

2022 PRISON LAW & ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE NORTHWESTERN PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW COMMUNITY JUSTICE & CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC

AGENDA | Friday, May 20

7:00am – 8:00am | Yoga w/ Brandon Carr | 8th Floor

7:45am – 8:30am | Registration & Breakfast | Thorne Hall Lobby

9:00am – 9:30am | Welcome | Thorne Hall

9:30am – 10:30am | Opening Plenary | Thorne Hall

Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights **Kristen Clarke** in conversation with Professor **Andrea Armstrong**, Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans

10:30am – 10:50am | Morning Break

10:50am – 12:00pm | Concurrent Panels I

Advocating for LGBTQ+ People in Custody: Current Issues, Strategies & Approaches	Richard Saenz , Senior Attorney and the Criminal Justice and Police Misconduct Strategist at Lambda Legal Elizabeth Mazur , Partner, Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Ltd. Josh Blecher-Cohen , Attorney, ACLU of Illinois Niyeh Higgins , LGBTQ+ advocate, expert regarding the Illinois Department of Corrections Moderator: Vanessa del Valle , Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, MacArthur Justice Center	RB 140
Accountability & Oversight: Lessons Learned from Police and Prison Oversight	Anthony Driver , National Alliance Against Racism and Political Oppression A'Keisha Lee , SOUL/Affirming Care for Trans Folks in Cook County Jail Penny Godbold , Of Counsel, Rosen, Bien, Galvan & Grunfeld Michael Freedman , Senior Counsel, Rosen, Bien, Galvan & Grunfeld Michele Deitch , Distinguished Senior Lecturer, Director, Prison and Jail Innovation Lab LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT School of Law Moderator: Margot Mendelson , Staff Attorney, Prison Law Office	RB 175
Medical Legal Partnerships for People in Prison	Panelists: Nishi Kumar , Director of Civil Litigation, Promise of Justice Initiative Dr. Anjali Niyogi , Tulane University Hospital Vikrant Garg, M.A./M.P.H. , University of Illinois at Chicago Moderator: Jacob Hutt , Staff Attorney, Prison Law Office	RB 180

<p>Prison Litigation with an Abolitionist Ethic</p>	<p>Panelists: Aislinn Pulley, Black Lives Matter-Chicago, Chicago Torture Justice Center Sheila Bedi, Clinical Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Joey Mogul, Partner, People’s Law Office</p> <p>Moderator: Kara Crutcher, Clinical Fellow/Instructor, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law</p>	<p>Thorne</p>
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12:00pm – 1:00pm | Lunch | Thorne Lobby

1:00pm – 2:30pm | Plenary II: Race, Identity, Privilege, and Power | Thorne Hall

Jade Morgan, Staff Attorney, Southern Poverty Law, MS
Talila Lewis, Abolitionist, Community lawyer, Educator, and Organizer
Lori Rifkin, Rifkin Law Office
Lorilei Williams, Training Attorney, Shriver Center on Poverty Law

Moderator: Atteeyah Hollie, Deputy Director, Southern Center for Human Rights

2:30pm – 2:50pm | Afternoon Break

2:50pm – 4:00pm | Concurrent Panels II

<p>Sexual Violence in Custody: PREA, Litigation, and Trauma Informed Advocacy</p>	<p>Laura Cowell, Senior Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice Kara Crutcher, Clinical Fellow/Instructor, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Kerry Dean, Senior Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice Brenda Smith, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law.</p> <p>Moderator: Sheila Bedi, Clinical Law Professor, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law</p>	<p>RB 140</p>
<p>Fighting for Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder Behind Bars</p>	<p>Antony Gemmel, Senior Staff Attorney, NYCLU Rebekah Joab, Staff Attorney, Legal Action Center Jessie Rossman, Managing Attorney, ACLU of Massachusetts Christine Finnigan, plaintiff in Illinois MAT litigation</p> <p>Moderator: Margot Mendelson, Staff Attorney, Prison Law Office</p>	<p>RB 180</p>
<p>A Disability Rights/Justice Lens on Incarceration</p>	<p>Jamelia Morgan, Assistant Professor of Law, University of California-Irvine Shira Wakschlag, Senior Advocacy Director, the ARC Margo Schlanger, The Wade H. and Dores M. McCree Collegiate Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School</p> <p>Moderator: Amy Robertson, Partner, Fox & Robertson</p>	<p>Thorne</p>

Community-Building Offering: Movement & Medicine For Advocates	Jean Edrada , Yoga practitioner and healing-centered advocate, Movement & Medicine Chicago	8th Floor
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4:00pm – 4:10pm | Afternoon Break

4:10pm – 5:30pm | Plenary Session III: Reflections from the Field | Thorne Hall

5:30pm | Reception | Cafe & Patio

AGENDA | Saturday, May 21

7:00am – 8:00am | Yoga w/ Shanell Lavery | 8th Floor

7:45am – 8:50 am | Breakfast | Thorne Hall Lobby

9:00am – 10:30am | Plenary Session IV: Strategies for Decarceration | Thorne Hall

