

## College of Social Science MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



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#### Friday, Sept 17 1:00-3:00pm (main event) TALK + LISTEN: Pipelines to Mass Incarceration: Policing, Sentencing and the Incarcerated

LOCATION: MSU Broad Art Museum, Education Wing

**FEATURING:** Dr. Emilie Smith, Moderator, Dr. Anna Gersh, One Love Symposium, Washtenaw 21st Century Policing Compliance Commission; Prosecutor Carol Siemon, Ingham County Prosecutor; Sheriff Jerry Clayton, Washtenaw County (video introduction); Derrick Jackson, Director, Community Engagement, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office; Judge Gregory Pittman, Muskegon Family Court; Matt Tjapkes, Humanity for Prisoners.

**DESCRIPTION:** Mass incarceration is affected by policing, legal, sentencing, and corrections practices and policies. This panel will discuss approaches that inflate mass incarceration and innovative alternatives that keep communities safe while enhancing relationships with the police, ensuring more appropriate legal systems and sentencing, and humanitarian treatment of the incarcerated that could enhance re-entry. All of these represent new potentially more effective approaches to public safety, equity, and justice.

Presented in partnership with the MSU Youth Equity Project, School of Criminal Justice, School of Social Work, and Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan State University.

## Sunday, October 3 3:00-5:30pm TALK + LISTEN: Lost Lives: Youth Behind Bars

LOCATION: MSU Broad Art Museum

**FEATURING:** Dr. Rubén Martinez, Dr. Francisco Villaruel, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh, and Marcy Mistreet, CEO, Campaign for Youth Justice (PP: Steven Bridges)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Campaign for Youth Justice facilitated a national effort to raise the age of adjudication to 18 nationally. While it was in operation, the Campaign contributed to and facilitated over 150 policy changes nationally. Several systems involved individuals seeking legal guidance during its existence. This effort will identify common themes in letters written by systems involved persons. Original letters to be displayed at the event.

Presented in partnership with the Julian Samora Research Institute, School of Criminal Justice, and Human Development and Family Studies, MSU Youth Equity Project.

# Friday, October 29 1:00-3:00pm

### TALK + LISTEN: Youth, System Involvement, and Trauma

LOCATION: MSU Broad Art Museum, On-Site, New Media Gallery

**FEATURING:** Dr. Kune Park, School of Social Work (Moderator), Dr. Lekpoh Dwanynen, Research Associate, Human Development and Family Studies, Heather Martin, Youth Arts Alliance, Professor Cheryl Hecksel-Williams

**DESCRIPTION:** In the course of their development, children and adolescents might become involved with either the juvenile justice or child welfare system; it is important to understand pathways to help them successfully transition from these systems. In doing so, attention should be given to trauma-informed practices with youth, and their families that help to foster positive development with voices from researchers and practitioners who serve them.

Presented in partnership with MSU Youth Equity Project, Human Development and Family Studies, School of Social Work, School of Criminal Justice.

# **Friday, November 12** 3:00-4:30pm 60 Youth Take Over the Broad!

## **Panel:** "Art Voice, Youth and Expressiveness"

LOCATION: MSU Broad Art Museum, MSU Education Wing

FEATURING: Dr. Emilie Smith, Dr. Julie Krupa, Youth Representatives

**DESCRIPTION:** Target audience: youth and youth workers. Workshop with system-involved youth and researchers on youth expression, agency, and the benefits of involving youth in opportunities to express themselves in music, STEM, and creativity. Understand that pathways of expression are pathways out of the system and a way to reduce recidivism: involve youth in positive activities and strengthen the families.

Presented in partnership with the MSU Youth Equity Project, MSU Broad Museum, Youth Arts Alliance, Human Development and Family Studies, School of Social Work, School of Criminal Justice, Bright Futures, and One Love Symposium.