

DECARCERAL VISIONS CONFERENCE

CONFERENCIA DE VISIONES DECARCERALES

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023
22-23 SEPTIEMBRE, 2023

WWW.DECARCERALVISIONS.ORG



Artwork courtesy of Brian Hindson

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>Registration, COVID Testing <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 registration. <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	<p>Keynote Panel / Opening to Decarceral Visions Conference <i>Room 1347; Room 1357 (overflow)</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/86713770879</p>

Saturday, September 23, 2023

8:00-9:00 am	<p>Registration, Breakfast, COVID Testing <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 registration. <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>
9:00-9:30 am	<p>Welcome, Opening, Icebreakers <i>Room 1347; Room 1357 (overflow)</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/88062667935</p>
9:30-10:45 am	<p>Plenary Panel: Another World Is Possible: Lessons from Campaigns to Repurpose Facilities and Plan for Just Transitions <i>Room 1347; Room 1357 (overflow)</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/88062667935</p>

11:00 am-12:00 pm	Workshop 1A: Just Transitions for People and Communities Directly Impacted by Closure: Incarcerated and Detained People <i>Room 1347</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/84426483135	Workshop 1B: Follow the Money: Understanding the Financing of Prisons, Jails, and Detention Centers <i>Room 1357</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/81020003192	Workshop 1C: Envisioning a New Future: Community Planning and Architecture in Re-envisioning Carceral Sites and Preventing New Facilities <i>Room 1430</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/83192191087?pwd=YjFONkRrSmg4MjQvOVhNbE0rMGpXQT09	
12:00-1:00 pm	LUNCH <i>Shapiro Courtyard, UCLA Law School</i>			
1:00-2:00 pm	Workshop 2A: Green Justice: Lessons from the Environmental Movement <i>Room 1347</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/85784843046	Workshop 2B: Understanding Budgets and Fiscal Impact Statements for Carceral Closure 101 <i>Room 1357</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/87468627627	Workshop 2C: Lawyering and Carceral Closure Campaigns <i>Room 1457</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/83474971777?pwd=eS81UkNlNRDEzNS9Ea3dBZ1Y3dGN3UT09	Workshop 2D: Communications and Narrative Work for Carceral Closure <i>Room 1430</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/88229888612?pwd=TjAxRDVzYklyMTVXkzY3NjJlSVGFJQT09
2:15-3:15 pm	Workshop 3A: Just Transitions for People and Communities Directly Impacted by Closure: Workers and Local Economies <i>Room 1347</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/83454645295	Workshop 3B: Healing Bodies and Minds: Closing Prisons, Jails, and Detention Facilities: Public Health and Social Work Perspectives <i>Room 1357</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/85411685133	Workshop 3C: Budget Advocacy for Carceral Closure and Just Transitions <i>Room 1457</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/84585617971?pwd=R09ZMzFVTTVUNGZmZ3k3U1gwclpxdz09	Workshop 3D: Post-Release Needs and Housing <i>Room 1430</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/82088137714?pwd=OUphNnZrbWtCbUh2aUQzZDk2MzZ2dz09
3:30-4:30 pm	SMALL GROUP BREAKOUTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 1: Room 2357 • Topic 2: Room 2448 • Topic 3: Room 2467 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic 12: Room 1347 • Topic 13: Room 1357 </div> <div style="width: 45%;"></div> </div>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic 4: Room 1327• Topic 5: Room 1337• Topic 6: Room 1314• Topic 7: Room 1447• Topic 8: Room 1457• Topic 9: Room 2442• Topic 10: Room 2477• Topic 11: Room 2483 <p>No webcast</p>
4:30-5:00 pm	<p>CLOSING <i>Room 1347; Room 1357 (overflow)</i> https://aclu.zoom.us/j/85710710247</p>