Hardell Ward, Managing Attorney of the Jim Crow Jury Project, Promise of Justice

Mark Begnaud, Partner, Eshman/Begnaud

Renaldo Hudson, Education Director, Illinois Prison Project

Jenny Soble, Executive Director, Illinois Prison Project

Moderator: Andrea Armstrong, Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law

10:30am – 10:50am | Morning Break

10:50am – 12:00pm | Concurrent Panels III

Litigating Damages Claims Against Prisons & Jails	<p>Easha Anand, Supreme Court and Appellate Counsel, MacArthur Justice Center</p> <p>Vanessa del Valle, Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, MacArthur Justice Center</p> <p>Lori Rifkin, Rifkin Law Office</p> <p>Moderator: Sarah Grady, Partner, Loevy & Loevy</p>	RB 140
Legal Strategies for Representing People who are Aging Behind Bars	<p>Jose Saldana, Director of Release Aging People in Prison</p> <p>Mary Price, General Counsel of Families Against Mandatory Minimums</p> <p>Dr. Michele DiTomas, Chief Medical Executive over the Palliative Care Initiative with the California Correctional Health Care Services</p> <p>Beth Blackwood, Counsel & Director for the First Step Act Resource Center at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers</p> <p>Moderator: Aditi Shah, Borchard Fellow, ACLU National Prison Project</p>	RB 180

<p>New Directions in Solitary Confinement</p>	<p>Samantha Reed, Staff Attorney, Equip for Equality Jessica Sandoval, National Director of the Unlock the Box Campaign to End Solitary Confinement David Shapiro, Director, Supreme Court and Appellate Program, MacArthur Justice Center Rudy Martinez, Solitary Expert</p> <p>Moderator: Sharon Dolovich, Professor of Law, Faculty Director, UCLA Prison Law & Policy Program</p>	<p>Thorne</p>
<p>Community Building Offering: The Power of Somatics for Advocates</p>	<p>Agnotti Cowie, Teaching Artist, Interplay Kara Crutcher, Clinical Fellow/Instructor, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law</p>	<p>8th Floor</p>

12:00pm – 1:00pm | Lunch

1:00pm – 2:10pm | Concurrent Panels IV

<p>Best Practices for Managing a Prison Law Practice</p>	<p>Tania Amarillas, Investigator, Prison Law Office Sarah Blair, Attorney, Uptown People’s Law Center Amber Thorpe, Office Manager, The Promise of Justice Initiative</p> <p>Moderator: Corene Kendrick, Deputy Director, ACLU National Prison Project</p>	<p>RB 180</p>
<p>Beyond Federal Constitutional Claims: Innovative Legal Approaches to Advocating for People in Custody</p>	<p>Dustin McDaniel, J.D., Director of Operations, Abolition Law Center Aurora Randolph, J.D., Clinical Teaching Fellow, University of Denver Sturm College of Law-Civil Rights Clinic Vidhi Bamzai, Staff Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center</p> <p>Moderator: Laura Rovner, Professor & Director, Civil Rights Clinic, University of Denver Sturm College of Law</p>	<p>RB 140</p>
<p>Voting Rights for People in Custody and Others Involved with the Criminal System</p>	<p>Christina Rivers, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Political Science, DePaul University Alexandria Boutros, Community Organizing Manager, Chicago Votes Bruce Reilly, J.D., Deputy Director, VOTE From Chains to Change</p> <p>Moderator: Alan Mills, Executive Director, Uptown People’s Law Center</p>	<p>Thorne</p>
<p>Community Building Offering: Kundalini Yoga for Advocates On The Go</p>	<p>Shanell Lavery, 200-hour Level One Kundalini Yoga Teacher</p>	<p>8th Floor</p>

2:10pm – 2:30pm | Afternoon Break

2:30pm – 3:40pm | Concurrent Panels V

<p>Securing Mental Health Treatment for People in Custody</p>	<p>Alan Mills, Executive Director, Uptown People’s Law Center Amanda Antholt, Managing Attorney, Equip for Equality Dr. Terry Kupers</p> <p>Moderator: Jamelia Morgan, Assistant Professor of Law, University of California-Irvine</p>	<p>Thorne</p>
<p>Challenging Conditions in Immigration Detention</p>	<p>Mark Fleming, Associate Director of Litigation, National Immigrant Justice Center Xanat Sobrevilla, Organizer, Organized Communities Against Deportation Aditi Shah, Borchard Fellow, ACLU National Prison Project Maru Mora Villalpando, Organizer, Latino Advocacy and La Resistencia</p> <p>Moderator: Vanessa del Valle, Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, MacArthur Justice Center</p>	<p>RB 140</p>
<p>COVID-19 Litigation Strategies</p>	<p>Alison Hardy, Prison Law Office Nancy Rosenbloom, ACLU, National Prison Project Carl Williams, Illinois Prison Project Spokesperson, IDOC expert</p> <p>Moderator: Sarah Grady, Partner, Loevy & Loevy</p>	<p>RB 175</p>
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3:50pm – 5:00pm | Keynote Speaker | Dwayne Betts | Thorne Hall

5:00pm | Reception | Cafe & Patio