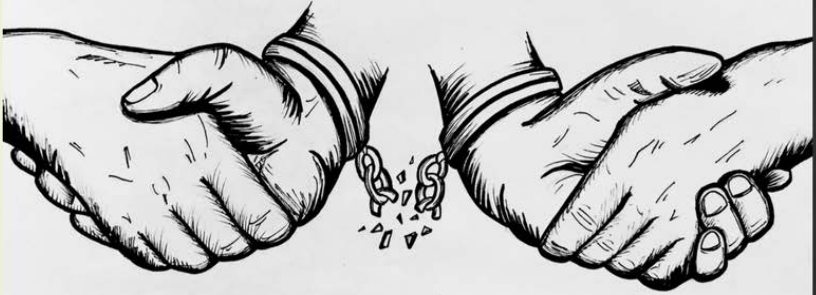


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11th Annual Social Justice Symposium

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
IN THE AGE OF  
MASS INCARCERATION

APRIL 7 2017  
8:30 - 1:00

## **Welcome to the 11th Annual Social Justice Symposium**

The 11th Annual Social Justice Symposium (SJS) at the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health (MEZCOPH) is designed to engage students, faculty, health professionals, and community members in dialogue to cultivate awareness and encourage action in the pursuit of equal justice for all people in every aspect of our society. The event is entirely student-driven with support from MEZCOPH and other sponsors.

### **Background**

The first SJS was held on Friday, April 20, 2007 and was initiated by students in the Center for Health Equity/Project EXPORT fellows program within MEZCOPH. The objectives of the one-day conference are to encourage activism and showcase strategies to encourage change at the intersection of social justice and public health.

SJS brings students, faculty, community activists, and health professionals together to expand participants' ability to critically analyze the ways in which social inequities affect health outcomes worldwide, with the goal of inspiring action at a personal level. Since its inception, the SJS planning committee has included both undergraduate and graduate students from diverse branches of public health. SJS is founded on the belief that there is a need for a multidisciplinary, multi-faceted collaborative approach to the alleviation of health disparities and their underlying social determinants. We look forward to continuing this unique tradition in our community and appreciate your solidarity and participation.

## Acknowledgements

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## **SCHEDULE OVERVIEW**

7:30 – 8:30 am DuVal Auditorium (UMC Hospital Entrance)	Registration & Breakfast
8:30 - 8:40 am DuVal Auditorium	Dean Hakim, Opening Remarks
8:40 - 8:45 am DuVal Auditorium	Co-Chairs, Katy Tucker and Mollie Gaitz
8:45 - 9:45 am DuVal Auditorium	Keynote Presentation: Anthony Iton, MD, JD, MPH
10:00 - 10:25 am Drachman Hall	Session 1 Presentations
10:30 - 10:55 am Drachman Hall	Session 2 Presentations
11:00 – 11:25 am Drachman Hall	Session 3 Presentations
11:30 – 11:55 pm Drachman Hall	Session 4 Presentations
12:10 - 1:00 pm Drachman Hall Room A114	Closing Panel Elva De La Torre, Moderator Panelists: John Anglin, Alex Canez, Edder Diaz Martinez, Khalil Rushdan

