

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION  
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**SMART DECARCERATION: A GRAND CHALLENGE FOR SOCIAL WORK**

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**Course Description:**

The United States has the highest rate of incarceration in the world, and inequities in the use of incarceration yield a high burden on people of color, people in poverty, and people with behavioral health conditions. Evidence indicates that mass incarceration has reached a tipping point, and that the U.S. is entering an era of decarceration. The grand challenge of this new era will be to move away from incarceration-based thinking and toward an array of proactive policy, practice, and research innovations that will not only substantially reduce the incarcerated population, but also work against structural oppression and racism, ameliorate social disparities and maximize public safety and well-being. This course, which is connected to the “Promote Smart Decarceration” Grand Challenge for Social Work, will provide opportunities for students to: 1) Explore the political, social, and empirical context for decarceration; 2) Examine emerging decarceration policies and practices; and 3) Develop interventions at multiple levels to achieve smart decarceration outcomes. The focus of this course is on decarceration of the adult criminal justice system; students who have interest in juvenile justice may choose to focus on that system in their individual assignments.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Understand the structure of the criminal justice system, its terminology, functions, theories, and trends
2. Describe the unique impact of the criminal justice system on specific populations and issues, including (but not limited to):
  - a. Persons with substance abuse problems
  - b. Persons with mental illnesses
  - c. Racial and ethnic minorities
  - d. Women and families
  - e. LGBTQ populations
  - f. Socioeconomic status
  - g. Health disparities
3. Identify the effects of criminal justice involvement (i.e. mass incarceration) on multiple levels, including: individual, family, community, and society
4. Explore innovative decarceration approaches that interact with the criminal justice system in ways that disrupt oppression and racism, and promote positive results for their participants

5. Develop ideas for practice and/or policy interventions that address problems within the criminal justice and social work interface, particularly interventions that reduce the use of incarceration
6. Better understand the potential contribution of social work-informed practice, policy, and research in achieving effective and sustainable decarceration
7. Incorporate criminal justice and smart decarceration knowledge into clinical assessment, service provision, program development, and policy analysis

### **Required Readings:**

Stevenson, Bryan (2014). *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. New York: Spiegel & Grau.

Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (Eds.). (2017). *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Oxford University Press. Available at [www.oup.com/us](http://www.oup.com/us) and use promotion code **ASFLYQ6** to receive a 30% discount.

All other required readings will be available on the course's Canvas site, or links will be provided for online readings.

### **Assignments:**

#### **II. Just Mercy Reaction Paper:**

*(Limit: 3 pages, double-spaced, do not include title page)*

Just Mercy explores many of the atrocities of the U.S. criminal justice system during the era of mass incarceration. In this brief paper, you will discuss three themes covered in the book that you find most compelling and relevant to the era of decarceration. Describe how attention to these themes will help to shape more socially just smart decarceration approaches.

#### **III. Smart Decarceration Paper, Part I:** *(Limit: 7 pages, double-spaced, not including title page, outline and references)*

Part I of the Smart Decarceration Paper should define a problem or issue within the criminal justice and social work interface in which you have a particular interest, keeping in mind that Part II of the paper will entail developing a smart decarceration programmatic or policy intervention to address the problem. The paper can be related to one of the course topic areas (i.e. mental illness in the CJ system, racial disparities, etc.) or it can be on a separate issue of your choosing. The topic must be one that has mass incarceration and decarceration implications. Make sure you are specific enough in focus to be able to adequately discuss the problem in a brief paper. You are encouraged to consult with the instructor on the selection of your problem/issue topic.

Part I of the paper should include the following:

1. A thorough description of the problem/issue, its significance to social work and criminal justice. Why is this problem/issue important? How does the problem relate to mass incarceration?
2. What current or past interventions (programs or policies) have attempted to address this problem/issue? How have the criminal justice and social work worlds typically

viewed this problem/issue? What are the logics and problem theories behind these interventions? (See *Fraser & Galinsky and Savaya & Waysman readings*)

- a. Items 1 and 2 will require a thorough literature review. A minimum of ten references is required for this paper.
3. An outline of your proposed idea for Part II (the outline does not count toward the page limit)

#### **IV. Smart Decarceration Paper, Part II:**

*(Limit: 14 pages, double-spaced, not including title page, logic model, or references)*