DECARCERAL VISIONS CONFERENCE

September 22-23, 2023

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

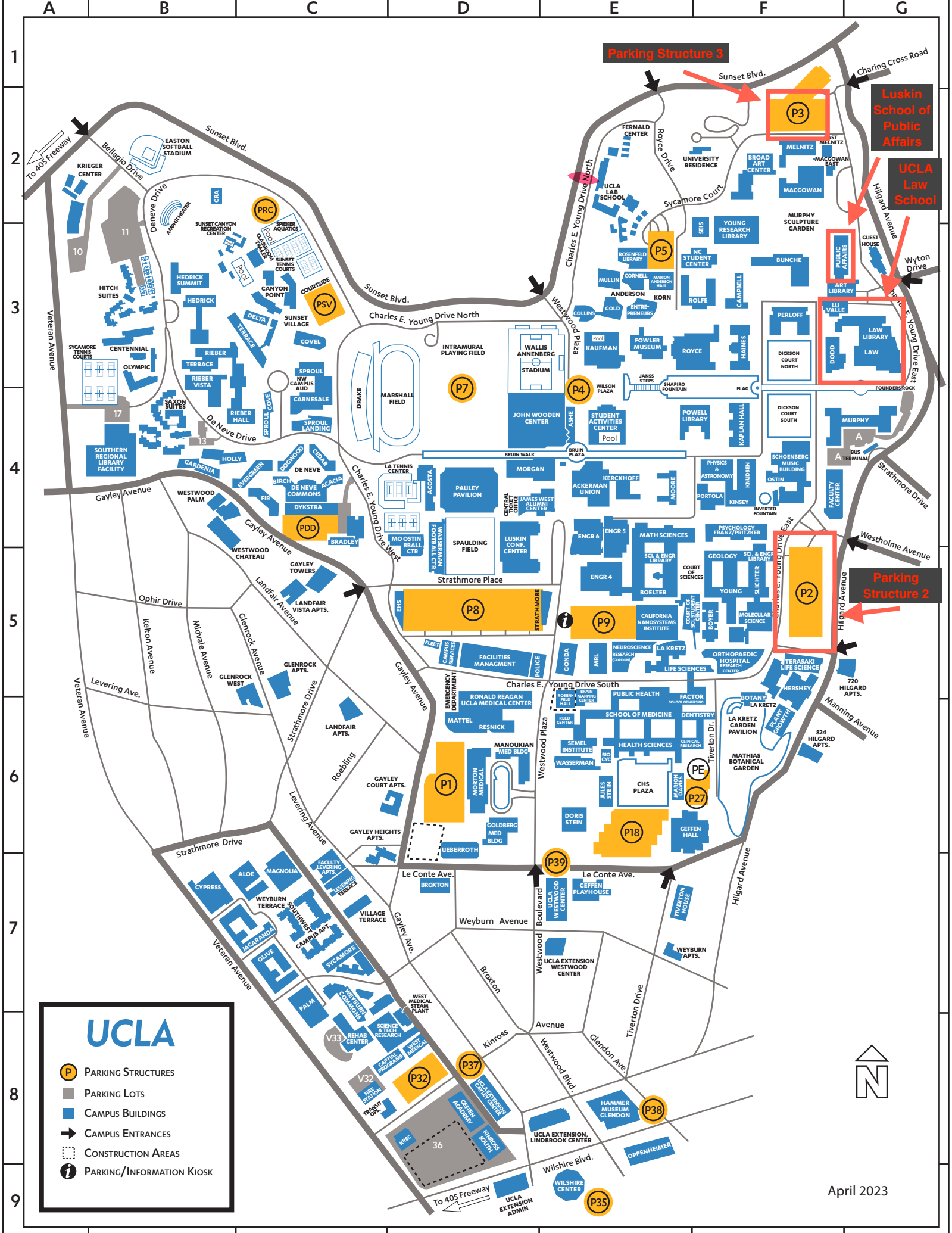
LOGISTICS

- **COVID-19 Protocols**
 - Before the conference:
 - Participants are strongly encouraged to receive COVID vaccines or boosters before the event.
 - If you have been exposed to COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19, or have symptoms of COVID-19 within 3 days prior to the event, please refrain from attending in person.
 - During the conference:
 - We request that all participants take a rapid COVID test at registration. Please allow at least 30 minutes before the program starts to allow for testing and registration. COVID tests will be available at the registration desk.
 - We request that all participants wear a mask at all times when indoors (other than while eating, drinking, or presenting). Masks will be available at the registration desk.
 - After the conference:
 - If you become sick with COVID-19 or find that you were infected/infectious during the conference, please notify decarceralvisionsconference@aclu.org. The conference will notify all in-person participants if anyone was infected during the conference (without identifying the person).
- **Closed captioning.** Closed captioning is available at the conference. The following sessions will be available by manual closed captioning in English at <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=DecarceralVisions>. These panels include the Keynote, Welcome/Opening, and Plenary Panel, Workshops 1B, 2D, and 3C, and the Closing. Closed captioning for other workshops will be available via zoom auto closed captioning. Zoom weblinks are available in the agenda overview.
- **Conference materials.** Conference materials and presentations are available at: <https://bit.ly/44H6JDj>, or at the QR code to the right. If you would like to add materials to the folders, please send a pdf to decarceralvisionsconference@aclu.org.
- **Interpretation/translation.** Spanish language interpretation is available at the conference and over zoom. Please pick up a headset at the table near registration if you need interpretation. Spanish translations of all materials displayed during the conference will also be provided at the interpretation table and in the conference materials folder.



- **Lactation room.** A lactation room is available at the Law School for nursing parents in Room 2450. Please ask at the Registration Table for the key/directions.
- **Meals and Beverages.** Breakfast and lunch will be provided in the Shapiro Courtyard. Coffee and other beverages will be available between sessions.
- **Microphone use.** We request that all conference speakers and participants (including during question and answer sessions) speak slowly and clearly into microphones at all times to ensure accessibility for all participants. Speaking into microphones is essential to closed-captioning, Spanish language interpreters, and for remote participants over zoom.
- **Overflow seating.** Due to overwhelming demand, we have expanded in-person attendance beyond the original estimated number. Even more people will be participating remotely, as conference participation has reached even the expanded capacity. However, due to size limitations at the law school, overflow seating is necessary at plenary sessions. We appreciate everyone's solidarity and patience in accommodating this seating arrangement.
- **Parking.** Self-service, pay-by-space parking is available from pay stations located throughout campus. Pay-by-space parking closest to the Law Building is available at selected entrances to parking structures 2 and 3, and by the Law Building along Charles E. Young Drive East. Price typically ranges from \$1 for 20 minutes to \$20 for all day. We recommend that you allow at least 15 minutes for parking.
- **Photography.** The conference will be photographed and the livestream will be recorded. By participating, conference attendees grant their consent to be photographed, video, or audio recorded and that the conference hosts may reproduce media of their appearance, likeness, and voice, and release and waive claims to the use of recorded media from the conference. If you do not want to be photographed, please obtain a "No Photo" tag at the registration desk and wear it during the conference.
- **Quiet/Reflection Room.** Room 2473 on the first floor has been designated a quiet time/rest space for the conference. Please feel free to use this room if needed.
- **Restrooms.** A number of restrooms are available at UCLA Law School, as indicated on the building map. The restrooms next to Room 1447 are designated as all-gender restrooms; the restrooms next to Room 2491 are gender neutral.
- **Restaurants.** A list of on-campus restaurants is available at: <https://www.asucla.ucla.edu/locations>. Restaurants near the law school include Café 451, Lualle Commons, Anderson Café, and Northern Lights Café. A number of restaurants are also located in nearby Westwood Village. The Bruin Bus is available to reach Westwood Village. See: <https://transportation.ucla.edu/getting-around-campus/bruinbus>.

- **Webcast.** The conference will be webcast over zoom and will be recorded. Links will be provided via email to all remote participants in advance of the conference.
- **Wheelchair accessibility.** The UCLA School of Law facility is wheelchair accessible.
- **Wifi.** Wifi is available at: UCLA_WEB. There is no password needed.



Luskin School of Public Affairs
UCLA Law School

Parking Structure 3

Parking Structure 2

UCLA

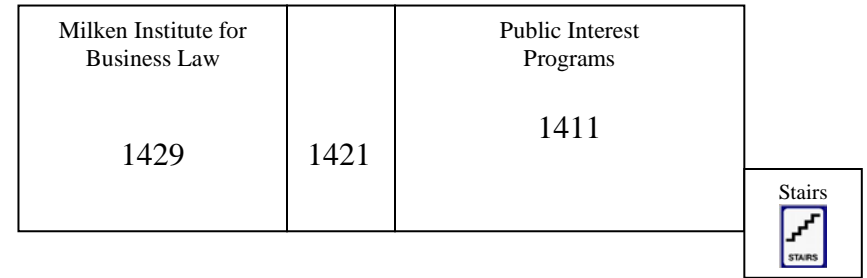
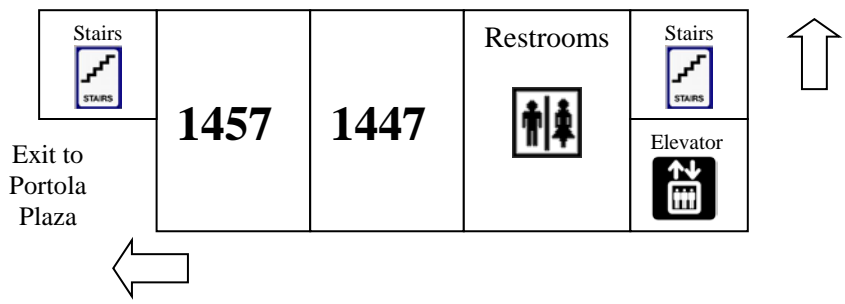
- P PARKING STRUCTURES
- PARKING LOTS
- CAMPUS BUILDINGS
- ➔ CAMPUS ENTRANCES
- CONSTRUCTION AREAS
- i PARKING/INFORMATION KIOSK