## SESSION THEMES AND ROOM NUMBERS

	Theme 1 <b>Building Bridges: Community Reentry after Incarceration</b>	Theme 2 <b>Where are We Now: The Justice System and Mass Incarceration</b>	Theme 3 <b>Prevention over Punishment: Diversionary and Juvenile Justice</b>	Theme 4 <b>Stories from the Inside: Life in Prison</b>
	<b>Room A114</b>	<b>Room A112</b>	<b>Room A116</b>	<b>Room A118</b>
<b>Session 1 10:00- 10:25</b>	<p><i>“Reframing Reentry and Mental Health Visioning by Building Compassionate, Resilient Communities in a Time of Climate Change”</i></p> <p><b>Incarcerated Community Leaders and Advisors</b></p>	<p><i>“Advancing a Public Health Approach to Drug Sentencing in Arizona”</i></p> <p><b>Rebecca Fealk</b></p>	<p><i>“City High School Restorative Justice Program in Progress”</i></p> <p><b>City High School Students and Teachers</b></p>	<p><i>“Self-Worth in Flames: The Inmate Wildfire Program and its Effects on Prisoner Identity”</i></p> <p><b>Lindsey Raisa Feldman</b></p>
<b>Session 2 10:30- 10:55</b>	<p><i>“Reframing Justice: Fierce Mothers as Leaders in the Decarceration Movement in Arizona”</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Grace Gámez, American Friends Service Committee, Arizona</b></p>	<p><i>“Criminalization of Chicano/a Street Gang Members”</i></p> <p><b>Juvenal Caporale</b></p>	<p><i>“Issues and Challenges Common to Juvenile Justice and Public Health”</i></p> <p><b>Keven A. Koegel</b></p>	<p><i>“Composing Humanity in a Prison Writing Workshop”</i></p> <p><b>Erec Toso</b></p>

<p><b>Session 3</b> 11:00-11:25</p>	<p><i>“The Cumulative Effects of Trauma of Native Americans Involved in the Judicial System: Implications for Trauma Treatment and the Need for Culturally Relevant Reentry Programs”</i></p> <p><b>Lyle Daychild, Deljean Valentine, and Cindie Nahsonhoya</b></p>	<p><i>“The Outsized Role of Elected Prosecutors in Mass Incarceration”</i></p> <p><b>Joel Feinman, J.D.</b></p>	<p><i>“Restorative Justice for Interpersonal Violence on College Campus: Can it be Done?”</i></p> <p><b>Elise Lopez</b></p>	<p><i>“Medical Neglect in Prison”</i></p> <p><b>Sue Ellen Allen</b></p>
<p><b>Session 4</b> 11:30-11:55</p>	<p><i>“Criminal Justice Reach-In Program”</i></p> <p><b>Joseph Bonneau, Michael Gardner, and Viki Alexander</b></p>	<p><i>“US Biopolitical Geographies of Migrant Containment”</i></p> <p><b>Rebecca Fowler</b></p>	<p><i>“Tucson Police Department Programs”</i></p> <p><b>Captain John Leavitt</b></p>	<p><i>“No Justice for All”</i></p> <p><b>Lauren Hernandez</b></p>

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Anthony B. Iton, M.D., J.D., MPH**, Senior Vice President of Healthy Communities, joined The California Endowment in October 2009.

Prior to his appointment at The Endowment, Iton served since 2003 as both the director and County Health Officer for the Alameda County Public Health Department. In that role, he oversaw the creation of an innovative public health practice designed to eliminate health disparities by tackling the root causes of poor health that limit quality of life and lifespan in many of California's low-income communities.

Iton also served for three years as director of Health and Human Services and School Medical Advisor for the City of Stamford, Connecticut. Concurrent to that, he served as a physician in internal medicine for Stamford Hospital's HIV Clinic. In addition, Iton served for five years as a primary care physician for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Iton's varied career also includes past service as a staff attorney and Health Policy analyst for the West Coast regional office of Consumer's Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports magazine.

Iton, who has been published in numerous public health and medical publications, is a regular public health lecturer and keynote speaker at conferences across the nation. He earned his B.S. in Neurophysiology, with honors, from McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, his J.D. at the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

## **CLOSING PANEL**

### ***“Behind Bars: The Lived Experience of Incarceration”***

#### *Moderator: Elva De La Torre*

Elva De La Torre has worked in education and training for nearly 20 years. She integrates social justice into her professional work, which includes ten years as a Peace Corps volunteer, trainer, and Training Director, as well as seven years in Tucson’s public health field. She currently manages an HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention program at Pima Community College. Elva spends her Friday nights on local community radio station KXCI hosting the music show The Wire Service.

