



Anti-Oppressive Practice and the Carceral State: Applications for Moving Forward in Teaching and Practice

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6:30 ~ 8:00pm

Zoom link below

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Dr. Patricia O'Brien and Dr. Judith S Willison With violent policing, inhumane detention and imprisonment, community surveillance, and loss of civil rights, we see that the criminal legal system is unjust, racist, and oppressive. Anti-oppressive approaches to transforming the system across custodial and community settings are crucial. This forum will promote discussion about how social work and other professions that interface with the criminal legal system can take action. The presenters will address the application of reform and transformative ideas to practice, policy, research, and teaching.

The authors' recently published book, *Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice and the Carceral State* published by Oxford University Press is available at: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/anti-oppressive-social-work-practice-and-the-carceral-state-9780190076757?cc=us&lang=en&>

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After working as a social worker for a decade to end violence against women, Patricia completed her PhD at the University of Kansas and worked as an educator and-scholar at the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of IL for twenty years. Known for her advocacy and research with

women in and out of prison, she published one of the first studies exploring how women succeed after making it out of prison. Post-retirement she moved to Colorado and is working with El Movimiento Sigue in Pueblo, CO to develop restorative and transformative justice alternatives for the equitable and inclusive world we want.



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practiced social work for 22 years in the criminal and juvenile legal systems as a clinician, supervisor, administrator, trainer, and consultant. In 2011, Judith completed her doctorate at Simmons University and joined the Bridgewater State University School of Social Work where she became an Associate Professor, and now holds the position of Research Fellow. Judith provides work-shops and consultation in a bi-racial

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