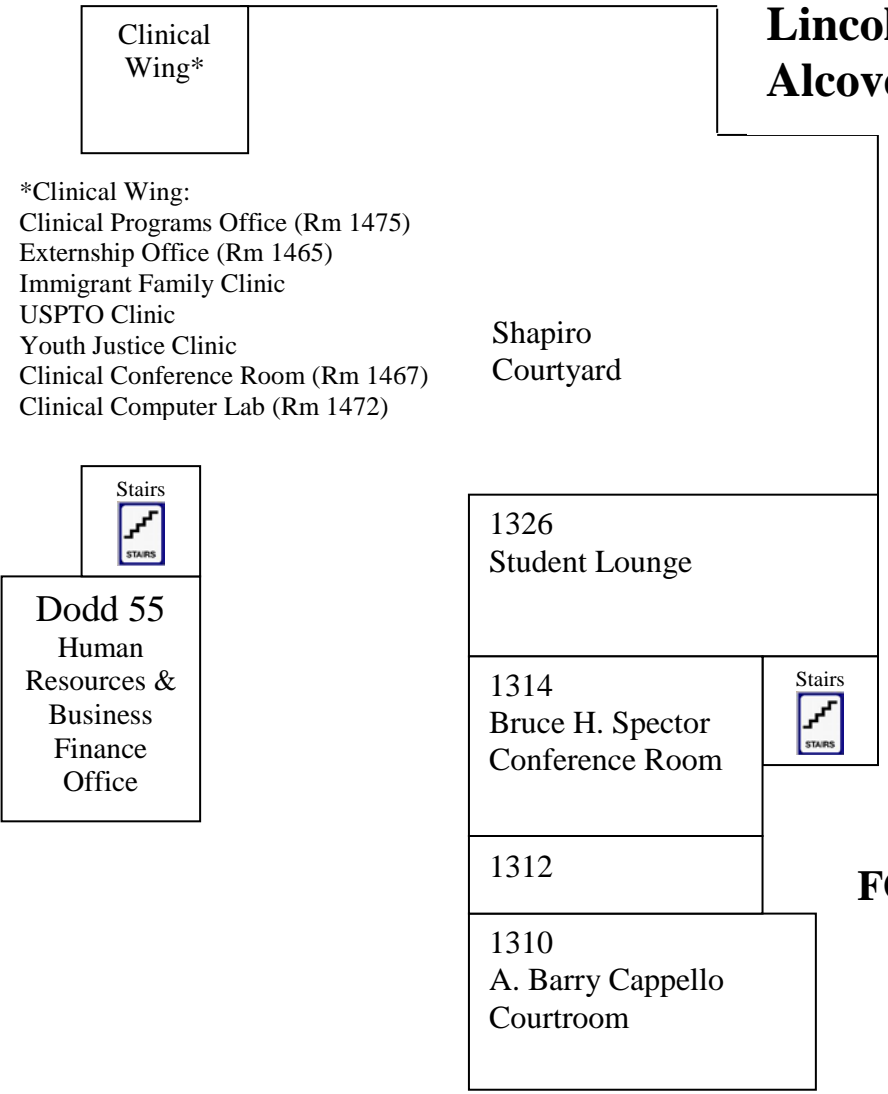
April 2023

1st Floor – Law School

Accessible Path of Travel  Exit to Wyton Drive




Lincoln Alcove

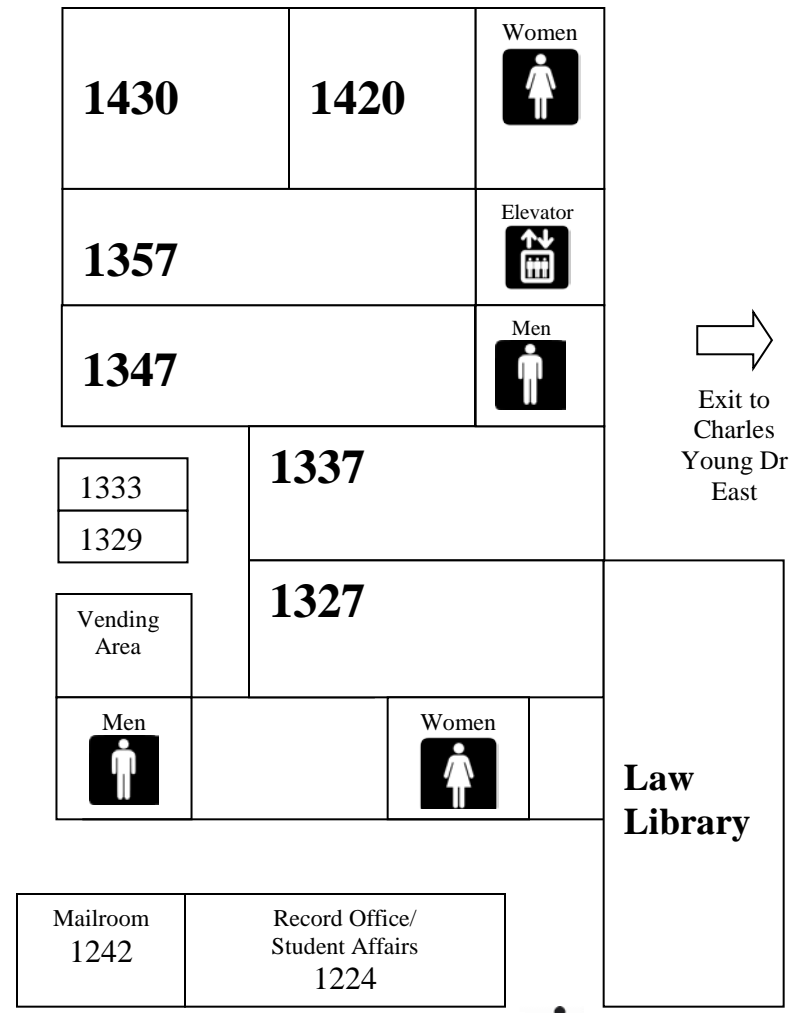



*Clinical Wing:
 Clinical Programs Office (Rm 1475)
 Externship Office (Rm 1465)
 Immigrant Family Clinic
 USPTO Clinic
 Youth Justice Clinic
 Clinical Conference Room (Rm 1467)
 Clinical Computer Lab (Rm 1472)







FOYER


Exit to Front of Law School 












Accessible Path of Travel 

2nd Floor – Law



Stairs 	2483 - 2481	2467	Restrooms 	Stairs 
				Elevator 

2455-2437	Globalization & Labor Standards Program 2435	2431
	2420	
Stairs 		

2491 - 2495	 	2484 - 2454	Criminal Justice 2354
	Gender Neutral		
Stairs 	2490	Dean's Conference Room 2346	Dean's VIP Guest Office 2350
	2494		
Emmett Institute for Climate Change & the Environment 2498		Dean's Office 2332	Locker Room 2245
		Stairs 	

2357	2450 Nursing Room	2448	2442	Women 	Elevator 
				Men 	
				2404A-2426	
Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation & the Law 2243		Women 	Men 		

Communications Office 2246 - 2242	Critical Race Studies 2240 - 2238	Visiting Scholars and International & Comparative Law Programs 2234	Promise Institute 2230	2226 - 2214
				2115 - 2101

Stairs 
Elevator 
Law and Philosophy Program 2102

DECARCERAL VISIONS CONFERENCE

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Conference Steering Committee

Eunice Cho, ACLU National Prison Project; Jasmine Heiss; Marcela Hernandez, Detention Watch Network; Nicole Porter, Sentencing Project; Judah Schept, Professor, Eastern Kentucky University; Alicia Virani, UCLA School of Law; Monica Smith, Vera Institute of Justice; Kyle Virgien, ACLU National Prison Project; Samantha Weaver, ACLU National Prison Project. Thanks to Maurice BP-Weeks, of Interrupting Criminalization, for his planning support.

Organizational Sponsors

American Civil Liberties Union, Detention Watch Network, the Sentencing Project, Vera Institute of Justice, UCLA School of Law's Criminal Justice Program, UCLA School of Law's Prison Law and Policy Program, UCLA School of Law's Criminal Justice Law Review.

Funding Support

Many thanks to the Langeloth Foundation; the Emergent Fund; the Proteus Fund; the ACLU of Northern California; Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP; Lovey & Loevy; and the Prison Law Office for their generous support of the conference. Thanks to the Borealis Foundation for travel support of its grantees to attend the conference.