Part II of the Smart Decarceration Paper will build on your problem/issue description in Part I by developing a practice, policy or research intervention that works to address the problem/issue. *Your intervention must, in some way, advance one or more of the three smart decarceration outcomes.* As you develop your intervention, be creative, but also be practical. (i.e. do not propose something that is so cost prohibitive that it is not feasible). Your intervention should be described in sufficient detail so that it is clear how your intervention will address the key components of the problem/issue. Part II will include a revised version of Part I (based on instructor feedback), and should total no more than 14 pages (double-spaced, not including title page, logic model or references). A minimum of 15 references (total) is required for Part II of the Smart Decarceration Paper. A suggested format for the paper is as follows:

1. A description of the problem/issue, its significance, and any relevant literature review (revised from Part I)
2. What current or past programs or policies (on either the criminal justice or social work side) have attempted to address this problem/issue. Or, how have the criminal justice and social work systems typically viewed this problem/issue? What is the logic behind these interventions? (revised from Part I)
3. A detailed description of your program/policy smart decarceration intervention that will begin to address this problem, including:
  - a. Who will carry out the intervention? Will it be persons/entities in the criminal justice or social work world, both, or neither?
  - b. Intervention Logic Model: What are the key characteristics of the intervention, based on your problem theory? Describe these in sufficient detail so that the intervention can be clearly understood. (see *Savaya & Waysman reading*)
  - c. How does this program/policy build on current knowledge of the problem and past attempts to solve it?
  - d. How does the intervention work toward reducing the use of incarceration – specifically the outcomes outlined in the Smart Decarceration concept paper?
  - e. Explain how the intervention incorporates one or more guiding concepts from the Smart Decarceration concept paper (Changing the narrative; Making criminal justice system-wide innovations; Implementing transdisciplinary policy and practice interventions; and Employing evidence-driven strategies).
  - f. How does the intervention promote social justice and other social work values at the criminal justice and social work interface?
  - g. How will effectiveness of the intervention be determined? Detail outcomes, research design, and time frame for evaluation. The evaluation should be informed by your logic model (see *Savaya & Waysman reading. Kellogg foundation Logic Model Development Guide[2004] is also a good reference*).

Again, the focus of this paper is loosely defined, so be creative in exploring your smart decarceration topic in a way that will be informative and enriching for you.

## V. Paper Presentation

Students will give a brief (3-minute) presentation of their paper. The presentation must include 2 power point slides. Your presentation should distill the most relevant and interesting information from your paper, and it should give a preview of the proposed intervention.

### COURSE SCHEDULE:

#### **Week 1: 4/3/19 – Introduction to Decarceration; Overview of Criminal Justice System**

##### Required Readings:

1. Stevenson, Bryan (2014). *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. New York: Spiegel & Grau. **Introduction and Chapters 1-3.**
2. *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2017). **Chapter 1:** Smart decarceration: Guiding concepts for an era of criminal justice transformation by Matthew Epperson and Carrie Pettus-Davis. Also available as a working paper at: <https://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Documents/WP15-53.pdf>
3. "What is the sequence of events in the criminal justice system?" U.S. Department of Justice.
4. Prison Policy Initiative (2019). *Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie, 2019*. Available at: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2019.html>

##### Recommended Reading:

- Epperson, M.W., Roberts, L.E., Ivanoff, A., Tripodi, S., & Gilmer, C. (2013). To what extent is criminal justice content specifically addressed in MSW programs? *Journal of Social Work Education*, 49, 1-12.
- You have the right: What You & Your Family Should Know In Case You Are Arrested in Illinois. TASC, June, 2011
- Pettus-Davis, C. & Epperson, M.W. (2015, February). From mass incarceration to smart decarceration. *American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare*, Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative, Working Paper No. 4. <http://aaswsw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/From-Mass-Incarceration-to-Decarceration-3.24.15.pdf>
- "The Caging of America" by Adam Gopnik, *The New Yorker*. Can be accessed at:
  - [http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/atlarge/2012/01/30/120130crat\\_atlarge\\_gopnik?currentPage=a](http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/atlarge/2012/01/30/120130crat_atlarge_gopnik?currentPage=a)
- Glaze, L.E. and Kaeble, D. (2015). Correctional populations in the United States, 2014. *Bureau of Justice Statistics*, Report No. NCJ249513.
- "One in 31: The long reach of American Corrections." *The Pew Center on the States*. March, 2009.

