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Dylan Rodríguez is Professor and Chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies at UC Riverside. He earned his Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley (2001), and earned two B.A. degrees and a Concentration degree from Cornell University (1995).

Prof. Rodríguez is the author of two books: *Forced Passages: Imprisoned Radical Intellectuals and the U.S. Prison Regime* (University of Minnesota Press, 2006) and *Suspended Apocalypse: White Supremacy, Genocide, and the Filipino Condition* (University of Minnesota Press, 2009). Prof. Rodríguez was nationally recognized by *Diverse* as an Emerging Scholar of 2006, and has been a Ford Foundation Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellow.

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She is the author of *Resistance Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women*, which won the 2009 PASS (Prevention for a Safer Society) award and the co-editor of *Don't Leave Your Friends Behind: Concrete Ways to Support Families in Social Justice Movements*. She frequently writes about issues of incarceration, gender and resistance for various publications.

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Robert C. Khayat Law Center
The University of Mississippi
April 13-15, 2014

Conference Program



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Conference Schedule

Sunday, April 13

Robert C. Khayat Law Center

2:30 - 4:30 PM: Registration - Atrium

4:00 - 5:30 PM: Opening Reception - Atrium

Co-sponsored By Alabama Prison Arts & Education Program, Auburn University

5:30 - 7:30 PM: Screening of Mississippi Innocence & Panel Discussion - Auditorium (1078)

Introduction: Otis Pickett, History, Mississippi College

Professor Tucker Carrington & Director Joe York

Monday, April 14

9:00 AM - Departure for Mississippi State Penitentiary - Parchman (M.S.P.)

3:00 PM - Departure from M.S.P.

4:50 PM - Estimated Arrival at UM Campus

5:30 PM - Evening Keynote Address: "Insurrection Against Racial Genocide: Prison Rebellions and the Logic of Evisceration" By Dylan Rodriguez - Law Center Auditorium (1078)

Introduction by Patrick Alexander, English, The University of Mississippi

Accompanied/Followed by Conference Dinner

Lunches and Monday's dinner provided to all registered participants.

Tuesday, April 15

All sessions at Robert C. Khayat Law Center

Three sessions will run concurrently at each of the scheduled times. Coffee and lunch provided for all registered participants.

8:00 - 9:00 AM: Registration

8:30 - 9:45 AM: Session I

A. Roundtable: Perspectives from the New Southern Strategy Coalition - Room 3001B

- Daryl V. Atkinson and Members of the New Southern Strategy Coalition

B. Roundtable: From the Inside Out: Rethinking the Role of the Church and Religious Institutions in Addressing Women and Mass Incarceration - Room 1046

- Beverly Wallace (Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia)
- Shalonda Capers (Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia)
- Lugenia Johnson (Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia)
- Myisha Phillips (Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia)
- Kenya Williams (Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia)

C. Roundtable: Starting and Sustaining a Prison Higher Education Program - Room 1115

- Mary Gould (Saint Louis University)
- Rebecca Ginsburg (University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign)
- Brady Heiner (CSU-Fullerton)
- Kyes Stevens (Auburn University)
- Robert Scott (Cornell University)

9:45 - 10:15: Coffee Break

10:15 - 11:45: Session II

A. Incarceration & the U.S. South: Historical Perspectives - Room 3001B

Chair: Otis Pickett, History, Mississippi College

- Missy Jones (Mississippi College) - "Revolution, Second Slavery, and the Clinton Riot of 1875"
- Henry Kamerling (Seattle University) - "Southern Punishment as American Punishment: Assessing the Historical Preconditions for the Punitive Turn in National Correctional Policy"
- Amy Wood (Illinois State University) - "Mollycoddlers and Chicken-Livered Men: The Problem of the Rehabilitative Ideal in Texas Prisons, 1910-1940"

B. Affiliated Session with Higher Education in Prison Planning Group - Room 1046

C. Roundtable: Reading the Criminal Justice System from the UM Literature Classroom - Room 1115

Chair: Patrick Alexander, English, The University of Mississippi

- Paige Prather - The University of Mississippi, M.A. Student, Southern Studies
- Kate Hudson - The University of Mississippi, M.A. Student, Southern Studies

12:00 - 12:50 PM: Lunch - Room 1115

1:00 - 2:30 PM: Session III

A. Experiencing Incarceration and Its Aftermath - Room 1046

Chair: Chris Simmons, Social Work, The University of Mississippi

- Teah Hairston (University of Missouri at Columbia) - "Old Habits Die Hard: The Mass Imprisonment of Black Males in the U.S. South"
- Brady Heiner (CSU Fullerton) - "Shackling Pregnant Women in U.S. Prisons: Excavating the Sedimentations of Slavery"
- Larry Williams (North Carolina Central University) - "Political Genocide: The Mass Incarceration of African American Males"

B. Race and The Southern Criminal Justice System - Room 3001B

Chair: Dionne Bailey, History, The University of Mississippi

- Jessica L. Carter (Louisiana State University) - "The Criminal Justice System is the New Slave Trade: Born into It, Living Through It, but Does True Freedom Exist?"
- Holly Genovese (University of South Carolina) - "Born in the U.S.A. Born Poor. Born Black: The Angola 3, Black Male Consciousness and Mass Incarceration"
- Natalie Ring (University of Texas at Dallas) - "The Carceral State as a Site of Entertainment: Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Marketing of Race and Reform"

C. Roundtable: Community Organizing is a Reentry Program: How Formerly Incarcerated Women are Decarcerating Their Communities in the Prison Capital of the World - Room 2032

- Shaquita Borden (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
- Desiree Evans (Women With a Vision, New Orleans)
- Deon Haywood (Women With a Vision, New Orleans)
- Laura McTighe (Columbia University)

2:30 - 2:45 PM - Break

2:45 - 4:15 PM - Session IV

A. Legal and Social Perspectives on Incarceration - Room 2032

Chair: Jennifer Stollman, Winter Institute, The University of Mississippi

- Jennifer Kirby-McLemore (The University of Mississippi) - "Legislation to Address Racial Disparity in Prison Populations"
- Lydia Pelot-Hobbs (The Graduate Center - CUNY) - "Imprisoned Knowledge of the Louisiana Carceral System"
- David Phillipy (Retired Prison Chaplain) - "Death Row Conditions in the South: A Better Way"
- Pamela Valera (Columbia University) - "Rethinking Mass Incarceration: A Cross-Sectional Study on Solitary Confinement in Men"

B. Education & Expression Behind Bars - Room 1078

Chair: James M. Thomas, Sociology, The University of Mississippi

- Lauren Alessi (Colorado State University) - "The Challenges of Critical Expressive Writing in Prisons and Jails"
- Josh Dohman (University of Memphis) - "Prisons and Their Subjects"
- Victoria Bryan (The University of Mississippi) - "Teaching the Southern Short Story to Incarcerated Learners"

C. Roundtable: Reach Coalition: Live From Tennessee's Death Row - Room 3001B

- Lisa Guethner (Vanderbilt University)
- Amy McKiernan (Vanderbilt University)
- Carmela Hill-Burke (Vanderbilt University)

4:30 - 5:30 PM: Keynote Address: "What about the Sisters? Mass Incarceration, Gender and Resistance in the South" by Vikki Law - Auditorium (1078)

Introduction by Michèle Alexandre, Law, The University of Mississippi

5:30 - 7:00 PM Closing Reception - Atrium

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