaska Southeast

Kyes Stevens, “Making a Map for Learning: The Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project,” Alabama Prison Arts and Education Project, Auburn University

“Building a Post-Secondary Education Program in the Prison: A Model for State Collaboration and Technology in the Prison Classroom,” Julie Doochin, College Program at Charles Bass Correctional Complex

Saturday Afternoon Session II  
4:00-5:30

**Teaching and Learning at Nashville Area Prisons**  
Moderator: Bruce Morrill  
Buttrick 206

Richard Goode, Lipscomb University  
Daniel Joranko, Adjunct Faculty, Vanderbilt University  
Divinity School  
Amy-Jill Levine, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity  
School  
Bruce Morrill, Professor, Vanderbilt University Divinity  
School

Saturday Afternoon Session II

**Carceral Geographies**

4:00-5:30

Moderator: TBA  
Buttrick 305

“Organizing for Freedom: Abolitionist Reforms and the Angola Special Civics Project,” Lydia Pelot-Hobbs, Graduate Center, City University of New York

“Demolition Futures: Camden’s Real Estate,” Mercy Romero, University of California, Berkeley

“The Prison 'Outside': A Rematerialization of the Prison in

the Everyday life of the Urban 'Million-Dollar Block,'"  
Brett Story, University of Toronto

### **Keynote Address**

8:00pm

Buttrick 101

## **Joy James**

Presidential Professor of Humanities and  
Professor of Political Science, University of  
Texas at Austin

Author of *Shadowboxing: Representations of  
Black Feminist Politics* (2002), *Resisting State  
Violence: Race, Gender and State Violence*  
(1996) and editor of *The New Abolitionists:  
(Neo) Slave Narratives and Contemporary Prison  
Writings* (2005), *Imprisoned Intellectuals*  
(2003), and *States of Confinement: Policing,  
Detention and Prisons* (2002)

### **Conference Reception**

Vanderbilt Divinity School Reading Room

9:30-11:00pm

## **SUNDAY, MAY 5**

8:30-9:00

Breakfast

Buttrick Atrium

Sunday Morning Session I

9:00-10:30

**Private Incarceration and Prisons in the Socio-Political  
Imaginary**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 205

“‘Criminal Aliens’ and the Critique of Private Incarceration,” Matt Whitt, Warren Wilson College

“The Political and Societal Impact of the Private Prison Industry,” Alex Friedmann, *Prison Legal News*

“The Intersection of Supermax Confinement and Politics in an Age of Fear,” Shela Van Ness, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

“Prison Rape as Revenge Fantasy” Nathaniel Heggins Bryant, University of Pittsburgh

Sunday Morning Session I

9:00-10:30

**REACH Coalition at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution**

Moderator: TBA

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Presenters TBA

Sunday Morning Session I

9:00-10:30

**Rethinking Prisoner Reentry**

Moderator: TBA

Buttrick 305

“Critical Perspectives on Prisoner Reentry,” Melissa Burch, University of Texas at Austin

“Beyond the Prison Walls: A Study of Ex-Offender Reentry in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” Kim Wilson, Temple University

“The Role of Broadband Access and Training in Philadelphia’s Prisoner Reentry Programs,” Jessica Crowell, Rutgers University

10:30-11:00

Coffee Break

**Concluding Plenary**

11:00-12:30pm

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**The Clemency Campaign for  
Abu Ali Abdur'Rahman**

Bradley A. MacLean, Tennessee Office of the  
Post-Conviction Offender

Linda Manning, Vanderbilt Center for  
Integrative Health

Sunday Afternoon Session I

2:00-3:30

**Prison Activism and Community Organizing**

Moderator: TBA

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Five Brim, Prison activist, Stop Stop and Frisk Campaign,  
NYC

Shirley Sims-Saldana, Metro Nashville Human Relations  
Commission

Clemmie Greenlee, Nashville Peace Makers

Sunday Afternoon Session I

2:00-3:30

**SALT Program at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution**

Moderator: TBA

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Presenters TBA

Sunday Afternoon Session I

2:00-3:30

**Critical Perspectives on The Death Penalty**

Moderator: TBA

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"The Death Row Syndrome," Megan Spatz, Independent  
filmmaker and Activist

“The Dangers of Talking (Only) About Truth – A Nietzschean Evaluation of Capital Punishment,” Adam Turk, Vanderbilt University

“Soulful Resistance: Theological Body Knowledge on Tennessee’s Death Row,” Andrew Krinks, Vanderbilt University

“Sins of the Fathers: The Impact of the Death Penalty on Prison Families,” Ann Charvat, The Next Right Thing (Nashville, TN)

Closing Remarks

3:30-3:45

Lisa Guenther, Vanderbilt University

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