Thanks to the following UCLA sponsors for financial support of the conference: UCLA School of Law's Criminal Justice Program; UCLA School of Law's Prison Law & Policy Program; UCLA School of Law's Veterans Justice Clinic; UCLA School of Law's Critical Race Studies Program; UCLA School of Law's Center for Immigration Law & Policy; UCLA Institute on Inequality and Democracy; UCLA Center for the Study of Women; UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute; UCLA Resnick Center for Food Law & Policy; UCLA Carceral Ecologies Lab; UCLA Luskin-Urban Planning; UCLA Institute of American Cultures; UCLA Disability Studies Minor; UCLA Promise institute for Human Rights; UCLA Law Health Law & Policy Program.

Artist

Artwork for the conference design, *Yellow Flowers*, courtesy and copyright Brian Hindson. Brian Hindson is an artist and writer whose work is published by the Justice Arts Coalition. He is currently incarcerated in Texas.

Conference Support

Thanks to UCLA School of Law students Hannah Kim, free Pierre, and Kerry Rork for their support in planning the conference. Thanks to the members of the UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review and UCLA Law student volunteers for providing conference logistics support, including Asmaa Ahmed, Lubna Alsagga, Maria Beaucage, Sarah Boyle, Nora Browning, Romeo Connors, Whitney Forbis, Jet Harbeck, Hannah Kim, Alanna McNaughton, Emma Molitor, Alexandra

Newsom, Ambika Niggihalli, Anna Norkett, Peter Nyberg, free Pierre, Elizabeth Pring, Kerry Rork, Eric Tien, and Dan Wetterhahn. Thanks to faculty assistants Chris Hsieh and Taylor Rossi.

Special thanks to Wade Carney and Brian Hatcher for A/V support.

Interpretation: Alexia Veytia-Rubio, Jen Elena Hofer, Javi Infante Varas, Nayra Pacheco, Sheila Rosales Hong

Translation: Constantin Dascal

Closed Captioning: Ennis Captioning

Special Thanks:

David Fathi, Jessica Carns, ACLU National Prison Project; Amelia Adsley, Jon Blazer, Sarah Bleviss, Candace Brown, Douglas De Jesus, Stephen Demo, Sophia Ebanks, Sheena Fallon, Karen Goldman, Anne Hackett, Omar Jadwat, Kyle Jean-Pierre, qainat khan, Aaron Madrid Aksoz, Vik Malhotra, Lauren Ng Lee, Michelle Ngo, Brucie Rosch, Pavel Sanchez, Johanna Silver, Emmanuel von Schack, Nina Yabut, ACLU; Bree Bernwanger, ACLU of Northern California; Kara Gotsch, Dan Barash, Heather Koslov, The Sentencing Project; Mar Golub and Courtney Hanson, California Coalition for Women Prisoners; Wendy Jason, Justice Arts Coalition.

UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review: Call for Papers

The UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review (CJLR) will be seeking submissions for publication in Volume 8 from law students, academics, policymakers, practitioners, advocates, activists, and people who have been impacted by the criminal legal system. We are currently reviewing submissions, and therefore encourage authors to submit pieces as soon as possible as we make offers of publication on a rolling basis.

The Criminal Justice Law Review focuses on current topics in criminal law, policy, and practice. We seek to develop forward-thinking discourse on criminal justice by publishing articles, editorials, interviews, and nontraditional pieces from all those who have been impacted by the system or seek to understand and improve it. Accordingly, we invite submissions from a diverse range of contributors. There is no page minimum or limit for consideration. We are currently published in Lexis and HeinOnline, and we'll soon be in Westlaw.

CJLR's Annual Symposium: Decarceral Visions

As you know as a participant of the conference, CJLR is co-hosting its annual symposium—alongside the UCLA Law Criminal Justice Program, the ACLU, Detention Watch Network, the Sentencing Project, and Vera Institute of Justice—on the topic *Decarceral Visions* designed to convene organizers and practitioners to address important questions that come up in the work to close or prevent the construction of jails, prisons, and immigration detention centers. Accordingly, we are especially interested in publishing works that pertain to the issue of decarceration, though we encourage and accept submissions on any issues which advance discourse in the field of criminal justice.

Submission Guidelines

Please email your submission or paper abstract of up to two (2) pages, brief bio, curriculum vitae/resume, and contact information as a single Word or PDF attachment to cjlr@lawnet.ucla.edu by Friday, September 29, 2023. If we accept your paper for publication, we will need the full draft by Monday, October 30, 2023.

More Information

Please contact UCLA CJLR at cjlr@lawnet.ucla.edu for more information about this call for papers.

We look forward to receiving your submission!

DECARCERAL VISIONS CONFERENCE

September 22-23, 2023

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

DETAILED AGENDA

Friday, September 22, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm Registration, COVID Testing

Shapiro Courtyard

7:00-9:00 pm Keynote Panel / Opening to Decarceral Visions Conference

Room 1347; Room 1357 (overflow), <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/86713770879>

- Land acknowledgment: free Pierre, Student, UCLA School of Law
- 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)

Saturday, September 23, 2023

8:00-9:00 Registration, Breakfast, COVID Testing

Shapiro Courtyard

9:00-9:30 Welcome and Opening

Room 1347; Room 1357 (overflow), <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/88062667935>

- 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.

Room 1347; Room 1357 (overflow), <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/88062667935>

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**

Room 1347, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/84426483135>

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 Wasco State Prison, CA
- Timothy Peoples, currently incarcerated at San Quentin 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**

Room 1357, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/81020003192>

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**

Room 1430, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/83192191087?pwd=YjFONkRrSmg4MjQvOVhNbE0rMGpXQT09>

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, Design as Protest collective (moderator)

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

Shapiro Courtyard

1:00-2:00 WORKSHOP SESSION 2

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

Room 1347, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/85784843046>

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**

Room 1357, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/87468627627>

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**

Room 1457, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/83474971777?pwd=eS81UkNNRDEzNS9Ea3dBZ1Y3dGN3UT09>

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**

Room 1430, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/88229888612?pwd=TjAxRDVzYklyMTVXKzY3NjJSVGFJQT09>

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**

Room 1347, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/83454645295>

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**

Room 1357, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/85411685133>

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.**

Room 1457, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/84585617971?pwd=R09ZMzFVTTVUNGZmZ3k3U1gwclpxdz09>

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**

Room 1430, <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/82088137714?pwd=OUpHNnZrbWtCbUh2aUQzZDk2MzZ2dz09>

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)

3:30-4:30 SMALL GROUP BREAKOUTS

If you have an idea for a small group breakout topic, please add it to the sign-up sheet by the Registration Desk before 2:30 pm. **No webcast.**

- Topic 1: Organizing with detained and incarcerated people, Room 2357
- Topic 2: Policy advocacy for just transitions, Room 2448
- Topic 3: Academic research for just transitions from carceral economies, Room 2467
- Topic 4: Room 1327
- Topic 5: Room 1337
- Topic 6: Room 1314
- Topic 7: Room 1447
- Topic 8: Room 1457
- Topic 9: Room 2442
- Topic 10: Expert consultation: individual appointments with experts, Room 2477
- Topic 11: Room 2483
- Topic 12: Room 1347
- Topic 13: Room 1357

4:30-5:00 CLOSING

Room 1347; Room 1357 (overflow), <https://aclu.zoom.us/j/85710710247>

DECARCERAL VISIONS CONFERENCE

September 22-23, 2023

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

SPEAKER BIOS

Nilson Barahona is a human rights activist and immigrant originally from Honduras. He was previously incarcerated at the Irwin County immigrant detention center and organized inside, including being part of hunger strikes, demanding free them all and the shutdown of the facility. Upon release, he founded The ICEBreakers, a collective of people who have been directly impacted by immigrant detention. He organizes with various coalitions in Georgia, including Shut Down Folkston Coalition and nationally with Detention Watch Network to end detention. He is featured in *The Facility*, a documentary that offers a glimpse into immigrant detention.