#### *Panelist: John Anglin*

John Anglin was released from prison on August 24<sup>th</sup> of 2006 after completing a 5-year sentence for armed robbery. In January of 2009, he completed residential treatment for substance abuse and in April of that same year he became a Certified Recovery Support Specialist. In 2011 he received a level 1 fingerprint clearance card and in 2013 he obtained his associate degree in Social Services from Pima Community College (PCC). While attending PCC, he won the All-Arizona Academic Team Scholarship and used it to complete his bachelor degree in Public Administration from NAU in 2015. In 2014, John became a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician with the state of Arizona and he is currently in his final semester of a Master of Administration at NAU. John facilitates the Integrated Healthcare Recovery Support Specialist Institute where he ushers new peers into the behavioral health field. He has presented at national conferences for both the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association and the International Association of Peer Supporters.



*Panelist: Alex Canez*

Alex is now the floor manager at OpportuniTees, a screen printing business that started 5 years ago as a way to provide people with work opportunities that would not be available to them otherwise. He works with felons, former gang members and those struggling with mental health issues. Alex is engaged in helping people in the shop who, like himself, have been incarcerated and suffer with other related issues. Alex knows the struggles first hand as well as the difficulties others encounter.

*Panelist: Edder Martinez*

When Edder Martinez was 20 years old, he was detained in immigration detention for 2 months. He is now 26 years old and a student at Arizona State University. He is studying Journalism and Mass Communication with a minor in Communication. He plans on attending law school to become an immigration and civil rights attorney. The DACA program changed Edder Martinez's entire life. His story is an example of how opportunities - instead of jails/prisons - can help to redirect a person's life.

*Panelist: Khalil Rushdan*

Khalil Rushdan served 15.5 years in Arizona Department of Corrections as a result of a wrongful conviction. After release, he became an Arizona Justice Project Board Member, Founder of Our World Universal and Case Manager of SB 1291 Re-entry Program in order to educate about rehabilitation.

## BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

### THEME 1:

### Building Bridges: Community Reentry after Incarceration

Room A114

#### Session 1: 10:00-10:25

#### **“Reframing Reentry and Mental Health Visioning by Building Compassionate, Resilient Communities in a Time of Climate Change”**

*Stephanie Choi and Idrian Carlo Mollaneda, ASUA Students for Sustainability; Lyle Daychild, BSW; Paloma Martinez, student leader, Changemaker High; Dr. Grace Gámez, American Friends Service Committee; Luis A. Perales, M.S., ZenCons and Incarcerated Community Leaders and Advisors*

Representatives of American Friends Service Committee, Students for Sustainability/Compost Cats, Inside/Out Poetry and Sustainability Program will share their efforts in Tucson to build *green pipelines* of programming beginning inside Pima County Adult and Juvenile Detention Centers as well as the Arizona prison system, by utilizing gardening, poetry, composting and other healing arts to bridge to community initiatives. Come learn of the collaborations between incarcerated leaders, prison officials, U of A students and community members to create agency, purpose, and meaning.

#### Session 2: 10:30-10:55

#### **“Reframing Justice: Fierce Mothers as Leaders in the Decarceration Movement in Arizona”**

*Dr. Grace Gámez, Program Coordinator – Reframing Justice, American Friends Service Committee*

Dr. Gámez will highlight the three-pronged approach of the Reframing Justice Program - centering on the voices and expertise of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated Women of Color. Digital Storytelling focuses on the personal testimonies of those impacted by the criminal “justice” system. Transformative Leadership Development provides technical training in policy, advocacy, and media engagement to allow those impacted by the criminal justice system to step into leadership roles. Mobilization/Direct Engagement develops those impacted with skills to influence public discourse and legislative advocacy. Come learn of the multi-pronged approach of the Reframing Justice Program, and the collaborative nature of their work.

