

\$5,000 Awarded from Langeloth Foundation to Support Incarceration in America Conference

Bennington, VT: Bennington College's [Center for the Advancement of Public Action](#) (CAPA) will host its annual [Incarceration in America conference](#) from **October 4 - 5**. The conference will include panel discussions on getting women off Rikers Island and designing a new women's jail, with panelists from the [Women's Community Justice Association](#), and panelists from [The Osborne Association](#) will discuss older prisoners, long-term prisoners, clemency, parole, post-release housing, and the role of children.

All events are free, open to the public, and will take place in the CAPA Symposium on Bennington's [campus](#). [Registration](#) for the event is recommended. Lunch will be served on Saturday afternoon.

The 2019 Incarceration in America conference is supported in part by a \$5,000 grant from the Jacob & Valeria Langeloth Foundation, which supports work to create a more equitable and humane justice system.

The conference begins on **Friday, October 4 at 7:00 pm** with **The Solutions We Need: Leadership by those with Lived Experience** a panel discussion with the Osborne Association and the Women's Community Justice Association, moderated by **DeAnna Hoskins**, President and CEO of JustLeadershipUSA.

On **Saturday, October 5 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**, panelists from Women's Community Justice Association will discuss **Beyond Rosie's 2020: The Vision**, which concerns getting women off Rikers Island and designing a new women's facility and community alternatives. From **1:00 - 2:30 pm**, panelists from the Osborne Association will discuss **Justice Across Generations**, regarding needed systemic changes to address the multi-generational effects and harms of mass incarceration and the punishment paradigm. In this effort, children of incarcerated parents and the crisis of long-term incarceration and aging in prison will be central to the conversation and to reforming laws and policies on sentencing and parole.

About the Incarceration in America Initiative

The United States has the highest documented rate of incarceration in the world, which reached its peak in 2007 and has been gradually declining since. In 2014, Bennington College launched the Incarceration in America initiative, which partners with distinguished advocates and providers to offer course curriculum, visiting speakers, theatrical events, think tanks, and conferences focused on developing public policy and political action in the post-tough-on-crime era.

Since the inception of the Incarceration in America initiative, CAPA has partnered with many organizations doing important work in this field, including JustLeadershipUSA, The Fortune Society, Brooklyn Community Bail Fund, and HousingPlus. Through this initiative, CAPA has addressed topics as far-reaching as higher education in prisons, the aging incarcerated population, women in prison, how to redefine justice and effect change, immigrant detention and deportation, and alternatives to incarceration.

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