Hello!

On behalf of the Steering Committee, we hope you are as excited as we are to #RiseUpHEP! Below you will find information on our opening night screening!



**Pre-Meeting - Movie Night: Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

5:40 p.m. PST/8:40 p.m. EST| *Since I Been Down* in the **Virtual Screening Room**

**Q&A to follow in the Virtual Lobby**

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## DAY 1: Thursday, September 7, 2023

11:50-12:00 pm | **Opening and Welcome** in the **Virtual Lobby**

12:00-1:00 pm | **Keynote Presentation** in the **Virtual Lobby**: *Speakers*: Keturah Herron, *Moderator*: Shon Holman-Wheatley; *Title*: Protest to Policy

1:00-2:00 pm | **Concurrent Paper Session 1**
- 1A: Equity & Inclusion Track
    - *RUEI-34 Gender-Rethinking Reentry: Is there Equity and Justice in Reentry?* | Richard Rivera, Cornell University
    - *RUEI-05 Empowering Culturally Responsive, Relevant, and Sustainable Pedagogies* | Dr. Dale Lendrum, East Los Angeles College/Long Beach City College
    - *RUEI-38 Development: Who's Doing it and How?* | Eldredge Blalock, Lila McDowell and Jade Gabriel-Azura Pimenta Watts, Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison Inc.
- 1B: Advocacy Track
    - *RUA-30 Disabled Journey Through The System* | Ben Wright, SNHU- Project AIM
    - *RUA-31 Trail, Tribulation, Perseverance, and Execution* | Nathaniel Jay, John Jay College
    - *RUA-27 Normalizing Employment Opportunities for Incarcerated Individuals, Deportation, & Higher Education* | Shaun Libby, Jobs for the Future/Center for Justice & Economic Advancement
- 1C: Pathways to Professions Track
    - *RUPP-40 Building an International Business and Academic Profile After Release* | Dr. Josh Lange
    - *RUPP-08 Courageous Hires: accepting those with records back into the workplace* | Dr. Jay Eitner, Ed.D.

- *RUPP-06 Resilience For Returning Citizens: Making the Barriers Bearable* | Sal Corbin, PhD & Leo Hylton, MS, DC Peace Team

2:00-2:20 pm | **Coffee Break** in the **Virtual Lobby**

2:30-3:30 pm | **Concurrent Paper Session 2**
- 2A: Programming Track
  - *RUPIE-35 Making Change Happen One Student at a Time: Tutoring 101* | Jeffrey Abramowitz, Petey Greene Program
  - *RUPIE-44 Emergent Leadership – Creating the Atmosphere* |Keith Rogers, Auburn University
  - *RUPIE-11 Turning Graduates into Instructors* | Lauren Hughes & Jim Bullington, Adams State University Prison Education Program
- 2B: Research/STEM Tracks
  - *RURS-13 The Mistakes I Made Earning my PhD* | Kelsie L. Becklin, University of Minnesota
  - *Breakout Room for Conference Networking*
  - RUA 36 *Advocacy 101: Driving Change through Education*|Jeffrey Abramowitz, Petey Greene Program
- 2C: Advocacy/Pathways to Professions Tracks
  - RUA-42 Advocacy in Social Media: A Pathway to Second Chances|Michael "Mickey" Saine, From Prison Cells to PhD/Unlock Higher Education
  - *RUPP-28 Reimagining Student Assistantships as a Basic Need*|Summer Brantner, Amalia Moreno-Banda, Jeffery Stein, California State University, Los Angeles
  - *RUPP-04 Non-incarcerated practitioner experiences teaching arts in prisons*| Leigh Sugar, University of Michigan/John Jay College

3:40-4:25 pm | **Keynote Presentation** in the **Virtual Lobby**: *Speakers*: Kimonti Carter, Founder of TEACH and member of Black Caucus; Moderator: Stacey Easiley, Rise Up Conference Fellow, *Title:* From TEACH to The FREE

4:25-4:30 pm | **Break**

4:30-5:00 pm | **Brief Talks**
- BTA: Advocacy/Equity Tracks
  - *RUA-21 Therapies in the Reentry Lifeworld and Beyond*|Jeff Stein, Project Rebound Cal State LA
  - *RUEI-10 Higher Education helped me become a better person,* Ismael Diaz Jr., Hudson Link/Mercy College Alumni, and CCA

- *Breakout Room for Conference Networking*

- BTB: Programming/Research/STEM Tracks
    - *RUPIE-49 Prison Abolition from Within* |David 'dave rich' Richardson Jr, Belmont University/Turney Center Industrial Complex
    - *RURS-9 Carceral Identity and its Influence on Political Attitudes* |Katie Krumbholz, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
    - *Breakout Room for Conference Networking*
- BTC: Pathways/AdvocacyTracks
    - *RUPP-45 Our Own Way*|Eric Pereira, NJ-STEP
    - *RUPP-12 Financial Industries*|Christopher Clemente, Best Practices Accounting & Tax Services LLC
    - *RUA-33 Unlocking Higher Education: Advocating for Access and Transformation* |Eddie Fordham, Road to Reentry Consulting