Lisa K. Bates, Ph.D. is Professor at Portland State University in the Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning and in Black Studies. Her scholarship focuses on housing and urban policy and planning, using participatory action research as part of organizing for racial justice and housing rights. Dr. Bates' practice at the intersection of art, urban planning, and radical geographic thought urges developing new visions of Black history, present, and possibility, and has been recognized with a Creative Capital fellowship.

Inez Bordeaux (She/Her) is a nurse, organizer, abolitionist, and mother of four from St. Louis. She is currently the Manager of Community Collaborations at ArchCity Defenders, a holistic legal advocacy organization where she is the lead organizer of the Close the Workhouse campaign focused to closing the infamous Medium Security Institute aka the Workhouse and the Defund. Re-envision. Transform. campaign that works to defund SLMPD and invest those resources into the people and communities that need it the most.

Shawnda Chapman is the Director of Innovative Grantmaking and Research at the Ms. Foundation for Women. Throughout her personal and professional journey, her efforts have been dedicated to addressing inequality and injustice with a specific emphasis on amplifying the voices and experiences of marginalized communities. Previously, Shawnda played a pivotal role on the Ending Girls' Incarceration Initiative at Vera Institute of Justice. She also directed the Beyond the Bars Fellowship at Columbia University. She holds a BA and MS from Hunter College and is pursuing a Doctorate from The Graduate Center at the City University of New York.

Eunice Hyunhye Cho is a Senior Staff Attorney at the ACLU National Prison Project. Her work focuses challenging unconstitutional conditions in U.S. immigration detention facilities and ending immigration detention. Eunice litigates cases for detained immigrants and incarcerated people, and she most recently led the ACLU's nationwide litigation campaign to release immigrants from detention during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has authored numerous widely-cited reports regarding the immigration detention system and alternatives to jailing. Eunice has

worked in the fight for immigrant and racial justice for over 20 years; prior to becoming an attorney, Eunice was an immigrant rights movement organizer.

Amaia Cook (she/her) is an organizer and educator from Kansas City, MO with training in ministry and transformative justice. Her passion lies in fostering movements to drive meaningful change. Amaia is the co-founder and organizer of Decarcerate KC, an organization mobilizing community power in Kansas City around policing and incarceration. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Literature and Classics from Washington University. Amaia furthered her education with a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, delving into African American Religions and abolition theology. Her writings have appeared in various publications including Truthout, the Kansas City Defender, and Community Alliance.

Tracey Corder is an activist, organizer, strategist, communicator, facilitator and trainer. In her 15 years of professional experience, Tracey has run electoral, issue and cultural shifting campaigns. Tracey has recently supported the publication of two major reports, designed and led trainings on the intersection between policing and Wall Street, and co-created New Black City which combined visionary storytelling and participatory budgeting using an invest/divest frame. Tracey has supported Black-led organizations in developing justice transformation campaigns through facilitation, visioning and campaign planning.

Andrew Manuel Crespo is a professor at Harvard Law School, a founding editor of Inquest, and the Executive Faculty Director of the Institute to End Mass Incarceration. A national expert on criminal law and policy, his scholarship and public writings examine how the power structures and legal frameworks of the American penal system combine to produce the systems of carceral harm and oppression known as mass incarceration. Prior to joining the legal academy, Andrew served as a trial attorney with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, where he represented over one hundred clients facing criminal charges.

Shelley Davis Roberts is the Studio Director at DJDS. Originally from Las Vegas, Nevada, Shelley earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Spelman College and a Master of Architecture from UC Berkeley. She has 25 years of comprehensive experience in all phases of architectural design and project management on various project types from housing to sacred spaces. Her multi-disciplinary interests guide her work as a visual and performing artist, collaborating recently with House/Full of Black Women. Shelley is a former President for the San Francisco Chapter of NOMA and former City College of San Francisco Architecture and Diversity instructor.

Michaé De La Cuadra (they/she) navigates this world sin género. She is a community organizer and artist born and raised in Los Angeles, California (Tongva Land) with roots in México and Ecuador. Her work envisions a future free of gender-based violence and imagines the possibilities of divesting from our current oppressive systems. She has explored multiple mediums to work toward this world such as visual art, music, and policy change at local, state and national levels. She has worked to pass policies related to sex work decriminalization, trans detention and incarceration, housing for trans women, healthcare access, and much more.

Salil Dudani is an attorney at Civil Rights Corps who litigates money bail and other abuses in the criminal punishment system. He is counsel in *Urquidi v. Los Angeles*, a challenge to LA's use of cash bail schedules. Before joining CRC, Salil was a Trial Attorney at Federal Defenders of San Diego, where he represented individuals accused of federal "crimes" in order to flee violence and poverty. Salil is a graduate of Yale Law School. His writing has been published in the *Yale Law Journal* and in *Defending a Federal Criminal Case*, a practice guide for federal criminal defense attorneys.

Kelcey Duggan (they/them) is a senior research associate at the Community Resource Hub for Safety and Accountability and based in Philadelphia. They have a background in public policy, research, and organizing related to criminalization of marginalization (race, gender, sexual orientation, class, etc.). Their published work focuses on the obstacles posed by police associations ("unions"), as well as how challenging this source of power relates to and benefits organized labor. They also provide research assistance related to police contracts, divesting from policing, building litigation against police associations, and other topics related to law enforcement on the local, state, and Federal levels.

Ruthie Wilson Gilmore is an abolitionist, scholar, and organizer. She teaches in the PhD program of Earth and Environmental Sciences, and directs the Center for Place, Culture, and Politics at CUNY. Gilmore is co-founder of many grassroots organizations including California Prison Moratorium Project (1998), Critical Resistance (1998), Central California Environmental Justice Network (2001), and Californians United for a Responsible Budget (2003). Author of *Abolition Geography: Essays Towards Liberation* (2022), and *Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California* (2007), her awards include the Lannan Cultural Freedom Prize (2020) and Marguerite Casey Freedom Scholar (2022).

Antonio Gutierrez, pronouns they/them, is an undocumented anti-displacement community organizer who has lived in Chicago for over 20 years. Gutierrez is one of the co-founders and current Strategic Coordinator for Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD). Gutierrez has organized direct actions, community forums, and national convenings. Gutierrez has over 10 years of non-profit administration & development experience, a degree in Architecture from Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) and is also a co-founder of the Albany Park Defense Network, La Guayabita Autonomia Community Garden and the Autonomous Tenants Union.

Bea Halbach-Singh is a senior research associate for Vera's Jails Team, where she conducts research on the social and economic implications of investment in carceral systems. As part of her work, Bea studies local jail, court, and budget data to help communities understand the impacts of incarceration. Before joining Vera, Bea worked as an evaluation specialist with the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. Bea holds a BA in economics and Asian studies with a minor in Mandarin from the University of Texas at Austin and an MPAff from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Robyn Hasan started with Women on the Rise, becoming the Executive Director in January 2022. After 10 years in prison, she fights to reform the criminal legal system through the Closing and Repurposing the Atlanta City Detention Center. Since coming home she started a Women on the Rise Inside Group where women currently incarcerated learn about organizing. She is an alumni of JustLeadershipUSA, Women Transcending Collective Leadership, & Women Organizing for Justice & Opportunity, and a Board Member of Reverse the Cycle of Incarceration. Featured in numerous magazine articles, most notable has been Time Magazine, talking about voting disenfranchisement.