#### **Week 2: 4/10/19 – The Era of Mass Incarceration; Social Work Roles and History**

##### Required Readings:

1. Stevenson, Bryan (2014). *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. New York: Spiegel & Grau. **Chapters 3-9.**

2. *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2017). **Chapter 14:** Imagining the future of justice: Advancing decarceration through multisector social innovations by Margaret E. Severson
3. Treger, H. & Allen, F. (2007). Social work in the justice system: An overview, in *Social Work in Juvenile and Criminal Justice Settings*, Roberts, A. R. & Springer, D.W. editors. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Tomas Publishers, LTD.

Recommended Readings:

- Anderson, A., Barenberg, L., & Tremblay, P.R. (2007). Professional ethics in interdisciplinary collaboratives: Zeal, paternalism and mandated reporting.” *Boston College Law School Faculty Papers*. Paper 145.
- Brownell, P. & Roberts, A.R. (2002). A century of social work in criminal justice and correctional settings. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 35 (2), 1-17.
- Winick, B.J., Wexler, D.B. (2006). The use of therapeutic jurisprudence in law school clinical education: Transforming the criminal legal clinic. *Clinical Law Review*, 13, 605-632.
- Lang, J. (2011). What is a community court? Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Clark, O. Bringing social workers and lawyers to the same table. *Chicago Lawyer*, November, 2008, 39-42.

<b>Week 3: 4/17/19 – Criminal Justice Theories / Trends</b>
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Required Readings:

1. Stevenson, Bryan (2014). *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. New York: Spiegel & Grau. **Chapters 10-17.**
2. Kraska, P. (2006). Criminal justice theory: Toward legitimacy and an infrastructure. *Justice Quarterly*, 23(2), 167-185.
3. Mauer, M. & Kins, R.S. (2007). *A 25-Year Quagmire: The War on Drugs and its Impact on American Society*. Washington, D.C.: The Sentencing Project.

Recommended Readings:

- Kraska, P. & Brent, J.J. (2011). *Theorizing Criminal Justice: Eight Essential Orientations*. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press, Inc.
- Western, B., & Pettit, B. (2010). “Incarceration & Social inequality.” *Daedalus*, 139(3), 8-19.
- Mauer, M. (2011). “Addressing Racial Disparities in Incarceration.” *The Prison Journal*, Supplement to 91(3), 87S-101S.
- Mauer, M. (2007). Racial impact statements as a means of reducing unwarranted sentencing disparities. *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, 5(19), 19-46.
- Wilson, M. (2010). *Criminal justice social work in the United States: Adapting to new challenges*. Washington, DC. NASW Center for Workforce Studies.
- Joe, G.W., Knight, K., Simpson, D.D., Flynn, P.M., Morey, J.T., Bartholomew, N.G., Tindall, M.S., Burdon, W.M., Hall, E.A., Martin, S.S. & O’Connell, D.J. (2012). An evaluation of six brief interventions that target drug-related problems in correctional populations. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 51, 9-33.

<b>Week 4: 4/24/19 – Disproportionality in the Era of Mass Incarceration</b>
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#### Required Readings:

1. *Race, Ethnicity, and the Criminal Justice System* (2007). American Sociological Association. Department of Research and Development. (Review this report for general content).
2. Bloom, B., Owen, B., & Covington, S. (2004). Women Offenders and the Gendered Effects of Public Policy. *Review of policy research*, 21(1), 31-48.
3. Center for American Progress and Movement Advancement Project (2016). *Unjust: How the broken criminal justice system fails LGBT people* (condensed version).
4. The Illinois Disproportionate Impact Study Commission. (2010). *Illinois Disproportionate Justice Impact Study Commission: Final Report*. Chicago, IL
5. James, K. & Smyth, J. (2014). Deconstructing mass incarceration in the United States through a human rights lens: Implications for social work education and practice. In M. Bethold, L. Healy, K. Libal & R. Thomas (Eds.), *Advancing Human Rights in Social Work Education*. Alexandria, VA: CSWE Press.

