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The U.S. in the Age of Mass Incarceration

The UMass Amherst History Department invites you to the 2016–2017 Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series.

More than a dozen events with local and national scholars and activists will explore the history and current realities of the carceral state.

Free and open to the public.

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The University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of History

"Freedom" by Ronnie Goodman, www.ronniegoodman.com

The U.S. in the Age of Mass Incarceration

How is it that the United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world?

What forces led us here?

What alternatives are on the horizon?

The 2016–2017 Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series explores how state violence, mass incarceration, and mass criminalization have transformed the U.S. economy, culture, and society.

More than a dozen panels, performances, gallery exhibitions, and lectures by the nation's leading scholars, artists, and activists will consider a wide range of topics, from police brutality and immigration detention to the consequences of incarceration for women, people of color, and LGBTQ individuals. The series will culminate in the opening of the national exhibition *States of Incarceration: A National Dialogue of Local Stories*.

This Feinberg Series aims to place the carceral state in historical perspective and to explore how it impacts our lives and our world in deep and far-reaching ways.

This series is made possible thanks to the generosity of UMass history department alumnus Kenneth R. Feinberg '67 and associates.

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We thank our generous event co-sponsors, exhibit partners and community collaborators: Arise for Social Justice, Collaborative for Educational Services, Feinberg Advisory Committee, Five Colleges/UMass Graduate Program in History Distinguished Annual Lecture, Forbes Library, Hampshire College Art Gallery, Historic Northampton, Humanities Action Lab, Institute of Museum and Library Services, Investigator Initiated Workshop Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities, Legal Studies, Open Society Foundations, OutNow, Pre-Law Advising, Prison Birth Project, Project Operation Change, Real Cost of Prisons Project, Springfield Technical Community College School of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, Western Mass ACLU, Voices from Inside, The Waugeran Building, Whiting Foundation, Wistariahurst Museum / City of Holyoke, WORTH, and the following UMass Amherst programs and departments: American Studies Program, Center for Popular Economics, Commonwealth Honors College, UMass Alliance for Community Transformation, Social Thought and Political Economy Program, School of Public Policy, University Without Walls, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies, and W.E.B. DuBois Department of Afro-American Studies

Offerings for K12 Teachers and Students

K-12 educators and students are warmly welcome at all series events. Certificates of attendance will be provided, and limited financial support may be available for school field trips. Educators who wish to deepen their exploration of these issues are invited to apply to participate in Teaching in the Age of Mass Incarceration, a free workshop and discussion series led by social justice educator Dr. Antonio Nieves Martinez. 12 PDPs or 1 graduate credit available ($145 fee for graduate credit). Offered with the Collaborative for Educational Services. See website for details.

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University Courses

Five College students and the general public are invited to enroll in the UMass Department of History's official Feinberg course, "Warfare in the American Homeland, Police and Prisons in the U.S." with Professor Chris Tinson in fall 2016. In spring 2017, students in "Public History Workshop: Social Justice Humanities" with Professor Marla Miller will develop projects contributing to the *States of Incarceration* initiative. Check the website for a full list of courses connected to the series.

Parking and Accessibility

The UMass Campus Center Garage off Commonwealth Ave (1 Campus Center Way) is free after 5:00 p.m. Long-term metered parking is available at the Robsham Visitors Center (300 Massachusetts Ave). All UMass buildings are wheelchair accessible.

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Fall 2016

Sara Bennett

Keynote Panel

Sept 20 | Women, Incarceration, and Carceral Feminism

Women are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. prison population, and women of color and trans women are incarcerated at disproportionate rates. A panel discussion with Andrea James (Families for Justice as Healing), Mariame Kaba (Project NIA), Victoria Law (journalist and author), Herschelle Reaves (local activist), and Elias Vitulli (Mount Holyoke College).
5:30 pm, Cape Cod Lounge, UMass Amherst Student Center

Rachel Eliza Griffiths

Feature Lecture

Sept 28 | The Circumference of a Prison: Youth, Race, and the Failures of the American Justice System

Lecture and book signing with Reginald Dwayne Betts, author of *A Question of Freedom*, PEN New England Award winner and national spokesperson for the Campaign for Youth Justice.
7:00 pm, Cape Cod Lounge, UMass Amherst Student Center

Oct 6 | Racist and Systemic Police Violence, Chicago Style

Attorney Flint Taylor (People's Law Office) will discuss police torture and violence in Chicago, including the 1969 assassinations of several Black Panther leaders, the torture of African American suspects by police commander Jon Burge, and the recent police murder of Laquan McDonald.
4:30 pm, Herter Hall 601, UMass Amherst

Oct 13 | U.S. Neoslavery: A History of the Prison Industrial Present

Lecture by scholar-activist Dennis Childs (UC San Diego) hosted by the Social Thought and Political Economy Program.
4:00 pm, Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Hall, UMass Amherst