Session 3: 11:00-11:25

**“The Cumulative Effects of Trauma of Native Americans Involved in the Judicial System: Implications for Trauma Treatment and the Need for Culturally Relevant Reentry Programs”**

*Lyle Daychild, BSW, Reentry Advocate; Deljean Valentine, and Cindie Nahsonhoya, Community Outreach Specialist, Tucson Indian Center*

The presentation will discuss the cumulative effects of current and historical trauma to Native American communities from the judicial process, and offer alternatives rooted in indigenous knowledge systems. The criminal legal system directly impacted each of the three presenters, and they will discuss post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), the collateral consequences on housing, employment, social services and civil rights upon release, and their effects on recidivism. By reviewing ineffective approaches, the panel will highlight the importance of culturally-specific reentry programs for Native American communities, evidence-informed/based practices (EBP) for treating PTSD, as well as programming alternatives based in indigenous methodologies and therapies such as ceremony as healing and Native American spirituality.

Session 4: 11:30-11:55

**“Criminal Justice Reach-In Program”**

*Joseph Bonneau, MSW, Viki Alexander, RN, and Michael Gardner, BS*

Bonneau, Gardner and Alexander are affiliated with University of Arizona Health Plans (UAHP), and will focus their workshop on the UAHP Reach-In program. The Reach-In program engages those incarcerated prior to release with coordination of health care, and the provision of community linkages and referrals. Come learn about the collaboration between nonprofit agencies, criminal justice system, health providers and community service agencies to support positive health outcomes upon release from incarceration.

**THEME 2:**

**Where are We Now: The Justice System and Mass Incarceration**

**Room A112**

Session 1: 10:00-10:25

**“Advancing a Public Health Approach to Drug Sentencing in Arizona”**

*Rebecca Fealk, MPA, Program Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee*

Fealk’s research through the American Friends Service Committee focuses on the punitive impact of drug sentencing laws and the threat to public health and recovery for those struggling with drug addiction in Arizona, particularly Maricopa, Pima, and Yavapai counties. Highlights will include disparate drug charges and sentencing for people of color, as well as practical policy solutions including legislative reform, drug treatment and public health interventions such as 911 Good Samaritan laws, needle exchange, and supervised injection sites.

Session 2: 10:30-10:55

**“Criminalization of Chicano/a Street Gang Members”**

*Juvenal Caporale*

The workshop will focus on the criminalization of Chicano/a street gang members, influenced by the theoretical framework of French philosopher Michel Foucault. Caporale will highlight the social construction of criminality, power influencing the discourse of criminalizing ‘unfavorable’ populations, and street gang injunctions as a mechanism of discipline and punishment in Southern California against Latino and Black gang members.

Session 3: 11:00-11:25

**“The Outsized Role of Elected Prosecutors in Mass Incarceration”**

*Joel Feinman, J.D.*

This presentation will focus on the prosecutor’s role in exacerbating mass incarceration, and how the political aspect of the position makes it more difficult for serious reform to take root. Joel Feinman was a felony trial lawyer with the Pima County public defender’s office for over 8 years. He now has his own criminal defense practice, runs a news and opinion website dedicated to local criminal justice issues and ending mass incarceration ([www.pimaliberator.com](http://www.pimaliberator.com)), and is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Arizona. His legal and practical experience has illuminated how much of the mass incarceration problem begins with our country’s elected prosecutors, and how little attention the prosecutorial function receives in criminal justice debates.

Session 4: 11:30-11:55

**“US Biopolitical Geographies of Migrant Containment”**

*Rebecca Fowler, Washington State University*

Fowler highlights U.S. anti-immigrant policies and border

technologies which exploit, contain, expel, and/or destroy undocumented immigrants, ultimately rendering them invisible and as fodder for the global corporate-capital machine. Fowler’s research centers on three Tucson humanitarian aid organizations: The Tucson Samaritans, No More Deaths, and Humane Borders whose work includes hiking the migrant trails of the Sonoran Desert to provide food, water, and medical aid.