5:00-5:20 pm | **Concurrent Paper Session 3**
- 3A: Pathways to Professions Track
    - *RUPP-37 Holistic to Wholistic. An individual approach to reintegration /education* | Lukas Carey & Anastasia Afanasieva, Outcare / University of New South Wales
- 3B: Programming Track
    - *RUPIE-46 "VR in Prisons: A Revolutionary Leap in Education"* |Belen Enriquez & Judith Negron, Reentry Innovations
- 3C: Advocacy Track
    - *RUA-20 Helping Student Loan Borrowers in Prison*|Bradley Custer, U.S. Department of Education

5:20-5:30 pm | **Day One Closing** in the **Virtual Lobby**

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## DAY 2: Friday, September 8, 2023

10:50-11:00 am | **Opening** in the **Virtual Lobby**

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Keynote Presentation** in the **Virtual Lobby**: *Speakers*: Stanley Andrisse (PSP), Noel Vest, Sarah Clingan (UCLA), and Kirsten Smith (JHU) *Topic*: Researchers with NIH Funding Update *Title*: Unlocking Potential: Government Grant Funding and the Path to Reintegration for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

12:15-1:15 pm | **Concurrent Paper Session 4**
- 4A: Research/STEM Track & Equity Tracks
  - *RURS-15 Structured Peer Support in Unlocking Higher Education*|Jacob Eikenberry, Stanley Andrisse,Majid Muhammed, and/or William Freeman, From Prison to Professionals (P2P)
  - *RURS-02 Unlocking Potential: Empowerment through Early Career Research*| Daniel Bullman, University of Louisville
  - *RUEI-43 They're Survivors Too: Gender-Responsive Programming for Justice Impacted Survivors*|Tenaj Moody, Light To Life and From Prison Cells to PhD
- 4B: Programming Track
  - *RUPIE-48 Reimagining Reintegration: PELL Grants as Catalysts for Change* | Brandon Rodriguez & Jose Pineda, SUNY Potsdam | Second Chance Scholars
  - *Breakout Room for Conference Networking*
  - *RUPIE-39 The Four Pillars of the Underground Scholars Program Model*| Danny Murillo & Michael Cerda-Jara, Berkeley Underground Scholars at the University of California, Berkeley
- 4C: Pathways to Professions Tracks & Programming Tracks

- *RUPP-17 Preparing Incarcerated Youth and Adults for Environmental/STEM Professions* | Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes with Roots of Success and Mancy Thompson with [STEMP-OPS](#)
- *RUPIE-1 We didn't know* | Darrian Bennett, Mercy College Hudson Link
- *RUPIE-52 Resilient Connections: Learning Through Mentorship*|Arica Brown, Neil Gallagher, Allison Kroboth & Jonathan Wrenn, Resilience Education

1:20-2:50 pm | **Keynote Presentation** in the **[Virtual Lobby](#)**: *Speakers*: Dieter Tejada and panelists; *Title*: The Pathway to the Legal Profession

2:50-3:00 pm | **Coffee Break** in the **[Virtual Lobby](#)**

3:00-4:20 pm | **Concurrent Paper Session 5**
- 5A: Programming Track
    - *RUPIE-18 Turning Sentences Around*|Robert Lee Williams, Hudson Link
    - *RUPIE-24 The Awakening Exchange: Transforming Reentry and Restorative Justice* |Steven Matthew Clark, Dr. Ron Garrett & Dr. Christian Perrin, Awakening
    - *RUPIE-50 Smuggling in Humanity: A subversive arts-based approach to story-telling* | Andre de Quadros, Boston University
    - *RUPIE-26 Curriculum on Racial Justice and Abolition Democracy,* Lisette Bamenga, Columbia University
- 5B: Advocacy & Programming Tracks
    - *RUA-07 Making Change Happen: Advocating for Correctional Education* | Jeffrey Abramowitz, Petey Greene Program
    - *RUA-47 Climbing the Hill* | Machli Joseph, Sheila Meiman, & Andres Torriente, Unlock Higher Ed Events & Federal Advocacy
    - *RUA-32 Empowering justice impacted individuals to affect systemic change* |Jessica Hicklin, Unlocked Labs
    - *RUPIE-51 Escaping Reality,* CiCi Reidy & Kathy Kozak, Promising People
- 5C: Equity & Research/STEM Tracks
    - *RUEI-29 The WISE Approach to Education Equity and Inclusion*|Sandra Brown, Women's Justice Institute
    - *RUEI-14 Creating Education Programming with Community and Lived Experience Partners* | Tony Wallin-Sato, Mark Taylor, Steve Ladwig, & Max Schnurer, Cal Poly Humboldt Project Rebound
    - *RURS-23 Liberated Intellects toward STEM focused learning* |Robert Hall, Liberated Intellects/Stanford University/University of Wisconsin-Madison
    - *Breakout Room for Conference Networking*

4:20-5:00 pm | **Open Mic Discussion and Conference Closing** in the **Virtual Lobby**

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As part of this conference, one of our sponsors, **STEM-OPS**, has created a private, secure, online community space to discuss and engage both during and after the conference. This community will be permanently accessible to conference registrants and will allow you to participate in the broader STEM Opportunities in Prison Settings community. Your info is secure and will never be sold or shared. **Join now using this link**.

See you in session!

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