Beyond Bars: The Future of Prisons

Friday, February 27th

3:00 - 3:15pm: Registration, Coffee (Iris Room, UC 338)

3:15 - 4:45pm: Panel 1 (Iris Room, UC 338)

Justice as Precedent: The Suspension of Law and its Resolution
Jake Romm, Northwestern University

Zarathustra’s Highest Hope: Nietzschean Revenge and Restorative Justice
M. Blake Wilson, Binghamton University, SUNY

Punishment, Political Economy and the Dialectics of Death
Christophe D. Ringer, Christian Brothers University

5:00pm: Opening Keynote (Iris Room UC 338)
Andrew Dilts, Loyola Marymount University

7:00 - 9:00pm: Reception

Saturday, February 28th

9:00 - 10:30am: Philosophy in Prisons (Senate Chamber, UC 261)

The relevance of philosophical dialogue to building understanding within and among prisoners: A qualitative study
Kirstine Szifris, University of Cambridge

‘Rewriting the Script Society has Written for them’: Prison Narratives and the Meaning of Incarceration for Black Women
Breeta Willingham, Plattsburgh State University

Using Queer theory to Deconstruct Prisoner Identity
Raphael Ginsberg, UNC Chapel Hill

10:40am - 12:10pm: Law, Science, and Criminalization
(Senate Chamber, UC 261)

“51 years a Slave: The Lie in Truth in Sentencing”
Jeannie Alexander, No Exceptions Prison Collective, Nashville

The Neuroscience of Criminality, Prisons, and the Notion of Punishment
Valerie Hardcastle, University of Cincinnati

12:10 - 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30 - 3:00pm: Carceral Bodies: (Un)lived, (Un)Dead, and Imagined
(Senate Chamber, UC 261)

Purgatory and the Prison-industrial Complex
Dorothy Chang, Columbia University

"I need the prison": Troubling the Age of Mass Incarceration via the Undead Body in The Walking Dead
Victoria Bryan, Cleveland State Community College

Unlived Bodies: Imprisonment Within Imprisonment
Morey Williams, Villanova University

3:15pm - 5:00pm: Plenary Panel (Senate Chamber, UC 261)

Prisons and Philosophical Pedagogy
Kym Maclaren, Ryerson University
Josh Dohmen, University of Memphis
Lisa Guenther, Vanderbilt University