#### Recommended Readings:

- Coates, T. (2015). The black family in the age of mass incarceration. *The Atlantic*, October, 2015. Available online: <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2015/10/the-black-family-in-the-age-of-mass-incarceration/403246/>
- Richie, B.E. (2001). Challenges incarcerated women face as they return to their communities: Findings from life history interviews. *Crime & Delinquency*, 47(3), 368-389.
- Covington, S. & Bloom, B.E. (2003). Gendered justice: Women in the criminal justice system. In B.E. Bloom (ed) *Gendered Justice: Addressing Female Offenders*. Carolina Academic Press.
- Staton, M., Leukefeld, C., & Webster, J.M. (2003). Substance use, health, and mental health: Problems and service utilization among incarcerated women. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 47(2), 224-239.
- Urban Institute Justice Policy Center (2005). Families left behind: The hidden costs of incarceration and reentry.
- Mauer, M., Polter, C., and Wolf, R. (1999). "Gender and Justice: Women, Drugs, and Sentencing Policy." The Sentencing Project: [http://www.sentencingproject.org/doc/File/Drug%20Policy/dp\\_genderandjustice.pdf](http://www.sentencingproject.org/doc/File/Drug%20Policy/dp_genderandjustice.pdf)
- Huddleston, W. & Marlowe, D.B. (2011). Painting the current picture: A national report on drug courts and other problem-solving court programs in the United States.

#### **Week 5: 5/1/19 – Mental Illnesses in the CJ System;**

#### Required Readings:

1. Torrey, E.F., Kennard, A.D., Eslinger, D., Lamb, R., & Pavle, L. (2010). *More mentally ill persons are in jails and prisons than hospitals: A survey of the states*. Arlington, VA. The Treatment Advocacy Center.
2. Epperson, M.W., Wolff, N., Morgan, R.D., Fisher, W.H., Frueh, B.C., Huening, J. (2014). Envisioning the next generation of behavioral health and criminal justice interventions. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, 37, 427-438.

3. Epperson, M.W., \*Sarantakos, S., \*Thompson, J.G., \*Self, J. Framing compliance: Adaptive responses of people with serious mental illnesses to mental health court and standard probation.
4. Reducing Behavioral Health Inequities in the Criminal Justice System. Panel: 2017 Smart Decarceration conference. <https://livestream.com/UC-SSA/ssa-20171102-SmartDecarceration/videos/180283093>

Recommended Readings:

- Epperson, M.W., Canada, K.E., Thompson, J.G., & Lurigio, A.J. (2014). Walking the line: Specialized and standard probation officer perspectives on supervising probationers with serious mental illnesses. *International Journal of Law & Psychiatry*, 37, 473-483.
- Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2015, November). Formerly incarcerated individuals are a crucial element in building a decarceration movement. *MacArthur Safety + Justice Challenge Blog*. <http://www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org/2015/11/formerly-incarcerated-individuals-are-a-crucial-element-in-building-a-decarceration-movement/>
- Watson, A.C., Morabito, M.S., Draine, J., & Ottati, V. (2008). Improving police response to persons with mental illness: A multi-level conceptualization of CIT. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, 31, 359-368.
- Skeem, J.L., Manchak, S., & Peterson, J.K. (2011). Correctional policy for offenders with mental illness: Creating a new paradigm for recidivism reduction. *Law and Human Behavior*, 35, 110-126.
- Epperson, M.W., Thompson, J.G., & Canada, K.E. (2013). Mental Health Courts. In C. Franklin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Work Online*. Oxford University Press.
- Draine, J., Salzer, M.S., Culhane, D.P., Hadley, T.R. (2002). Role of social disadvantage in crime, joblessness, and homelessness among persons with serious mental illness. *Psychiatric Services*, 53(5), 565-573.

<b>Week 6: 5/8/19 – Criminal Justice and Public Health; Intervention Development</b>
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Required Readings:

1. Binswanger, I.A., Redmond, N., Steiner, J.F., & Hicks, L.R. (2011). Health disparities and the criminal justice system: An agenda for further research and action. *Journal of Urban Health*, 89(1), 98-107.
2. Epperson, M.W., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Orellana, E.R., Chang, M. (2008). Increased HIV risk associated with criminal justice involvement among men on methadone. *AIDS and Behavior*, 12(1), 51-57.
3. *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2017). **Chapter 15:** Guideposts for the smart decarceration era: Recommendations for researchers, practitioners, and formerly incarcerated leaders by Carrie Pettus-Davis, Matthew Epperson, Samuel Taylor, and Annie Grier
4. Fraser, M.W. & Galinsky, M.J. (2010). Steps in intervention research: Designing and developing social programs. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 20(5), 459-466. (\*\*\*)This article will be relevant for your Interface Paper).

