SOLITARY CONFINEMENT: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Covering New Developments in Solitary Confinement Practices, Policies and Human Impacts

A criminal justice webinar series for news reporters, editors and producers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 and THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

ALL TIMES EDT

WEBINAR 1

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022

12:45 p.m.-1:00 p.m. WELCOME
Stephen Handelman  
Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice (CMCJ)  
Editor, The Crime Report  

1:00 p.m.-1:50 p.m.  
SESSION 1 — KEYNOTE CONVERSATION  

U.S. Rep. David Trone (D-MD)  
Primary author of bipartisan bill to fund solitary confinement research  

Dean Williams  
Executive director, Colorado Department of Corrections  

FACILITATOR  
Stephen Handelman  
Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice  
Editor, The Crime Report  

Q&A  

1:50 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
BREAK  

2:00 p.m.-2:50 p.m.  
SESSION 2: THE POLITICS OF SOLITARY  

Tammie Gregg, J.D.  
Deputy director, ACLU National Prison Project, ACLU Stop Solitary campaign lead  

Robert Saleem Holbrook  
Executive Director, Abolitionist Law Center  

Zoe Taylor  
Kentucky State director, Right on Crime,  

MODERATOR:  
Reuven Blau  
2:50 p.m.-3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m. SESSION 3 SOLITARY’S IMPACT ON THE BODY & BRAIN

Elizabeth Ford, M.D.
Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry; Director of Mental Health and Criminal Justice Initiatives in the Columbia University Department of Psychiatry.

Mariposa McCall, M.D.
Expert witness and psychiatrist formerly practicing at California Department of Corrections Pelican Bay and San Quentin prisons.

Pamela Winn
Founder and executive director of Restore Her; former solitary confinement prisoner

MODERATOR
Katti Gray
Webinar coordinator
Contributing editor, The Crime Report

3:50 p.m.-4:00 p.m. BREAK

4:00 p.m.-4:50 p.m. SESSION 4 CONVERSATION

Do We Still Need Solitary?

Stanley Richards
Deputy chief executive officer, Fortune Society
Vice Chair New York City Board of Corrections; former solitary prisoner

MODERATOR
Graham Rayman
WEBINAR 2

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2021

12:45 p.m.-1:00 p.m.  WELCOME

Stephen Handelman
Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice
Editor, The Crime Report

1:00 p.m.-1:50 p.m.  SESSION 5 KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

Judith Resnik
Founding director, Yale University Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law

Jessica Sandoval
National director, Unlock the Box

FACILITATOR:
Stephen Handelman
Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice
Editor-in-chief, The Crime Report

Q&A

1:50 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  BREAK

2:00 p.m.-2:50 p.m.  SESSION 6 Juvenile Solitary:
Causes and Effects

Kate Bryan
Policy analyst, National Council of State Legislatures

Vidal Guzman
Founder, #Fixthe13thNYCampaign and End Qualified Immunity NY; former solitary prisoner
2:50 p.m.-3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m.-3:50 p.m. SESSION 7 By the Numbers: Who’s in Solitary?

Hannah Pullen-Blasnik
Research fellow at Columbia University Department of Sociology and Columbia University Justice Lab

Richard Saenz, J.D.
Senior counsel and strategist for criminal justice and police misconduct, Lambda Legal

Elizabeth Sinclair Hancq
Research director, Treatment Advocacy Center

Katti Gray
Webinar coordinator
Contributing editor, The Crime Report

3:50 pm – 4:00 pm BREAK

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm SESSION 8: The Future: New Prisons Without Solitary Cells?

Brian Koehn
Founder and president, Social Profit Corrections; former warden

Ryan Labrecque, Ph.D.
University of Central Florida criminal justice professor; Oregon Department of Corrections researcher

Craig Prins
Inspector general, Oregon Department of Corrections

MODERATOR
Stephen Handelman
Director, Center on Media, Crime and Justice

4:45 pm – 5:30 pm

SESSION 9: Covering the Story: Trends to Watch

Jeremiah Bourgeois
Co-founder, Beyond the Blindfold of Justice
Gonzaga Law School Class of 2023; former prisoner; The Crime Report contributor

Jean Casella
Journalist and director, Solitary Watch

Vincent Schiraldi
Co-Founder, Columbia Justice Lab

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