

## DECARCERAL VISIONS CONFERENCE

September 22-23, 2023

UCLA School of Law, 385 Charles E. Young Drive East, Los Angeles, CA 90095

### AGENDA OVERVIEW

#### Friday, September 22, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm	<p><b>Registration, COVID Testing</b></p> <p><i>Shapiro Courtyard, UCLA Law School</i></p> <p>We request that all participants take a rapid COVID test at registration, or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken the morning of the event, and wear masks inside. COVID tests and masks will be available at the registration desk. <u>Please allow at least 30 minutes before the program starts to allow for testing and registration.</u></p> <p><u>If you are driving and parking, please allow at least 15 minutes for parking.</u></p>
7:00-9:00 pm	<b>Keynote Panel / Opening to Decarceral Visions Conference</b>

#### Saturday, September 23, 2023

8:00-9:00 am	<p><b>Registration, Breakfast, COVID Testing</b></p> <p><i>Shapiro Courtyard, UCLA Law School</i></p> <p>We request that all participants take a rapid COVID test at registration, or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken the morning of the event, and wear masks inside. COVID tests and masks will be available at the registration desk. <u>Please allow at least 30 minutes before the program starts to allow for testing and registration.</u></p> <p><u>If you are driving and parking, please allow at least 15 minutes for parking.</u></p>
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9:00-9:30 am	<b>Welcome, Opening, Icebreakers</b>			
9:30-10:45 am	<b>Plenary Panel: Another World Is Possible: Lessons from Campaigns to Repurpose Facilities and Plan for Just Transitions</b>			
11:00 am-12:00 pm	<b>Workshop 1A: Just Transitions for People and Communities Directly Impacted by Closure: Incarcerated and Detained People</b>	<b>Workshop 1B: Follow the Money: Understanding the Financing of Prisons, Jails, and Detention Centers</b>	<b>Workshop 1C: Envisioning a New Future: Community Planning and Architecture in Re-envisioning Carceral Sites and Preventing New Facilities</b>	
12:00-1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>			
1:00-2:00 pm	<b>Workshop 2A: Green Justice: Lessons from the Environmental Movement</b>	<b>Workshop 2B: Understanding Budgets and Fiscal Impact Statements for Carceral Closure 101</b>	<b>Workshop 2C: Lawyering and Carceral Closure Campaigns</b>	<b>Workshop 2D: Communications and Narrative Work for Carceral Closure</b>
2:15-3:15 pm	<b>Workshop 3A: Just Transitions for People and Communities Directly Impacted by Closure: Workers and Local Economies</b>	<b>Workshop 3B: Healing Bodies and Minds: Closing Prisons, Jails, and Detention Facilities: Public Health and Social Work Perspectives</b>	<b>Workshop 3C: Budget Advocacy for Carceral Closure and Just Transitions</b>	<b>Workshop 3D: Post-Release Needs and Housing</b>
3:30-4:30 pm	<b>SMALL GROUP BREAKOUTS</b>			
4:30-5:00 pm	<b>CLOSING</b>			

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*Shapiro Courtyard*

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- Welcome: Michael Waterstone, Dean, UCLA School of Law
- Nilson Barahona-Marriaga, ICEBreakers
- Shawnda Chapman, Ms. Foundation
- Ruthie Wilson Gilmore, City University of New York
- Ronald Marshall, VOTE
- Bianca Tylek, Worth Rises
- Deanna Van Buren, Designing Justice + Designing Spaces
- Judah Schept, Eastern Kentucky University (moderator)

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**9:00-9:30 Welcome and Opening**

- Kyler McVoy, UCLA Native American Law Student Association Co-President (Miami Tribe of Oklahoma)
- Alicia Virani, UCLA Criminal Justice Program
- Eunice Hyunhye Cho, ACLU National Prison Project

**9:30-10:45 PLENARY I: Another World Is Possible: Lessons from Campaigns to Repurpose Facilities and Plan for Just Transitions.**

With a multimedia presentation and a panel of experienced campaign organizers, this panel will discuss carceral closure campaigns, past and present, and discuss the

key opportunities and challenges for carceral closure and just transitions. Panelists will talk through different stages of their campaigns from inception to different lessons learned.

- Amaia Cook, Decarcerate KC
- Robyn Hasan, Women on the Rise
- Amber-Rose Howard, Californians United for a Responsible Budget
- Bob Libal, (formerly) Grassroots Leadership
- Nicole Porter, The Sentencing Project (moderator)

#### **11:00-12:00 WORKSHOP SESSION 1**

- **Workshop 1A: Just Transitions for People and Communities Directly Impacted by Closure: Incarcerated and Detained People**

This panel will discuss strategies to address the impact of facility closure on incarcerated and detained people and their families. What lessons have we learned from other facility closures, and what are alternatives and safeguards, including release planning and resources, to have in place?

- Antonio Gutierrez, Organized Communities Against Deportation
- Reuben Jones, Frontline Dads, Inc.
- Duane Palm, currently incarcerated at San Quentin Prison, CA
- Timothy Peoples, currently incarcerated at Wasco State Prison, CA
- Israel Salazar Villa, California Alliance for Youth and Community Justice
- Emmett Sanders, Prison Policy Initiative
- Marcela Hernandez, Detention Watch Network (moderator)

- **Workshop 1B: Follow the Money: Understanding the Financing of Prisons, Jails, and Detention Centers**

This panel will provide an overview of how to understand and research the financing of prisons, jails, and detention centers, and develop and propose fiscal alternatives to policymakers. Speakers will discuss how to understand municipal bonds and contracts for facilities. Panelists will discuss the racial justice components of monetization of carceral facilities, and strategies to expose and transform.

