

Why Prisons, Police, and ICE Contradict Public Safety

A Student-hosted Panel Discussion with Students, Faculty, Staff, and Campus Guests

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Linda Evans has been an advocate for social justice her whole life, striving to eliminate white supremacy in our society, to win women's and gay liberation, and to change U.S. foreign and domestic policies. In 1985, she was sentenced to 40 years in federal prison for actions to protest and change U.S. government policies. Sixteen years later, President Clinton commuted her sentence, and she was released from prison. She is currently an active member of California Coalition for Women Prisoners, the DROP LWOP coalition, a member of several Advisory Boards, and works with immigration defense efforts in Santa Rosa. | lindaevans101@gmail.com

Michelle Bernardino is an abolitionist feminist whose work and scholarship is rooted in reproductive justice, bodily autonomy, transnational solidarity efforts, and indigenous feminist epistemologies particularly tied to Central American forced migrations and displacement. Michelle previously facilitated soft skills and building healthy relationship courses at California Institution for Women, where students wrote their own stories or created zines. Additionally, she facilitated creative writing circles with refugee and immigrant youth, mothers, and incarcerated persons as forms of healing and a way to envision collective futures and realities. | michellebernardino24@gmail.com

Geri Silva was born and raised in Los Angeles, where she spent the past 40 years in all forms of struggle for human, political and economic rights. Her activity covers the span from immigration rights to welfare rights to the right to decent housing for all in need. For the past 20+ years she has fought against the rampant and ongoing abuses in the courts and at the hands of the police. Silva is a founding member of Mothers Reclaiming Our Children (Mothers ROC) in 1992, Families to Amend California's Three Strikes (FACTS) in 1996, Fair Chance Project (FCP) in 2009, California Families Against Solitary Confinement (CFASC) in 2011, and FUEL - Families United to End LWOP (Life Without Parole) in 2017. | gerifcp@gmail.com | [Website](#) | [Facebook Group](#)

Jitu Sadiki is a former California prisoner who spent a total of nine years in prison--four of those in a SHU (Special Housing Unit, colloquially known as "the hole") for his political activity in prison. Since his release, Jitu has worked with various groups for prisoner rights both in and outside of prison. He is a founding member of the International Council for Urban Peace, Justice and Empowerment, and is active with the Equal Rights Congress and the League of Revolutionaries for a New America. He has also served as mediator between Black and Brown prison inmates, helping to prevent potentially violent conflict. Jitu continues to speak before community groups on the topic of prison reform. | bacdo@aol.com

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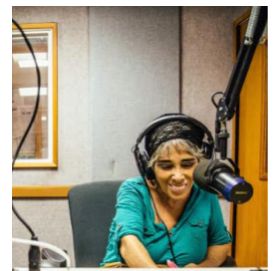
Panelists:



Linda Evans



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