

Caging Old People

New Jersey's Elder Incarceration Problem

A virtual conversation, Thursday, September 30, 2021, 7-8:30 pm EDT

New Jersey faces a crisis of aging in prison: Almost 2,000 people have spent decades languishing behind bars, subject to endless punishment. They present no danger to public safety and have families awaiting them at home. Yet the state keeps them behind bars to grow sick and die.

One example is 84-year-old **Sundiata Acoli**. Incarcerated for nearly 50 years, he hasn't had a disciplinary infraction in over 25 years and clearly poses no risk to public safety. But he has repeatedly been denied parole.

Because of the senseless refusal to release elders like **Sundiata**, the population of older people in NJ prisons continues to grow, fueling mass incarceration.

Join a virtual conversation about this wasteful and inhumane system—and how we can change it.

Speakers

- ~ **Alexandra Bailey**, The Sentencing Project
- ~ **CC**, social justice advocate, survivor of 30 years at Edna Mahan CF in NJ
- ~ **Marvin Ali Mays**, returning citizen released from NJ prison in 2019
- ~ **Lawrence S. Lustberg**, Director, John J. Gibbons Fellowship of Public Interest & Constitutional Law
- ~ **Moderator: The Reverend Lukata Mjumbe**, Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ

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