- Jacob Kang-Brown, Vera Institute
- Silky Shah, Detention Watch Network
- LaTonya Tate, Communities Not Prisons
- Christina Hollenback, Investor Circle (moderator)

- **Workshop 1C: Envisioning a New Future: Community Planning and Architecture in Re-envisioning Carceral Sites and Preventing New Facilities**

This panel will highlight campaigns for carceral closure, and the ways in which community-based planning and architecture processes have helped to shape the vision for repurposing plans and build power and evidence for the possibility of closure and repurposing. Panelists will discuss what community-based processes look like, and what questions and answers the process can provide.

- Inez Bordeaux, ArchCity Defenders
- Courtney Knapp, Pratt Institute
- Bryan Lee, Colloqate
- Bz Zhang (moderator)

**12:00-1:00 LUNCH (No programming)**

**1:00-2:00 WORKSHOP SESSION 2**

- **Workshop 2A: Green Justice: Lessons from the Environmental Movement**

The environmental movement has enjoyed significant recent victories with respect to green infrastructure development and policy, and rural economic development. Panelists from the environmental movement will identify and discuss tactics and policy vehicles that could help to support carceral repurposing and just transition plans; ways in which environmental issues may impact plans for carceral closure; and how plans for carceral closure can also further environmental justice.

- Sara Imperiale, Natural Resources Defense Council
- J.E. Martinez-Mazurek, Fight Toxic Prisons
- Idalmis Vaquero, Just Solutions
- Michaé la Cuadra, Budget2SaveLives (moderator)

- **Workshop 2B: Understanding Budgets and Fiscal Impact Statements for Carceral Closure 101**

This workshop will provide hands-on training to advocates interested in learning how to decode governmental budgets, use data science and fiscal projections, and utilize financial impact statements to make the case for closure of carceral facilities and prevent the construction of new facilities.

- Bea Halbach Singh, Vera Institute
- Jared Knowles, Civilytics
- Eunice Cho, ACLU National Prison Project (moderator)

- **Workshop 2C: Lawyering and Carceral Closure Campaigns**

This panel will discuss ways in which legal advocacy and litigation in carceral facilities can effectively support campaigns to close carceral facilities or prevent new construction. Panelists will discuss how they conceive of their role in wielding the law as a tool, touching

on harm reduction, abolition, and reformist reforms v. non-reformist reforms. They will also address how they approach their work in coalition/campaign spaces.

- Andrew Manuel Crespo, Harvard Law School
  - Salil Dudani, Civil Rights Corps
  - Tiffany Roberts, Southern Center for Human Rights
  - Hamid Yazdan Panah, Immigrant Defense Advocates
  - Alicia Virani, UCLA School of Law (moderator)
- ***Workshop 2D: Communications and Narrative Work for Carceral Closure***  
Narrative work and storytelling is instrumental in building support for carceral closure and just transitions. This dynamic presentation will provide examples of effective narrative strategies for carceral closure, preventing carceral expansion, and just transitions.
    - Faylita Hicks, writer and artist
    - Ashley Hunt, California Institute of the Arts
    - Victoria Law, journalist and author
    - Juan Prieto, Immigrant Legal Resource Center (moderator)

## **2:15-3:15      WORKSHOP SESSION 3**

- **Workshop 3A: Just Transitions for People and Communities Directly Impacted by Closure: Workers and Local Economies**

This panel will discuss strategies to address the impact of facility closure on workers and local economies. The panel will address perspectives of organized labor and economic redevelopment, as well as strategies learned from other transitions. This panel will discuss ways in which we can develop plans to assess transferable skills and training, and ensure just and sustainable transitions for local economies.

- Eddie Torres, Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice
  - Tracey Corder, Action Center on Race and the Economy
  - Kelcey Duggan, Community Resource Hub for Safety and Accountability
  - Hanna Love, Brookings Institution
  - Saul Sarabia, UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (moderator)
- **Workshop 3B: Healing Bodies and Minds: Closing Prisons, Jails, and Detention Facilities: Public Health and Social Work Perspectives**  
This panel will discuss health-based strategies to closure campaigns. Panelists will discuss approaches rooted in public health and how to navigate the tensions between advocating for improved conditions while also fighting for closure. The workshop will also focus on new proposals for building community health infrastructure to replace reliance on prisons and policing.

- Christine Mitchell, Human Impact Partners
  - Zy'aire Nassirah, TGI Justice Project
  - Eric Reinhart, Collaborative for Community Wellness, Northwestern University
  - Shamsheer Samra, UCLA Medical School
  - Sunita Patel, UCLA School of Law (moderator)
- **Workshop 3C: Budget Advocacy for Carceral Closure and Just Transitions.**  
 Budget advocacy has become a critical tool to advance carceral closure and prevent the construction of new facilities. This panel will feature campaigns to address government budgets, lessons learned, and strategies that can be duplicated in other locations.
    - Brian Kaneda, Californians United for a Responsible Budget
    - Luis Nolasco, ACLU of Southern California
    - Emily Posner, Voice of the Experienced
    - Jasmine Heiss (moderator)
  - **Workshop 3D: Post-Release Needs and Housing**  
 Successful transitions from prisons and jails requires the necessary foundation of safe, healthy, equitable and sustainable housing. This session looks at the challenges - as well as opportunities - faced by advocates of carceral closure when collaborating with housing developers and architects on re-entry housing efforts. This session will unpack a number of reentry housing complexities by centering systems-impacted voices to: provide insight on successful re-entry housing campaigns; illuminate affordable housing development processes for community-based organizations; and examine what a healthy, robust community engagement process looks like.
    - Lisa Bates, Portland State University
    - Shelley Davis Roberts, Designing Justice + Designing Spaces
    - Gail Yen, Root and Rebound
    - Toya Vick, Starting Over, Inc.
    - Alex Salazar, Salazar Architecture (moderator)

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