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# CASH REGISTER JUSTICE

Covering the Hidden Costs  
of the Justice System

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# AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

8:30-9:00am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

*All sessions, except where otherwise noted, will be in the 9th floor conference room, John Jay College, Room 9.64*

9:00am–9:15am  
**WELCOME**

**Stephen Handelman**, Director, Center on Media, Crime & Justice

9:15am–10:45am  
**PANEL 1**

## **THE HIDDEN COSTS OF U.S. JUSTICE**

Court fees and fines have emerged as a primary driver of mass incarceration and an economic burden for thousands of justice-involved Americans. What are the consequences? Who suffers the most? An overview.

*SPEAKERS:*

**Alexes Harris**, professor of sociology, University of Washington.

**Joanna Weiss**, co-director of Fines and Fees Justice Center

**Marc A. Levin**, vice president of criminal justice police, Texas Public Policy Foundation

*Moderator:* **Lisa Foster**, co-Director, Fines and Fees Justice Center

10:45am–11:00am  
**BREAK**

11:00am–12:30pm  
**PANEL 2**  
**THE MEDIA AND CASH REGISTER JUSTICE**

Reporting on fines & fees. Case studies from journalists. A lessons-learned panel.

*SPEAKERS:*

**Melissa Sanchez**, Pro Publica Illinois

**Matt Shaer**, New York Times

**Sarah Stillman**, The New Yorker

*Moderator:*

**Maurice Possley**, Journalism Coordinator, Center on Media, Crime and Justice.

12:30–1:45pm **LUNCH**

*Student dining room, 2nd floor, John Jay College*

1:45pm–3:15pm  
**PANEL 3**  
**DRIVEN INTO DEBT**

Driver's license suspensions. What happens after these are assessed? Who is punished the most? What is the effect on lives?

*SPEAKERS:*

**Lisa Foster**, co-director of Fines and Fees Justice Center

**Ashley Gantt**, Diversity Chair for Action Together Rochester, impacted person from Rochester, NY

**Tara Mikkilineni**, Civil Rights Corps attorney

*Moderator:*

**Joanna Weiss**, Co-director of Fines and Fees Justice Center

3:15pm–3:30pm  
**BREAK**

3:30pm–5:00pm  
**PANEL 4**

## **THE INCARCERATION TRAP**

Incarceration and pay-to-stay fees: Fees imposed for or when one is in custody

*SPEAKERS:*

**Emily Gerrick**, Texas Fair Defense Project

**Bianca Tylek**, Corrections Accountability Project

**Paul Wright**, Human Rights Defense Center

*Moderator:*

**Sam Brooke**, Deputy Director, Southern Poverty Law Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

8:30-9:00am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

*All sessions, except where otherwise noted, will be in the 9th floor conference room, John Jay College, Room 9.64*

9:00am–10:30am  
**PANEL 5**  
**PAYING FOR HELP**

Diversion and Treatment Fees: payments for diversion, probation, drug testing and treatment services. Problems and solutions.

*SPEAKERS:*

**Dami Animashaun**, Civil Rights Corps attorney

**Nusrat Choudhury**, Deputy director, ACLU Racial Justice program

**Becca Curry**, Colorado ACLU

*Moderator:*

**William Maurer**, Managing Attorney, Institute for Justice

10:30am–10:45am  
**BREAK**

10:45am–12:15pm  
**PANEL 6**  
**COSTS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Juvenile Fines and Fees. What are these? What is the impact? What's being done about them? Problems and solutions.

*SPEAKERS:*

**Jessica Feierman**, Juvenile Law Center

**Shyara Hill**, Intern, Juveniles for Justice, impacted person from Pennsylvania

**Jeff Selbin**, Berkeley Policy Law Clinic

**Amir Whitaker**, staff attorney, ACLU of Southern California, impacted person from New Jersey

*Moderator:*

**Maurice Possley**, Journalism Coordinator, Center on Media, Crime and Justice.

12:15–1:30pm **LUNCH**

1:30pm–3:00pm  
**PANEL 7**

## **ALTERNATIVES AND SOLUTIONS**

Alternatives/Solutions: Day fines, credit system (for completing GED, for example), cost-free diversion. How can the criminal justice system be funded without fines and fees?

*SPEAKERS:*

**Beth Colgan**, UCLA Law School

**Brook Hopkins**, Executive director, Harvard Criminal Justice Policy Program

**Anne Stuhldreher**, Director of Financial Justice City and County of San Francisco

**Jon Wool**, Vera Institute of Justice

*Moderator:*

**Stephen Handelman**, Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice at John Jay.

3:00pm–3:15pm  
**BREAK**

3:15pm–4:45pm  
**CONFERENCE WRAP - PROJECT REVIEWS WITH FELLOWS**

FAREWELL

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