RACIAL JUSTICE RESEARCH AND PRACTICE DIALOGUES

EVENT 4: RACISM IN THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM

Event Description:
This event will cover the ongoing and historical harms caused by the US criminal legal system to communities and individuals of color, along with racist policies and practices within the system. As the systemic expression of the state monopoly on violence, the US criminal legal system has long been a key means of enforcing the nation’s established racial hierarchy and maintaining white supremacy. It has further served as a model for other structures of government power, including the US immigration control system in a set of practices now understood as crimmigration. Our esteemed panelists Dr. Jasmine Syedullah (Vassar) and Professor César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández (University of Denver, Sturm College of Law), will join John Jay's Professor José Luis Morín for a discussion of the harms caused by the criminal legal and crimmigration systems, ongoing efforts to rectify those harms, and alternative approaches to fulfilling the basic social functions these systems ostensibly serve.

Readings


