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Symposium: Sounding the Alarm on Mass Incarceration: Moving Beyond the Problem and Toward Solutions

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Sounding the Alarm on Mass Incarceration - Moving Beyond the Problem and Toward Solutions

Start: Jan 9 2015 11:16 am

Date:

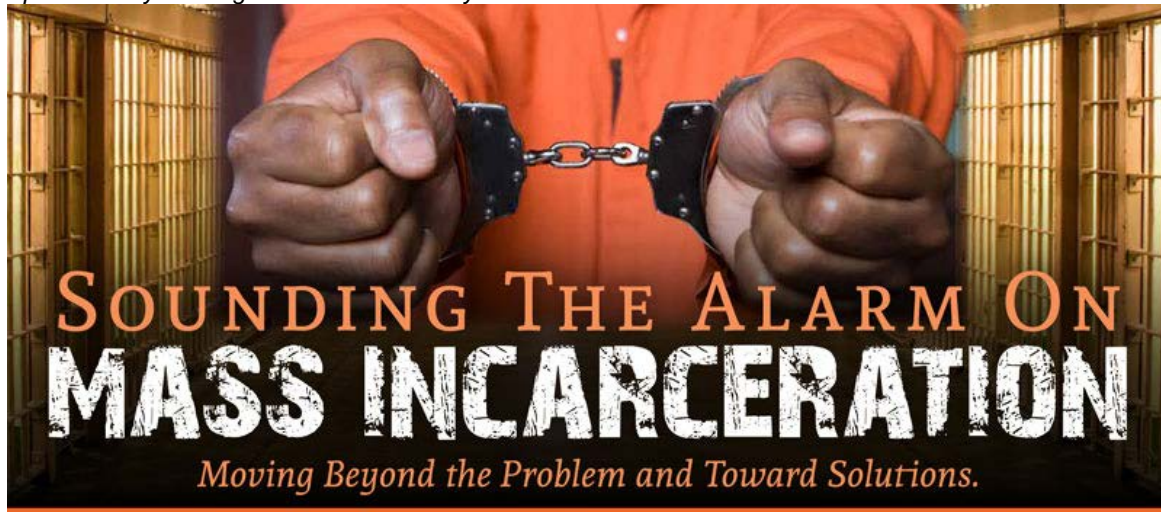
Fri, 03/27/2015 - 8:00am

Location:

Bristol, Rhode Island

A Roger Williams University School of Law Symposium -

Sponsored by the Roger Williams University Law Review



8:00 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Symposium

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

"American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity and Making a Difference"



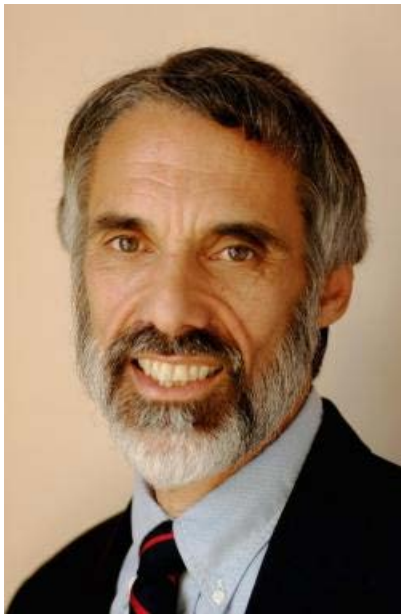
Bryan Stevenson

Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative; Professor of Clinical Law, New York University School of Law; and author of *Just Mercy*

For more information on Bryan Stevenson, please visit: www.prhspeakers.com

FEATURED SPEAKER:

"Race to Incarcerate: The Causes and Consequences of Mass Incarceration"



Marc Mauer

Executive Director of The Sentencing Project (Washington, D.C.); author of *Race to Incarcerate* and *Invisible Punishment: The Collateral Consequences of Mass Imprisonment*

MASS INCARCERATION

THE UNITED STATES IS THE WORLD'S LEADING JAILER

Our country has 5% of the world's population, but 25% of its prisoners.

OUR RATE OF INCARCERATION IS HISTORIC

2.2 million Americans are incarcerated – an increase of 500% over the last 40 years.

WE IMPRISON DISPROPORTIONATELY

1 out of every 3 African-American males born today and 1 out of every 6 Latino males are likely to be incarcerated during their lifetimes. Most prisoners are poor, undereducated, and underemployed.

THE COSTS ARE STAGGERING

The correctional system in America is an \$80 billion enterprise. The cost to our communities and individual lives is incalculable.

MASS INCARCERATION HAS NOT MADE US SAFER

Mass incarceration is the result of changes in policy, not an increase in crime. In recent years, a number of states have successfully reduced incarceration while maintaining reductions in crime.

AND IN RHODE ISLAND ... WE ALSO HAVE MASS PROBATION

Over 24,000 of our citizens are on probation---the fourth highest probation rate in the country – making it harder for them to educate themselves, obtain jobs, and acquire the full benefits of citizenship. We also have one of the highest cost-per-offender rates in the United States.

MOVING TOWARD SOLUTIONS

The symposium will be a forum for collective conversation among those who care deeply about our criminal justice system. We will work together to examine the problems of mass incarceration and mass probation and move forward toward solutions.

Special thanks to:

Dean Michael J. Yelnosky, *Roger Williams University School of Law*

Hon. Judith C. Savage, *Associate Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court (ret.); Distinguished Jurist in Residence, Roger Williams University School of Law (Advisor to Roger Williams University School of Law Symposium Planning Committee)*

Meghan Kruger, Danielle Dufault, and Nicholas Resendes, *Roger Williams University School of Law*

Symposium Planning Committee Co-Chairpersons

William J. Trezvant, *President, Thurgood Marshall Law Society*

Agenda

Registration

Registration - Student & RWU Law Class of 2014

Registration Fee:

\$50 includes all symposium sessions, lunch, and seven Rhode Island MCLE credits. RWU Law students and Class of 2014 alumni may attend the symposium complimentary but registration is required. Register early to reserve your space. Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached.

Cancellation & Refund Policy:

Symposium cancellations received by Monday, March 23, 2015 are eligible to receive a full refund less a \$10 administrative fee. Cancellations received after the stated deadline will not be eligible for a refund. Cancellations are accepted via email at lawevents@rwu.edu. Refunds will be issued via check.

Symposium Fee-Waiver:

The RWU Law Office of Programs & Events will determine the number of symposium registrations available on a fee-waived basis. Requests for symposium fee waivers must be made by Thursday, March 12, 2015. Email requests to lawevents@rwu.edu.

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