- Savaya, R. & Waysman, M. (2008). The logic model: A tool for incorporating theory in development and evaluation of programs. *Administration in Social Work*, 29 (2), 85-103.

Recommended Readings:

- Fried, L. (2014). Putting a public health lens on incarceration. *The Huffington Post*. Available online: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/linda-p-fried/putting-a-public-health-lens\\_b\\_5434367.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/linda-p-fried/putting-a-public-health-lens_b_5434367.html)
- Project START Procedural Guide. Retrieved from [www.effectiveinterventions.org](http://www.effectiveinterventions.org)
- Project START Logic Model. Retrieved from [www.effectiveinterventions.org](http://www.effectiveinterventions.org)
- Drucker, E. (2013). *A Plague of Prisons: The Epidemiology of Mass Incarceration in America*. New York: The New Press.
- Hammett, T.M., Harmon, M., & Rhodes, W. (2002). The burden of infectious disease among inmates of and releasees from US correctional facilities, 1997. *American Journal of Public Health*, 92(11), 1789-1794.
- Epperson, M.W., Platais, I., Valera, P., Barbieri, R., Gilbert, L., El-Bassel, N. (2009). Fear, trust, and negotiating safety: HIV risk contexts for Black women defendants. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 24 (3), 257-271.
- Freudenberg, N. (2001). "Jails, Prisons, and the Health of Urban Populations: A Review of the Impact of the Correctional System on Community Health." *Journal of Urban Health*, 78(2), 214-235.
- Kramer, K. & Comfort, M. (2011). Considerations in HIV prevention for women affected by the criminal justice system. *Women's Health Issues*, 21-6S, S272-S277.
- Link, B.G. & Phelan, J. (1995). Social conditions as fundamental causes of disease. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 35, 80-94.

<b>Week 7: 5/15/19 – Front-end Decarceration: Prosecutors; Public Defense; Sentencing</b>
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Required Readings:

- Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2017). **Chapter 5:** The prosecutor's role in promoting decarceration: Lessons learned from Milwaukee County by John Chisholm and Jeffrey Altenburg
- Buchanan, S., & Nooe, R. M. (2017). Defining Social Work within Holistic Public Defense: Challenges and Implications for Practice. *Social work*, 62(4), 333-339.
- Davis, A. J. (2016). The Prosecutor's Ethical Duty to End Mass Incarceration. *Hofstra L. Rev.*, 45, 387.
- King, S. (March 20, 2018). Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner promised a criminal justice revolution. He's exceeding expectations. *The Intercept*. Available at: <https://theintercept.com/2018/03/20/larry-krasner-philadelphia-da/>
- Larry Krasner, Philadelphia District Attorney (2018) New policies. Available at: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4415817-Philadelphia-DA-Larry-Krasner-s-Revolutionary-Memo.html#document/p1>
- Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2017). **Chapter 9:** Minimizing the maximum: The case for shortening all prison sentences by Nazgol Ghandnoosh



#### Recommended Readings:

- 2014 Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly on the Implementation and Project Impact of Adult Redeploy Illinois.
- Toobin, J. (2015). The Milwaukee experiment. *The New Yorker*, May 11, 2015 issue. Available online: <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/05/11/the-milwaukee-experiment>
- McLeod, A.M. (2012). Decarceration courts: Possibilities and perils of a shifting criminal law. *The Georgetown Law Journal*, 100, 1587- 1674. \*Focus on the “decarceration model” and “possibilities of a decarceration model” sections, pages 1631-1657.
- Loftstrom, M., Martin, B. (2015). Public safety realignment: Impacts so far. *Public Policy Institute of California*.

#### **Week 8: 5/22/19 – Local Decarceration: Advocacy and Activism**

#### Required Readings:

1. Grace, S. (July 25, 2017). In Chicago and beyond, bail reformers win big in fight to end money bail. *Truthout*. Available at: <http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/41381-in-chicago-and-beyond-bail-reformers-win-big-in-fight-to-end-money-bail>
2. Emmanuel, A. (March 26, 2018). Electing progressive prosecutors isn't enough. Now, activists are holding them accountable. *In These Times*. Available at: <http://inthesetimes.com/article/21014/kim-foxx-larry-krasner-chicago-philadelphia-prosecutors-progressive>
3. *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2017). **Chapter 8:** Community and decarceration: Developing localized solutions by Kathryn Bocanegra
4. Eaglin, J. & Solomon, D. (2015). Reducing racial and ethnic disparities in jails: Recommendations for local practice. *Brennan Center for Justice*.

