



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 Nancy Thompson with [STEM-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*