Women convict laborers in 19th C. Georgia

Oct 17 | Chained in Silence: A History of Black Women and Convict Labor

Lecture and book signing with award-winning historian Talitha L. LeFlouria (University of Virginia) on the plight of post-Civil War black women prisoners and their day-to-day struggles to overcome work-related abuses and violence. History Department Distinguished Annual Lecture.
4:30 pm, Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Hall, UMass Amherst

Oct 26 | Resisting Police Violence in Springfield and Beyond

Mothers, scholars, and queer people of color speak out. An evening of conversation with local and national voices Kissa Owens (mother of Delano Walker), Andrea Ritchie (attorney, writer, Soros Justice Fellow), ShaeShae Quest (OutNow), Maria Ververis (mother of Michael Ververis), and Rhonda Y. Williams (scholar and community activist). Co-hosted by OutNow, Arise for Social Justice, and Project Operation Change with the Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.
7:00 pm, Scibelli Hall Auditorium, Springfield Technical Community College, Building 2

Oct 27 | Conversation with Rhonda Y. Williams

Scholar-activist Rhonda Y. Williams is author of *Concrete Demands: The Search for Black Power in the 20th Century*, founder and director of the Social Justice Institute at Case Western Reserve University, and a voice for justice in the Tamir Rice case.
12:00 pm, Herter Hall 601, UMass Amherst

National Archives

Nov 1 | Concentration Camps, American Style: Japanese Americans and WWII

On the eve of the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 authorizing the removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, this lecture by Franklin Odo (Amherst College) explores the history and legacy of Japanese internment.
5:00 pm, Herter Hall 601, UMass Amherst

Nov 7 | Know Your Rights

Workshop with Northampton attorney Luke Ryan on rights and legal advice in handling encounters with law enforcement.
6:30 pm, Campus Center 904, UMass Amherst

Steven Rubin

Nov 10 | "Alien" Incarcerations: Migrants in Detention

A panel discussion with David Hernández (Mount Holyoke College), Carl Lindskoog (Raritan Valley Community College), Megan Kludt (Curran and Berger Immigration Law), and Mizue Aizeki (Immigrant Defense Project).
4:30 pm, Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Hall, UMass Amherst

Liberty's Prisoners cover, Walnut Street Prison, Philadelphia

Nov 15 | Historicizing the Carceral State: Race, Sex, and Power in Early America

This lecture by Jen Manion (Amherst College) explores how the penitentiary system in early America exploited racist ideologies, gender norms, sexual desire, and antipathy toward the poor to justify its existence and expansion.
5:00 pm, Herter Hall 601, UMass Amherst

Nov 29 | The Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Record

A panel discussion with local residents Veronica McNair, Elaine Arsenault, Donald Perry, and Jafet Robles, who will share their firsthand experiences with incarceration. Co-hosted by Project Operation Change.
6:00 pm, Herter Hall 601, UMass Amherst

More spring events to come! See website for details.
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All events are FREE and open to the public. See reverse for information about teacher workshops, undergraduate courses, and school field trips.

We thank our community and university partners.

See reverse for details.

Spring Preview

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Jan 23–March 3 | Made in America: Unfree Labor in the Age of Mass Incarceration

Made in America is a contemporary art exhibition with works by activist artists exploring prison labor in the U.S., set alongside creative and intellectual work by incarcerated and previously-incarcerated individuals. Featuring Sheila Pinkel, Jesse Krimes, Chelsea Hogue, Sarah Rice, and incarcerated cartoonists and writers whose work is part of the Real Cost of Prisons Project digital archive.
Hours: M–F, 10:30 am–4:30 pm, Sun, 2:00–5:00 pm. Opening Reception: Feb 2, 5:00–8:00 pm. Hampshire College Art Gallery, Harold F. Johnson Library

Feb 16 | Crack Attack: Los Angeles and the Forgotten History of America's War on Drugs

Lecture by award-winning historian and public intellectual Donna Murch (Rutgers University).
See website for details

Pablo Aguilar

Date TBA | Climbing PoeTree

Multivoice spoken word, hip-hop, and multimedia theater performance by the award-winning duo Climbing PoeTree. Cohosted by Wistariahurst Museum.
See website for details

Humanities Action Lab

March 1–30 | States of Incarceration

This interactive, national traveling exhibit from the Humanities Action Lab explores the past, present, and future of incarceration, including local experiences. A month-long series of programs hosted by Wistariahurst Museum, Forbes Library and Historic Northampton will accompany the exhibit, including a community-wide read of *Orange is the New Black*, workshops, talks, school field trips, and more. Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.
See website for details

Exhibit Dates

March 1–12: The Wauregan, (420 Dwight St, Holyoke) presented by Wistariahurst Museum. Opening reception: March 1, 6:00 pm

March 13–30: Forbes Library (20 West St, Northampton), with a satellite exhibit at Historic Northampton (46 Bridge St). Opening reception: See website

March 30 | Exhibit Capstone: Local Action Forum

This highly participatory forum brings local students, scholars, community members, and activists together to discuss ongoing work to build the collective power of communities affected by mass incarceration. Registration required. Hosted by the UMass Alliance for Community Transformation.
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