Jasmine Heiss built and directed the Vera Institute of Justice's In Our Backyards Initiative, a national movement to end mass incarceration in smaller cities and rural communities. She worked with organizers across the country to prevent jail expansion, reduce arrests and bail, and shift investments. Prior to joining Vera, Jasmine was the Deputy Director of The Coalition for Public Safety and a Senior Campaigner at Amnesty International USA. She worked alongside organizers and litigators to win reparations for police torture survivors and secure the release of Herman Wallace and Albert Woodfox of the Angola 3. Jasmine is a JD Candidate at Columbia Law.

Marcela Hernandez is the Organizing and Membership Director at Detention Watch Network, a national network of 90+ organizations working to abolish immigrant detention in the US. She leads DWN's national Communities not Cages Campaign which gives organizing, communications and advocacy support to longstanding and new local campaigns to shut down detention centers, stop expansion and proliferation, while building a nationally coordinated strategy to Free them All and most recently for just transitions. She has more than a decade of organizing experience, previously working at Public Council, CRLN, IDEPSCA and with involvement in immigrant youth-led organizations including OCAD and IYC.

Faylita Hicks (she/they) is a queer Afro-Latinx activist, writer, and interdisciplinary artist. Born in South Central California and raised in Central Texas, they use their intersectional experiences to advocate for the rights of BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ people by interpreting policy's impact on the individual using poetry, music, performance, and digital art. They are the author of HoodWitch (Acre Books, 2019), a finalist for the 2020 Lambda Literary Award for Bisexual Poetry, the forthcoming poetry collection A Map of My Want (Haymarket Books, 2024), and debut memoir about their carceral experience A Body of Wild Light (Haymarket Books, 2025).

Christina Hollenback, founder and CEO of Justice Capital, helps investors align their capital with their values. She's led investors representing over \$35 billion to stop investing in prisons and extractive oil companies, towards more equitable and resilient investments in BIPOC and systems-impacted communities. She founded the Investor Circle Toward Decarceration and is founding chair of the NEXUS Working Group Toward Equal Justice after 13 years in politics and social justice movement building. Hollenback's work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Bloomberg*, the *Financial Times*, CNN, and more. She's a featured speaker at conferences and convenings on impact investment.

Amber-Rose Howard is a poet, public speaker and organizer from Pomona, CA. Experiencing a felony conviction as a young adult propelled Amber-Rose into a lifetime commitment of organizing against the Prison Industrial Complex and building up the power of Black people and all others impacted by state violence and racial capitalism. She earned a BA in Communication Studies from California State University, San Bernardino, and graduated from the Women's Policy Institute Fellowship. Amber-Rose is the Executive Director of CURB, or Californians United for a Responsible Budget.

Ashley Hunt is an artist and writer, and is faculty at the California Institute of the Arts. His works include *Corrections Documentary Project*, *Prison Maps*, *A World Map in Which We See...*, *Notes on the Emptying of a City*, and *Degrees of Visibility*. Hunt works in dialogue with movement-building organizations, including Critical Resistance, California Coalition for Women Prisoners, Citizens for Quality Education, Southerners on New Ground, and Friends and Family of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children. His works have shown in community centers, prisons, and museums, and his writings include the book, *Notes on the Emptying of a City*.

Sara E. Imperiale (she/her) is a Senior Attorney and Litigation Director of the Environment, Equity & Justice Center at the Natural Resources Defense Council, where she leads litigation and other advocacy to combat environmental hazards in partnership with low-income communities of color and environmental justice coalitions. Sara teaches as an Adjunct Professor at New York University School of Law and a Visiting Clinical Lecturer at Yale Law School. She holds admission to the bars of New York and New Jersey and earned a J.D. and a Master of Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School in 2013.

Reuben Jones is an advocate and community organizer who serves as the Executive Director of Frontline Dads, Inc., and the Philadelphia Campaign and Policy Lead for Dignity and Power Now. Reuben is a formerly incarcerated person who served 15 years in state prison for robbery. Since his release, he has transformed his life, and earned his Master's Degree from Lincoln University in 2009. He led the "Close the Creek" campaign which successfully closed the "House of Corrections," the oldest actively-used jail at the time. He has won many awards, including the Presidential Service Award from President Obama in 2016.

Brian Kaneda is the Deputy Director of CURB, Californians United for a Responsible Budget, a Black-led coalition of more than 80 organizations working to reduce the number of incarcerated people in California; decrease the number of prisons and jails in our state; and shift wasteful spending away from incarceration and towards healthy community investments. Brian is a leader in CURB's campaign to Close California Prisons. He serves on the Coordinating Committee of Re-imagine LA County and the Executive Teams of JusticeLA and the Budget 2 Save Lives super collective.

Jacob Kang-Brown is a senior research fellow with Vera's Jails Team, exploring the use of incarceration across the United States. At Vera, Jacob has conducted research on school discipline, status offense reform, policing and crime rates, hate crime, language access, jail and

prison populations, charging and sentencing practices, electronic monitoring, and solitary confinement in prisons. Before working at Vera, Jacob worked for the County of Los Angeles Commission on Human Relations. His writing has appeared in the *Lancet Public Health*, the *New York Review of Books*, *Contexts*, *SSM-Population Health*, the *Atlantic*, *Dissent*, *USA Today*, and *American Jails* magazine.

Courtney Knapp is a certified urban planner and Professor of Urban and Community Planning in the Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment at the Pratt Institute. She is a participatory action researcher whose interests include anti/racism in planning and urban development, just transition and regenerative economic development, cooperative economies and land ownership, and decarceration planning. She is also the founder and principal of Integrated Urban Equity Solutions, a consulting firm specializing in housing justice, regenerative economies, and community engagement. She is the author of *Constructing the Dynamo of Dixie: Race, Urban Planning, and Urban Cosmopolitanism in Chattanooga, Tennessee* (2018).

Dr. Jared Knowles has read, analyzed, and collaborated with grassroots organizers on more than 60 city and county budgets in the past few years and has trained more than 200 people across the country on how to read and engage with their local budgets. He previously served in the budget office for the state education agency in Wisconsin. He founded Civilytics Consulting to help elected officials, community advocates, non-profits, and journalists access and analyze geospatial, Census, administrative and fiscal data to improve community well-being. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Victoria Law is a freelance journalist and author who covers incarceration. Her books include *Resistance Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women*, *Prison by Any Other Name: The Harmful Consequences of Popular Reforms* (co-authored with Maya Schenwar), and *"Prisons Make Us Safer" and 20 Other Myths about Mass Incarceration*. She is currently working on a book about the Covid-19 pandemic in prisons.

Bryan Lee is an architect and design justice advocate. As the founder and director of Colloqate Design, a nonprofit design practice, Bryan is committed to using design as a tool for social change. Bryan is also a founding organizer of the Design As Protest Collective and Dark Matter University, has led two award-winning architecture and design programs for high school students, is the National NOMA President-Elect and the South Region Vice President, and has received numerous awards and fellowships, including the 2018 Fast Company Most Creative People in Business, and a 2023 United States Artist Fellow.

Bob Libal is a nationally recognized civil rights leader, community organizer, and former executive director of Grassroots Leadership. He serves as Senior Organizing Consultant for The Sentencing Project and as Texas-based immigration consultant to Human Rights Watch. Bob was named to The Frederick Douglass 200 and one of 15 people changing the nonprofit world by the Chronicle of Philanthropy. In 2022, Bob received more than 7,000 votes for Travis County Commissioners Court running on a criminal justice reform platform. Bob's work on immigration

and prison issues has been in the New York Times, NPR, Washington Post, and numerous other outlets.

