

Higher Education in Prison: Strategies for Action
A Symposium hosted by the Education Justice Project
At the University of Illinois

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 8

At the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH)

2:00pm Opening Event at the IPRH - Introduction to the current state of the Education Justice Project (EJP) including comments from EJP alumni, and orientation to the evening at Danville Correctional Center. Hosted at the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities (IPRH).

3:30pm Carpool from IPRH to the Danville Correctional Center - This event is an Open House in which college-in-prison organizers from around the country will be invited to enter the Danville Correctional Center to observe EJP classes, and meet EJP students.

5:00pm EJP Classes in Action - Participants will sit in on University of Illinois courses being taught as part of the Fall 2010 Semester at the Danville Correctional Center. There will be one break during which observers may rotate. Classes end at 7:50PM. Carpool then returns to the hotel.

9:00pm Dinner/Discussion at the Hotel - Not a formal event: suggestion to use the opportunity for un-facilitated discussion after returning from the prison. Suggested location: 2 restaurants next door to the hotel where symposium guests are staying.

Saturday, October 9

At the Illini Union on the University of Illinois campus

9:00am What Works & What's Needed - This session will focus on means by which college-in-prison programs achieve their goals. It will also provide some orientation for the overall symposium aim of comparing and sharing different strategies by which college-in-prison programs succeed. Included in the question "what works?" is an interrogation of what is meant by the term "works". Moderator: Bill Sullivan

- Aileen Baumgartner (Marymount Manhattan) – The college program at Bedford Hills
- Tony Zaragoza (Evergreen) – Mixed college classes at juvenile detention centers
- Kyes Stevens (Auburn) – Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project

10:30am Comparing Strategies for Action - This session parallels the 9am session in many ways, although with an emphasis on work that is necessary *outside* the prison walls. That is: organizing on college campuses and in the broader community. Moderator: Tracy Dace

- Lori Pompa (Temple) – The Inside-Out Prison Exchange ProgramSM
- Rebecca Ginsburg (Illinois) – Education Justice Project's Family and Community Engagement
- Jody Lewen (Patten) – Higher Education in San Quentin

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1:00pm Funding College-in-Prison - Several brief presentations on one of the biggest challenges facing college-in-prison. There are low-funding models and high-budget models. We may also briefly discuss the bill to re-instate Pell Grants for incarcerated adults. Moderator: Dede Fairchild-Ruggles

- Kenneth Parker & Mary Gould (St. Louis University) – Funding strategies and individual Pell Grants
- Mark Krumholz (UC Santa Cruz) – Community service funds from NSF grants
- Johanna Foster (Drew) – Private-public partnership in The College Consortium
- Glenn Martin (Fortune Society) – A bill to bring back the Pell Grant

3:00pm Evaluating Impacts of Higher Education in Prison - What lenses do we use to evaluate the effectiveness of college in prison? What happens after graduation, after release? What criteria are appropriate? This panel will look at the multiplicity of evaluative perspectives. Moderator: James Kilgore.

- Carol Minugh (Evergreen) – What happens after the Evergreen Gateways project
- Patricia Aceves (St. Cloud) – Tracking the consequences of higher ed in MN prisons
- Kaia Stern (Harvard) – A report from the Prison Studies Project

6:00pm Dinner and Reception - Join us for food and fellowship at the home of EJP Director Rebecca Ginsburg.

Sunday, October 10

At the Illini Union on the University of Illinois campus

9:00am Inter-Institutional Collaboration - In the construction of higher education in correctional facilities, one of the nebulous regions of work is inter-institutional collaboration. The recent formation of several projects in New York and New Jersey will be a point of departure for discussing the big issues of inter-institutional coordination in a shifting legislative landscape. Moderator: Rob Scott

- Andrew Nurkin (Princeton) – The PACE Center and Princeton’s Prison Teaching Initiative
- Kirsten Coe (Cornell) – Green initiatives in prison education
- Margaret Atkins (Drew) – Drew’s PREP program and correctional legislation

10:30am Final Discussion: Discussion of Collaboration and reviewing a Preliminary Draft of the Proceedings
This will be the time for follow-up on publication proposals. It will also be the time to allow for reflection on issues which have come up in the course of the symposium to have some space to be acknowledged and discussed before the symposium participants begin to disperse. Moderator: Rebecca Ginsburg

- Carol Estes (University Beyond Bars) – Article in *Yes!* magazine & her work
- Kaia Stern (Harvard) – National Directory of Higher Education in Prison
- EJP Proceedings Committee (Illinois) – Minutes, movies, and moving forward

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