#### Recommended Readings:

- Schenwar, M. (May 8, 2015). Too many people in jail? Abolish bail. *New York Times*. [https://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/09/opinion/too-many-people-in-jail-abolish-bail.html?\\_r=1](https://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/09/opinion/too-many-people-in-jail-abolish-bail.html?_r=1)
- Lynch, J.P. & Sabol, W.J. (2001). Prisoner reentry in perspective. *Crime Policy Report*, Vol. 3, September, 2001.
- National Employment Law Project (2010). Major U.S. cities and counties adopt hiring policies to remove unfair barriers to employment of people with criminal records.
- Petersilia, J. (2014). California prison downsizing and its impact on local criminal justice systems.
- Tyuse, S.W. & Linhorst, D.M. (2005). Drug courts and mental health courts: Implications for social work. *Health and Social Work*, 3(3), 233-240.
- Subramanian, R., Delaney, R., Roberts, S., Fishman, N., & McGarry, P. (2015). *Incarceration's front door*. Vera Institute of Justice. Retrieved from [http://www.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/incarcerations-front-door-report\\_02.pdf](http://www.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/incarcerations-front-door-report_02.pdf)
- Sampson, R., Loeffler, C. (2010). Punishment's place: The local concentration of mass incarceration. *Daedalus*, 129 (3), 20-31.

- Peck, J., Theodore, N. (2008). Carceral Chicago: Making the ex-offender employability crisis. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 32 (2), 251-281.
- Meisner, J. (2014). Tales differ on conditions at Cook County Jail. *Chicago Tribune*. Available at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-cook-jail-violence-met-1110-20141112-story.html#page=1>

<b>Week 9: 5/29/19 – Theoretical pluralism? Reform, Decarceration, Restorative and Transformative Justice, Abolition; Collateral Consequences</b>
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Required Readings:

1. Davis, Angela. (2003). *Are Prisons Obsolete?* **Chapter 6:** Abolitionist alternatives
2. Right on Crime website (2018). [www.rightoncrime.com](http://www.rightoncrime.com) Peruse website for general arguments and perspectives. Two places to start: <http://rightoncrime.com/the-criminal-justice-challenge/> and <http://rightoncrime.com/the-conservative-case-for-reform/>
3. Chen, M. (March 16, 2018). Beware of big philanthropy's new enthusiasm for criminal justice reform. *The Nation*. Available at: <https://www.thenation.com/article/beware-of-big-philanthropys-new-enthusiasm-for-criminal-justice-reform/>
4. Howe, R. (2018) Community-led sexual violence and prevention work: Utilising a transformative justice framework. *Social Work and Policy Studies: Social Justice, Practice and Theory*.
5. *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2017). **Chapter 10:** Reforming civil disability policy to facilitate effective and sustainable decarceration by Carrie Pettus-Davis, Matthew Epperson, and Annie Grier

Recommended Readings:

- Sasson, E. (2016). Can restorative practices address intimate partner violence? Issues to Explore. *Center for court Innovation*.
- Wood, L. (May 31, 2016). Community court offers hope for healing. *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*. <http://www.chicagolawbulletin.com/Archives/2016/05/31/Community-court-5-31-16.aspx>
- Umbreit, M.S., Vos, B., Coates, R.B., & Lightfoot, E. (2005-2006). Restorative justice in the twenty-first century: a social movement full of opportunities and pitfalls. *Marquette Law Review*, 89, 253-304.
- Choi, J.J., Green, D.L., Kapp, S.A. (2010). A qualitative study of victim offender mediation: Implications for social work. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 20, 857-874.
- Sullivan, D. & Tifft, L (2005). The core components of restorative justice – Chapter two in *Restorative Justice: Healing the Foundations of our Everyday Lives*. Monsey, New York: Willow Tree Press, Inc.
- Gumz, E.J. (2004). American social work, corrections and restorative justice: an appraisal. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative criminology*, 48(4), 449-460.

- Gumz, E.J., and Grant, C.L. (2009). "Restorative Justice: A Systematic Review of the Social Work Literature." *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 90(1), 119-126.
- E. Beck, N. Kropf, & P. Leonard. *Social Work & Restorative Justice: Skills for Dialogue, Peacemaking, and Reconciliation*. (2011). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- National League of Cities. Cities pave the way: Promising reentry policies that promote local hiring of people with criminal records.