Hanna Love (she/her) is a Senior Research Associate at the Brookings Institution, where her research centers on the intersection between place, public safety, and economic opportunity. Her recent work focuses on advancing non-carceral place-based approaches for community safety, how federal resources can be better leveraged to advance community violence intervention, and the impact of fear of crime on cities' economic recovery. Prior to Brookings, she was an analyst at the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center, where she researched how to transform closed prisons into community-centered assets that produce tangible social and economic benefits for residents.

J.E. Martinez-Mazurek (they/them), is an autistic, agender, Latine, grassroots organizer and abolitionist that specializes in building teams and coalitions of ordinary people that win "unwinnable" campaigns. To date they've worked with grassroots communities across the South to defeat over \$5 billion in new prison construction. In 2015 J co-founded Fight Toxic Prisons, a national collective fighting at the intersections of abolition and environmental justice. They currently co-run an all BIPOC abolitionist training, facilitation, and consulting co-op called Canopy Movement Consulting with their friends.

Ronald Marshall, Policy Analyst at VOTE, drafts legislation that directly impacts currently and formerly incarcerated individuals. After serving 25 years in Angola, he enrolled in Tulane University, pursuing a masters in Digital Marketing and Media Communication. Through his business, he contracts with jails and prisons to teach trauma-informed perspectives to incarcerated people. He is part of the Governor's Safe Alternative to Segregation and Louisiana Stop Solitary Confinement Task Forces to eliminate solitary confinement. He is a LEAP (Lived Experience Advisory Panel) member to address the prevalence of mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders in justice systems.

Kyler McVoy (he/him) is the Co-President of the Native American Law Student Association at UCLA School of Law. He is a member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

Christine Mitchell is the Program Director for the Health Instead of Punishment program at Human Impact Partners. She is an organizer with the abolitionist Boston-based DeeperThanWater Coalition and a co-author of the American Public Health Association policy statements on law enforcement violence and carceral systems. She has a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School and a Doctor of Science in Social and Behavioral Sciences from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Zy'aire Nassirah is a Black trans gentleman who works as a Reentry Case Manager at TGI Justice Project. Zyaire is dedicated to social justice and human rights for the Black Trans community. His personal journey has been quite challenging, as he was formerly incarcerated for 30 years and during his time there he experienced and witnessed first-hand the harm and injustice towards TGI individuals. Upon his release, Zyaire remains passionate and driven to continue his

fight for Black Trans rights. Zyaire's compelling life story of hope, strength and determination inspires others to become advocates for human rights.

Luis Nolasco is an undocumented queer latine organizer. He is currently a senior community engagement and policy advocate at the ACLU of Southern California, working from the Inland Empire office. His work is focused on the intersections between the criminal justice system and immigration systems. He began this work in 2012 and since then has been active in the fight to end ICE Detention and incarceration systems in the Inland Valleys of Southern California.

Sunita Patel is an Assistant Professor of Law and the founding Faculty Director of the UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic. Her current scholarship examines the intersection of policing and institutions of care and learning. More generally, her research and teaching interests lie in policing, social movements, race, and inequality.

Nicole D. Porter, Senior Director of Advocacy, The Sentencing Project. Named a "New Civil Rights Leader" by Essence Magazine for her work to challenge mass incarceration, Nicole D. Porter manages The Sentencing Project's state and local advocacy efforts on sentencing reform, voting rights, and confronting racial disparities in the criminal legal system. Since joining The Sentencing Project in 2009, Porter's advocacy and findings have supported criminal legal reforms in several states including Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, California, Texas and the District of Columbia.

Duane Palm is the co-author of *In Debates Over Prison Closures, Don't Prioritize "Economic Impact Over Lives,"* an op-ed published in Truthout, and he sought to file an amicus brief in *Susanville v. CA Dep't of Corrections and Rehabilitation*, a case regarding the closure of the California Correctional Center in Susanville. He is currently incarcerated at Wasco State Prison in California and is an inside advocate with the CURB #CloseCAPrisons campaign.

Timothy Peoples is the co-author of *In Debates Over Prison Closures, Don't Prioritize "Economic Impact Over Lives,"* an op-ed published in Truthout, and he sought to file an amicus brief in *Susanville v. CA Dep't of Corrections and Rehabilitation*, a case regarding the closure of the California Correctional Center in Susanville. He is currently incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison in California and is an inside advocate with the CURB #CloseCAPrisons campaign.

Emily Posner is general counsel at Voice of the Experienced (VOTE), where she works to advance the civil and human rights of currently and formerly incarcerated individuals in Louisiana and beyond. Prior to VOTE, Emily litigated criminal defense, civil rights and environmental justice cases through her private practice. She received her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans in 2013. She is the recipient of the 2013 Public Service Award from the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center and the 2010 Roger Baldwin Award from the Maine Civil Liberties Union. She earned a B.A. from Colby College in Latin American Studies.

Juan Prieto is a digital strategist and graphic designer based in Oakland, California. An immigrant from Mexicali, Mexico, he works to implement narrative shifting strategies in the

context of crimmigration for the emerging world of digital communications. Juan's comprehensive understanding of the ways the digital space can be used to cultivate transformative change began when he was first targeted by far-right extremists for his writing. Since then, he's helped train and empower advocates across California to use digital communications to shift the public discourse around immigration, detention, and against the propaganda of criminalization.

Eric Reinhart is political anthropologist of public health and law, psychoanalyst, and physician based in Chicago, Illinois. Alongside historical and ethnographic scholarship on the interrelation between psychiatric, racial, and aesthetic ideas, he conducts policy-focused public health research on systemic prejudice in healthcare and legal systems, the uses of confinement and punishment, and how policing and carceral policy undermine US public health and safety. Putting research into practice, he collaborates with organizers and public agencies on the design and implementation of non-police safety systems, with particular focus on building community care worker programs to support criminalized communities.

Tiffany Roberts is Director of the Public Policy Unit at Southern Center for Human Rights. She has practiced criminal defense since 2008 and civil rights litigation since 2011. A community organizer, she co-founded the police accountability organization Building Locally to Organize for Community Safety (BLOCS) which successfully advocated the disbandment of the notorious REDDOG unit. She is also a founding member of Black Lives Matter Atlanta. Tiffany has served on several committees, councils and task forces focusing on criminal legal policy. She is Chair of the Social Justice Ministry at Ebenezer Baptist Church and Board Chair for Ebenezer ACTS.

Alex Salazar is the Founding Principal of Salazar Architect. Alex's career-long focus linking architecture to community organizing serves as the foundation of the firm. Early in his career, Alex apprenticed with NGOs in India designing culturally appropriate, earthquake safe homes, and he later served on the Board of Directors of multiple housing justice organizations in Oakland and Boston. His decades of experience leading multifamily developments and community-based master plans continues to shape the firm's work and mission-based approach. He volunteers on the American Institute of Architects Housing & Community Development, Housing as a Human Right, and Government Affairs committees.

Shamsher Samra, MD, MPhil is Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Harbor UCLA and co-Chair of the Structural Racism and Health Equity Theme at UCLA School of Medicine. He is the co-founder the Violence Intervention Program and Trauma Recovery Center at Harbor UCLA and former medical director for the Whole Person Care Re-entry program for the Department of Health Services Los Angeles. He is a board member of Doctors for Global Health and a member of Frontline Wellness Network. He is committed to the practice of liberation medicine and the use of healthcare to advance community organizing and social change.

