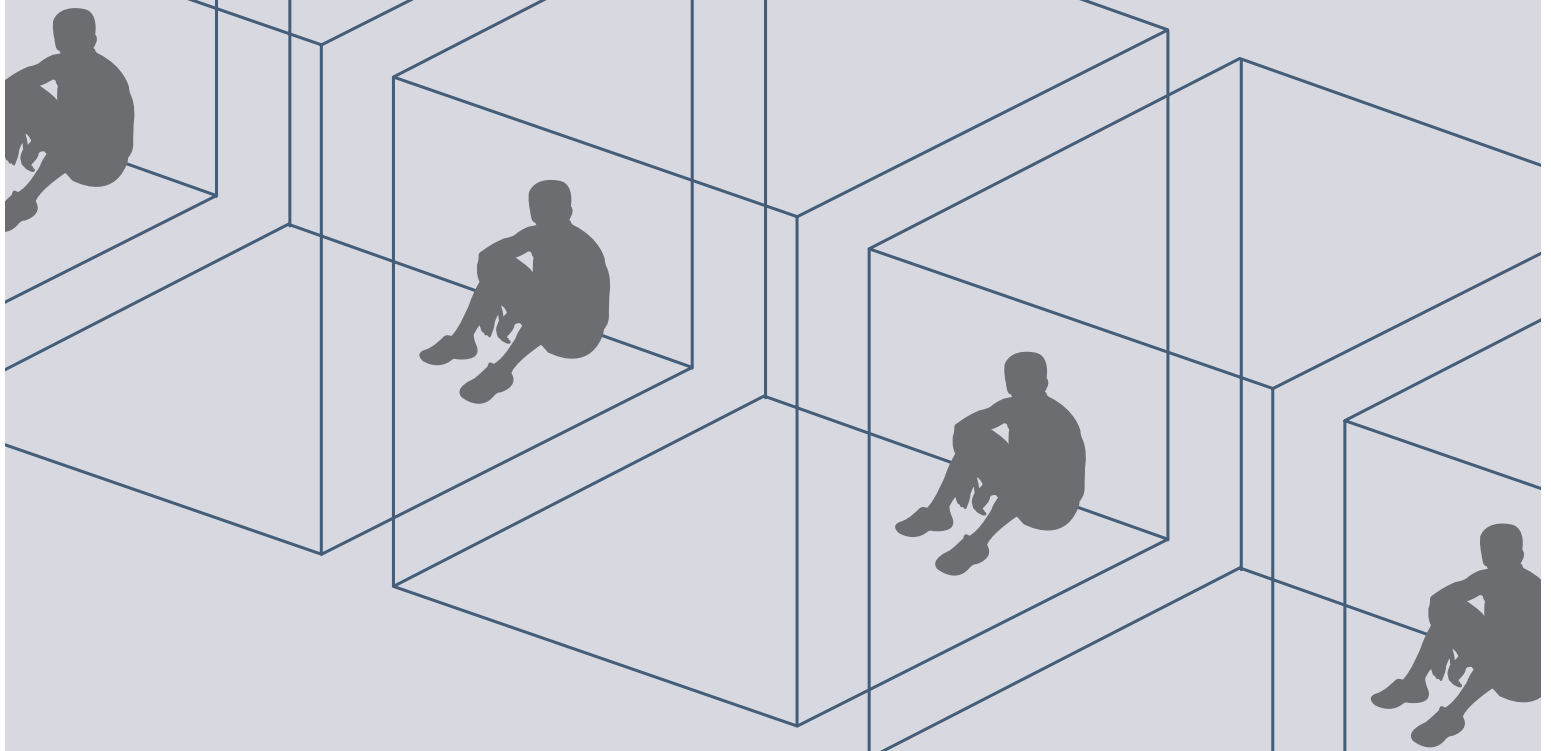


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Agenda

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Morning Session in Moot Court, Sixth Floor

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8:30am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

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9:00am

## WELCOME TO PARTICIPANTS

**Karol Mason, J.D.**, president, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

9:15am

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Leann Bertsch, J.D.**, president, Association of State Correctional Administrators; director, North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

9:45am – 11:00am

## THE POLITICS AND POLICY OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

**Marc Levin, J.D.**, vice president of criminal justice at Texas Public Policy Foundation; Right on Crime

**Johnny Perez**, U.S. prison program director, Washington, D.C.-based National Religious Campaign Against Torture

**Jessica Sandoval, M.P.A.**, Washington, D.C.-based chief strategist, ACLU National Prison Project's Stop Solitary Confinement Campaign

**Minnesota State Rep. Nick Zerwas, M.B.A.**, (R-Elk River)

*Moderator: Steve Handelman*, director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

11:00am – 12:30pm

## THE BRAIN AND BODY IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

**Stuart Grassian, M.D.**, former Harvard Medical School physician-researcher

**Homer Venters, M.D., M.P.H.**, programs director, Physicians for Human Rights; professor, New York University School of Medicine.