<b>Week10: 6/5/19 – Student Paper Presentations; Course wrap-up</b>
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Required Reading/Viewing (Student nominated):

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- Macias-Rojas, P. (2018) Immigration and the War on Crime: Law and Order Politics and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. *Journal on Migration and Human Security*, 6 (1), 1-25.
- Williams, K. M., Smith, S., Clancy, T. et al. (Producers). (2018). *Raised in the System* [Vice]. United States of America: Home Box Office (HBO). Retrieved from: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1075&v=yq3uVJQN8Gw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1075&v=yq3uVJQN8Gw)

Recommended (Student Nominated)

- ACLU. (2014). Warehoused and Forgotten: Immigrants Trapped in Our Shadow Private Prison System.
- Miller, R.J., Alexander, A. (2016) The price of carceral citizenship: Punishment, surveillance, and social welfare policy in an age of carceral expansion. *Michigan Journal of Race and Law*, 21(2).
- Revolving Doors Documentary. This video focuses on the cyclical nature of the CJS and how imprisonment can affect a whole family. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjPs2ibGkIU&t=3s>
- Article: Prison Born. This Atlantic article discusses being a mother in prison and the potential that prison nursery programs have to reduce rates of recidivism in women. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2015/07/prison-born/395297/>
- Forman Jr, J. (2017). [Locking up our own: Crime and punishment in Black America](#). Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Chapter 2 ("Black Lives Matter: Gun Control, 1975") and chapter 3 ("Representatives of Their Race: The Rise of African American Police, 1948-78")
- Tresser, Tom, ed. [Chicago is not broke: Funding the city we deserve](#). 2016. Chapter titled "The Cost of Police Abuse" which discusses the costs, financial and otherwise, of police abuse in Chicago.
- Dobbie, W., Goldin, J., & Yang, C. S. (2018). [The effects of pretrial detention on conviction, future crime, and employment: Evidence from randomly assigned judges](#). *American Economic Review*, 108(2), 201-40.
- Teplin, L.A., Abram, K.M., McClelland, G.M., Washburn, J.J., Pikus, A.K. (2005). Detecting Mental Disorders in Juvenile Detainees: Who Receives Services. *American Journal of Public Health*, 95 (10).

- Lee, H.L., Goodkind, S., Shook, J.J. (2017). Racial/ethnic disparities in prior mental health service youth among incarcerated adolescents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 78, 23-31.
- Welty, L.J., Hershfield, J.A., Abram, K.M., Han, H., Byck, G.R., Teplin, L.A. (2017). Trajectories of substance use disorder in youth after detention: A 12-year longitudinal study. *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*, 56 (2).
- Wibbelink, C.J., Hoeve, M., Stams, G., Oort, F. (2017). Meta-analysis of the association between mental disorders and juvenile recidivism. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 33, 78-90.
- Abram, K.M., Paskar, L.D., Washburn, J.J., Teplin, L.A. (2008). Perceived barriers to mental health services among youths in detention. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, 47 (3).

#### Required Readings:

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- Bonta, J., Rugge, T., Scott, T., Bourgon, G., Yessine, A.K. (2008). Exploring the black box of community supervision. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 47(3), 248-270.
- Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform (December, 2016). Final Report: Parts I & II.
- Davis, L.M., Bozick, R., Steele, J.L., Saunders, J., & Miles, J.N.V. (2013). Evaluating the effectiveness of correctional education: A meta-analysis of programs that provide education to incarcerated adults. *Rand Corporation*.
- Halkovic, A., Fine, M., Bae, J., Campbell, L., Evans, D., Gary, C., Greene, A., Ramirez, M., Riggs, R., Taylor, M., Tebout, R. & Tejawji, A. (2013). Higher education and reentry: The gifts they bring. John Jay College of Criminal Justice: Prisoner Reentry Institute.

#### **Additional Resources:**

[www.smartdecarceration.org](http://www.smartdecarceration.org)

[www.ilusa.org](http://www.ilusa.org)

[www.sw-cj.org](http://www.sw-cj.org)

<http://www.restorativejustice.org/leading/umbreit>

[www.courtinnovation.org](http://www.courtinnovation.org)

[www.sentencingproject.org](http://www.sentencingproject.org)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>