### **THEME 3:**

## **Prevention over Punishment: Diversionary and Juvenile Justice**

**Room A116**

Session 1: 10:00-10:25

### **“City High School Restorative Justice Program in Progress”**

*City High School Students and Teachers*

The workshop will consist of a panel discussion between students and a teacher from City High School (CHS) who describe their progress towards developing a school restorative justice program. The restorative justice program which they will discuss was created as an alternative to punitive punishments and is intended to mend broken relationships through the process of mediation and other innovative strategies.

Session 2: 10:30-10:55

### **“Issues and Challenges Common to Juvenile Justice and Public Health”**

*Keven A. Koegel, MPH*

Koegel will examine the intersections of juvenile justice and public health, and make a strong case for cross-sector collaboration. Framed through the lens of local efforts in Pima County, Koegel will discuss several contemporary problems in the American juvenile justice system and will present a vision of how cross-sector

collaboration can promote community health, safety and equity.

Session 3: 11:00-11:25

**“Restorative Justice for Interpersonal Violence on College Campus:  
Can it be Done?”**

*Elise Lopez, University of Arizona*

The presentation is an adaptation of a presentation that was recognized with the Abstract of the Year Award from the APHA Law Section in 2016, entitled, "Situating Restorative Justice Innovations within VAWA and DCL Guidelines on Campus Sexual Misconduct Resolution." This shortened version will give audience members a primer on the difference between restorative justice and mediation, federal policy, and guidance that affect the use of restorative justice on campus; the four areas where restorative justice can potentially be used in higher education student sexual and dating violence misconduct case processing, and examples of how institutions are already starting to use restorative justice on campus.

Session 4: 11:30-11:55

**“Tucson Police Department Programs”**

*Captain John Leavitt*

Capt. John Leavitt will present the Tucson Police Department deflection programs aimed at stopping mass incarceration. Capt. Leavitt will describe his personal observations of the criminal justice system, challenges for offenders, and the promise of deflection programs.

## **THEME 4:**

### **Stories from the Inside: Life in Prison**

**Room A118**

Session 1: 10:00-10:25

#### **“Self-Worth in Flames: The Inmate Wildfire Program and its Effects on Prisoner Identity”**

*Lindsey Raisa Feldman, University of Arizona*

Lindsey Raisa Feldman’s presentation will explore the Inmate Wildfire Program, which consists of several wildfire crews made up of incarcerated people and correctional officers. On the one hand, the IWP has allowed inmates to maintain a sense of dignity and humanity while in prison. On the other hand, it may be stereotyped as exploitative prison labor, offering little pay for risky work. This presentation explores this paradox with the intent of understanding the meanings and experiences within this program from the perspectives of program participants.

Session 2: 10:30-10:55

#### **“Composing Humanity in a Prison Writing Workshop”**

*Erec Toso, University of Arizona*

Toso will speak about his experience running creative writing workshops at the Arizona State Prison – Tucson Complex. Through profiles, vignettes, inmate writing and commentary, Toso will describe why creative self-expression is a valuable component of inmate rehabilitation.



Session 3: 11:00-11:25

**“Medical Neglect in Prison”**

*Sue Ellen Allen, Reinventing Reentry Founder and CEO*

Allen will recount her own experience of being incarcerated with Stage 3B breast cancer and the quality of healthcare that she received in the prison system. Allen will describe the experiences of other prisoners who she observed and the relationship between the prison environment and disease.

