CASH REGISTER JUSTICE
Covering the Hidden Costs of the Justice System

A SYMPOSIUM & WORKSHOP FOR JOURNALISTS

MARCH 7–8, 2019
JOHN JAY COLLEGE
524 WEST 59TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY
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.

SPKERS:
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 policy, 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.

SPKERS:
Melissa Sanchez, Pro Publica Illinois
Matt Shaer, New York Times
Sarah Stilman, 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?

SPKERS:
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

SPKERS:
Emily Gerrick, Texas Fair Defense Project
Blanca 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
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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.

SPKERS:
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.

SPKERS:
Jessica Feierman, Juvenile Law Center
Shyara Hill, Intern, Juveniles for Justice, impacted person from Pennsylvania
Jeff Selbin, Berkeley Policy Law Clinic
Amir Whittaker, 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?

SPKERS:
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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