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HEALING JUSTICE: ENDING MASS INCARCERATION

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An interdisciplinary conference at the intersections of mental health, psychology, and organizing to end mass incarceration. By Psychologists for Social Responsibility Racial Justice Action Group & Wright Institute DEI Office. For more info contact: Maya (mflorsheim@wi.edu)

TO REGISTER:

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FEES: \$22

We are committed to eliminating cost as a barrier of participation. If the cost is prohibitive in any way, arrangements will be made for all who want to attend.

CE Credits: TBD

Must attend both days to receive credit.

The Wright Institute is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Wright Institute maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

The Racial Justice Action Group, as part of Psychologists for Social Responsibility along with the Wright Institute Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion would like to invite you to an interdisciplinary conference at the intersections of psychology, mental health, and organizing to end mass incarceration. The conference will take place on Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3rd from 9:30am - 4:00pm on both days.

This is a working conference rooted in the principles of liberation psychology, decolonial praxis, and anti-racist organizing. The intent is to build community and movement among mental health professionals and psychologists to end mass incarceration. We would like to invite organizers, psychologists, mental health professionals, students, attorneys, journalists, and anyone interested in how to address the trauma of mass incarceration.

Please contact us in advance if you require special accommodations on the day of the event.

The conference will build on the call to action raised by Psychologists for Social Responsibility in their 2016 statement on Torture, Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment and Racial Injustice in the United States.

The conference will include panels, breakout working groups, large group discussions, workshops, and engagement in action.

After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Examine the ethical responsibilities of psychologists working inside the system.
- Discuss the current state of the struggle against solitary confinement.
- Analyze how psychologists and clinicians can contribute their skills to the movement to end mass incarceration, and to address how trauma is created and perpetuated by the systems of mass incarceration.
- Compile a list of resources and action items that we, as psychologists and community organizers, use to help in the struggle.
- Discuss the role of white supremacy and colonialism in creating and upholding these systems.
- Collaboratively explore what we know about US political prisoners and how to support them.

INSTRUCTORS:

Dr. Daniela Kantorová graduated from the Wright Institute in 2014, and completed her postdoctoral fellowship at the Wright Institute's School Based Collaboration Program. She is a program director for the Contra Costa High Schools counseling program, interested in applying principles of liberation psychology and decolonization to both education and clinical work. Dr. Kantorová was program director for the Wright Institute Sanctuary Project for four years, and currently serves the program as a supervising psychologist and consultant. She has provided trainings on conducting psychological evaluations for asylum and on trauma-informed interviewing to multiple organizations in the Bay Area.

Dr. Kantorová has taught a class Expertise and Advocacy in the Carceral System with Dr. Terry Kupers for the PsyD program, and taught classes on the subject of trauma for the Wright Institute Masters program, and for Notre Dame de Namur University. She is passionate about community organizing and developing collaborations between mental health professionals and grassroots organizations working on issues of torture and state violence. She is president-elect of Psychologists for Social Responsibility for the year 2020. She wrote her dissertation on the topic of trauma sustained during political activism. Her interests include spirituality, poetry, and photography.

Terry A. Kupers, M.D., M.S.P. is Institute Professor Emeritus at The Wright Institute and Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He provides expert testimony in class action litigation regarding the psychological effects of prison conditions including isolated confinement, the quality of correctional mental health care, and the effects of sexual abuse in correctional settings. He is author of *Solitary: The Inside Story of Supermax Isolation and How We Can Abolish It* (Univ of California Press, 2017); *Prison Madness: The Mental Health Crisis Behind Bars and What We Must Do About It* (1999) and co-editor of *Prison Masculinities* (2002). He is a Contributing Editor of *Correctional Mental Health Report*. He received the 2005 Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

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