Session 4: 11:30-11:55

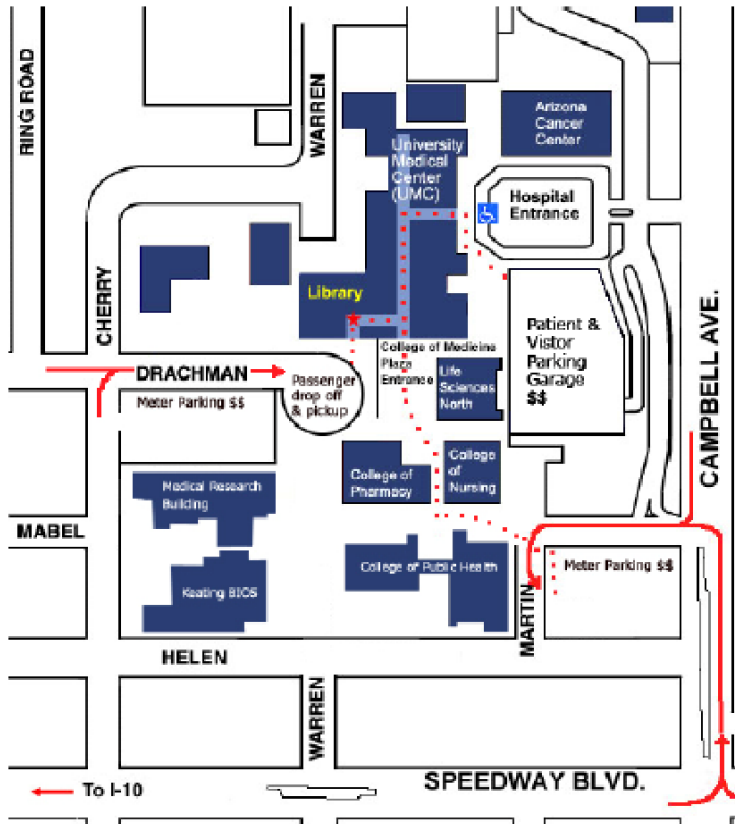
**“No Justice for All”**

*Lauren Hernandez, Arizona State University*

The travesties found in the Memphis prison system will be examined through the use of a case study of an African American male on death row. Prior to incarceration, the subject displayed promising artistic skills and academic success but found himself in an environment where drugs and robbery were the social norm. Through the lens of his experience, race is explored as a significant factor in harsh sentencing.

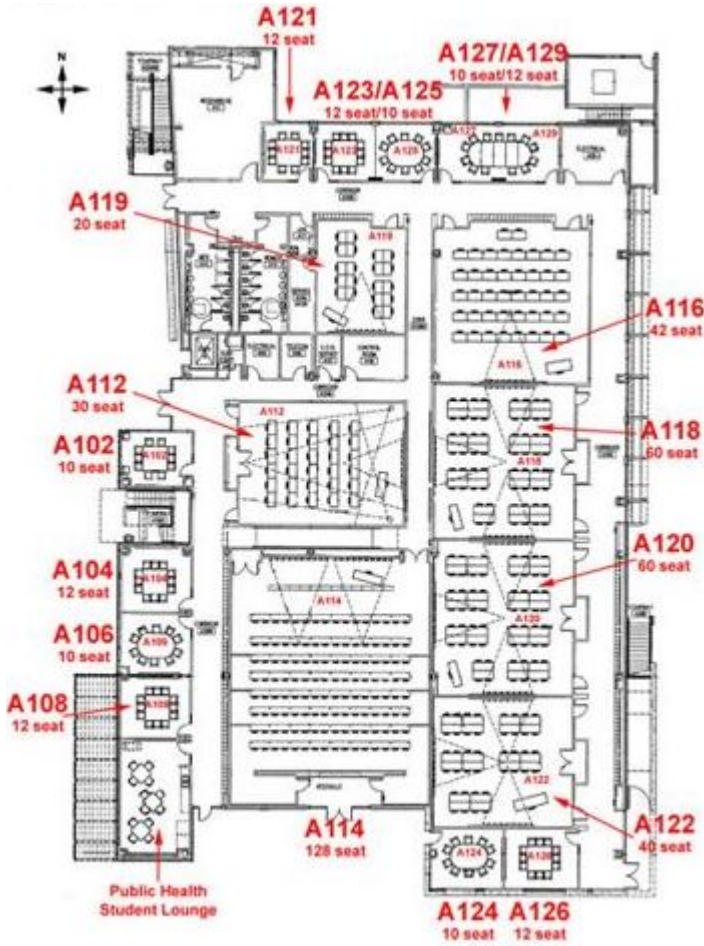
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# Map of Drachman Hall

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