Emmett Sanders (he/him) is a critically impacted researcher, writer, and advocate who spent over 22 years in Illinois' prisons. He is the Policy and Advocacy Associate for Prison Policy

Initiative, where he works to connect with and provide research support to on the ground organizations. Prior to joining PPI, he worked extensively on the issue of electronic monitoring with Media Justice's Unshackling Freedom campaign, and has authored and co-authored several publications including *Cages Without Bars*. He recently presented on racial selectivity in EM at the International Conference on Electronic Monitoring, hosted by Brazil's Conselho Nacional de Justiça and the UNDP.

Saul Sarabia leads the Labor and Decarceration Initiative at the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment. Since 1999, Saul has focused on leadership development and base-building with formerly incarcerated people. In 2018, he served as Chair of the LA County Probation Reform and Implementation Team which erected the country's only civilian oversight body over a Probation Department. He currently brings together former correctional staff and former detainees in CA's youth incarceration system to inform the transition from youth incarceration to community healing in LA County. Saul led the CRS Program at UCLA Law from 2005 to 2011.

Judah Schept is a Professor in the School of Justice Studies at Eastern Kentucky University. He is the author of *Coal, Cages, Crisis: The Rise of the Prison Economy in Central Appalachia* (NYU Press, 2022) and *Progressive Punishment: Job Loss, Jail Growth, and the Neoliberal Logic of Carceral Expansion* (NYU Press, 2015). He is co-editor of *The Jail is Everywhere: Fighting the New Geography of Mass Incarceration* (Verso, 2024). He has been active for more than two decades with organizations and campaigns fighting for decarceration and abolition. He holds a PhD from Indiana University and a BA from Vassar College.

Silky Shah is the executive director of Detention Watch Network (DWN), a national coalition building power to abolish immigrant detention in the US. She has worked as an organizer on issues related to immigrant detention, the prison industrial complex, and racial and migrant justice for over 20 years. Her writing on immigration policy and organizing has been published in *Truthout*, *Teen Vogue*, *Inquest*, and *The Forge*. She is currently working on a book about immigrant justice and prison abolition, which is forthcoming from Haymarket Books in 2024.

LaTonya A. Tate is a national leader, social justice activist, and a retired Probation Officer with the Florida Department of Corrections. She holds a MS in Criminal Justice from the University of Phoenix and a MS in Public Administration from Grand Canyon University. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Alabama Justice Initiative, dedicated to dismantling the mass incarceration, and probation/parole system. In 2018 LaTonya was the recipient of the Soros Justice Fellowship. In 2021, Tate was elected to Birmingham City Council, unseating an incumbent, and the second black female and the first to Chair Public Safety.

Eddie Torres is a proud son of Mexican immigrants. He is passionate about dismantling the capitalist institutions that perpetuate the oppression of racialized communities and the working class. Eddie earned a Bachelor's degree from University of California, Riverside majoring in International Affairs. He has 5 years of experience working in policy and community organizing.

In his free time, Eddie enjoys watching movies with his wife, lounging his dogs, working out, and reading. His favorite quote and words to live by are, "Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfill it, or betray it."-- Frantz Fanon.

Bianca Tylek is the Founder and Executive Director of Worth Rises, a national organization working to dismantle the prison industry and end the exploitation of those it targets. Bianca is one of the nation's leading experts on the prison industry. She led the first successful campaign to make jail phone calls free, blocked a major merger in the prison telecom market, and denied prison profiteers millions of investment dollars. Worth Rises publishes innovative research about the prison industry, including the nation's largest dataset of corporate prison profiteers. In just three years, her work has cost the industry and its investors over a billion dollars.

Deanna Van Buren is an award-winning architect and activist recognized internationally for her leadership in using architecture, design, and real estate innovations to address the social inequities behind the mass incarceration crisis. Van Buren is co-founder of Designing Justice + Designing Spaces, an architecture and design firm with the mission of dismantling the punitive infrastructure of the prison system by designing and building new spaces informed by restorative justice: peacemaking centers, mobile re-entry housing, holistic behavioral health hubs, spaces for youth, spaces for diversion/re-entry, and more.

Idalmis Vaquero (she/her) is a Senior Policy Analyst at Just Solutions. Her interest in policy and law stems from her personal experience growing up in Boyle Heights, a community contaminated with high levels of lead as a result of decades of pollution from a former car battery processing facility. Prior to joining Just Solutions, Idalmis was an Equal Justice Works Fellow with Communities for a Better Environment working on toxics, brownfields, and air quality policy and rulemaking. Idalmis received her J.D. from UCLA School of Law and B.A. from Wellesley College.

Toya Vick is a Participatory Defense Organizer and Housing and Criminal Justice Advocate at Starting Over, Inc. in Riverside, California. She is a Local Solis Institute Policy Fellow. She has been a community advocate for 25+ years and has served as a commissioner in Moreno Valley. She is a Sergeant Parent for MVUSD, CPR certified, a Mental Health First Aid, Peer Support and Employment Specialist, and has received numerous certificates of achievement, recognition, participation, and humanitarian award. Ms. Vick's primary focus is to be the voice for the voiceless, arms and legs for the ill, disabled, seniors, and the heart of the children. "No weapon formed against me shall prosper." Isaiah 54:17.

Israel Salazar Villa serves as Deputy Director of the California Alliance for Youth and Community Justice. He's a school-to-prison pipeline survivor who was forced into the juvenile justice system as early as elementary school. Israel spent much of his life confined in racist systems of incarceration, but since returning home, he's used the past decade to uplift all youth as sacred. As a proud grandfather, Israel leads with his heart to ensure future generations never

experience the pain of forced separation and incarceration. A natural change-maker, Israel centers his lived experience and heritage to reimagine the world for future generations.

Alicia Virani is the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Director of the Criminal Justice Program at UCLA School of Law. She directs a policy and research agenda focused on decarceration efforts, emphasizing pretrial detention and restorative and transformative justice. Alicia is the co-founder of the Pretrial Justice Clinic at the law school, where students represent individuals in felony bail hearings to advocate for their release pretrial. Prior to her current role, Alicia was a Deputy Public Defender in the Orange County Public Defender's Office where she represented indigent clients in criminal matters and parents navigating the dependency system.

Hamid Yazdan Panah is an Iranian refugee and Advocacy Director with Immigrant Defense Advocates, a policy project focused on immigrant detention in California. IDA's legislative portfolio includes legislation related to public health and worker safety in detention, as well as solitary confinement and detention standards.

Gail Yen (she/her) is the California Policy Director at Root & Rebound, a nonprofit providing reentry support for formerly incarcerated people. As the policy director, she develops the organization's policy and legislative agenda, and analyzes state laws and correctional policies that impact currently and formerly incarcerated people. Gail began her career as an Assembly Fellow in the California State Legislature where she worked in the office of Assemblymember Richard Gordon. She has focused on creating policies that bring equity to systems that intersect with and contribute to the well-being of justice-involved individuals, including higher education, health care, and child welfare.

Bz Zhang is an architect, organizer, and artist based in Tovaangar (so-called Los Angeles). They are a core organizer with the Design As Protest Collective and Dark Matter U and a project manager with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, where they work with communities toward environmental justice through design, construction, and stewardship of public green spaces. Bz is a 2022 Journal of Architectural Education Fellow, 2021 USC Citizen Architect Fellow, and a licensed architect in California. They hold degrees from UC Berkeley and Brown University. In their free time, they look for birds and trash in the LA River.