**Brie Williams, M.D., M.S.**, criminal justice and health program director, professor, University of California at San Francisco Medical School

*Moderator: Gerard Bryant, PhD*, director, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Counseling Services

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12:30pm – 2:00pm **LUNCH**

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9th Floor Conference Room

## KEYNOTE Q&A ON THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT EXPERIENCE

**Mario Bueno**, formerly incarcerated co-founder and co-director, Detroit-based, Leaders Under Correct Knowledge (LUCK Inc.) re-entry program

**Anthony Graves**, Texas death row exonerate; founder and executive director of Anthony Graves Foundation

*Moderator: Freelance journalist Curtis Stephen*

2:00pm – 2:15pm

## INTERLUDE: FROM "TIME: THE KALIEF BROWDER STORY" WITH ACTOR DONNELL E. SMITH

Afternoon Session in Moot Court

2:30pm – 4:00pm

## CONFINING THE YOUNG: COSTS AND CONTROVERSIES

**Marsha Levick, J.D.**, chief counsel and co-founder, Philadelphia-based Juvenile Law Center

**Kyung Ji Kate Rhee**, deputy director, Brooklyn N.Y.-based Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions; director, NuLeadership youth justice advocacy project

**Sarah Vinson, M.D.**, psychiatrist, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; professor, Morehouse School of Medicine and Emory School of Medicine

*Moderator: Leslie Lapides*, managing editor, Juvenile Justice Information Exchange

4:15pm – 5:30pm

## RACE, CLASS, DISABILITIES, ET CETERA: A PARTIAL PROFILE OF WHO'S IN SOLITARY

**Margo Schlanger, J.D.**, founder and director, University of Michigan Law's Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse

**Anna VanCleave, J.D.**, director, Yale Law School's Liman Center for Public Interest Law

**Michael Winerip**, former investigative reporter, The New York Times; freelance journalist and author

*Moderator: Sara Sullivan, M.P.A.*, project director, Safe Alternatives to Segregation Initiative Center on Sentencing and Corrections, Vera Institute of Justice

FRIDAY APRIL 27

All events & lunch in L-61, Main Floor  
(unless otherwise noted)

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8:30am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

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9:00am – 10:30am

## THE COURTS' IMPACT ON SOLITARY CONFINEMENT REFORM

**U.S. District Court Judge James Peterson, J.D., Ph.D., M.A.**, chief judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

**Laura Rovner, J.D., LL.M.**, professor and litigator, University of Denver Sturm School of Law's Civil Rights Clinic

**Former U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin, J.D.**, retired, Southern District of New York; attorney, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, New York City

*Moderator: Ann Givens*, investigator reporter, The Trace

10:30am – 11:30am

## CORRECTIONAL PROFESSIONALS ON THE PROS & CONS OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

**Elias Husamudeen**, president, Corrections Officers Benevolent Association of New York City

**Susan Jones, Ph.D., M.C.J.**, retired warden, Colorado Department of Corrections

*Moderator: Katti Gray*, The Crime Report contributing editor

11:30am – 12:20pm

## GAINING ACCESS: STORYTELLING TOOLS, TECHNIQUES AND LOGISTICS

**Carolyn Hepburn**, executive producer, "Solitary: Inside Red Onion State Prison"

**Jean Casella**, Solitary Watch investigative journalist

*Moderator: Mensah H. Dean*, Philadelphia Inquirer criminal justice/courts reporter

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12:30pm – 1:30pm **LUNCH**

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## CLIP FROM BILL MOYERS' "RIKERS: AN AMERICAN JAIL" NEWS DOCUMENTARY

1:30pm – 2:15pm

## TOUR OF SIMULATED SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELL

Upper Mezzanine, "Bloodhound Square"  
John Jay Atrium

2:30pm – 4:00pm

## PRE- AND POST-PRISON HEALTH AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH CARE PLANNING

**Pamella F. Harris, L-M.S.W.**, supervisory U.S. Probation Officer, Southern District of New York

**Rebecca Hochman, L-M.S.W.**, manager, criminal justice initiative, New York City-based Coordinated Behavioral Care

**Rev. Hector "Pastor Benny" Custodio, M.Div., D.Div.**, founder/CEO, Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Never Forsaken Re-entry Ministries

**Kathy Morse**, spotlighted in "Rikers: An American Jail"

*Moderator: Jeff Coots, J.D., Ph.D.*, executive director, John Jay College's Punishment to Public Health project

4:15pm – 5:30pm

## FELLOWS' DISCUSSION AND WRAP-UP