

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION
IN PRISON**

**2013
SCHEDULE**

APRIL 26-28, 2013
MANRESA CENTER
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The Hudson Link Story

Film viewing and Q&A with **Sean Pica**, Executive Director of Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison
Saint Louis Room (3rd Floor), Busch Student Center, Saint Louis University

Sponsored by the Saint Louis University Prison Arts and Education Program and Saint Louis University Great Issues Committee

12:00 pm– 3:00 pm

Conference Registration and Manresa Center check-in (First floor main entry)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Jennifer Giancola

Dean, Saint Louis University School for Professional Studies

3:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Panel I: Patience, Persistence and Programming: Starting and Sustaining a Prison Education Program

Manresa Center Main Theater (2nd Floor)

Session Facilitator: **Elizabeth Richard**, Assistant Professor of Communication, Saint Louis University and
Saint Louis University Prison Arts and Education Program Advisory Board Member

Panel Participants

Jenifer Drew

Associate Professor of Justice Studies and Social Science at Lasell College and Director of the Boston
University Prison Education Program

“Forming Initial Relationships with DOCs: Reaching for the Right Preposition”

Doran Larson

Professor of English at Hamilton College and Director of Attica Writer’s Workshop

“From Attica to Mohawk: The Prison, The Community College, and Two Funding Models”

Tanya Erzen

Catherine Gould Chism Associate Professor of Religion at the University of Puget Sound and Founder and
Acting Director of the Freedom Education Project Puget Sound

“Persistence, Collaboration and Compromise: Lessons from a Women’s Prison in Washington State”

Emily Guenther

Coordinator of Grinnell College’s Liberal Arts in Prison Program

“Working Around and Bringing Around: Starting a Prison Program at a Small College”

5:30 pm

Happy Hour (cash bar and hors d'oeuvres)

7:00 pm

Dinner

Manresa Center Dining Room

8:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Keynote Address

Jody Lewen, Executive Director Prison University Project

“Prison Higher Education and Social Transformation”

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Shabbat Service

Rabbi James Goodman, Congregation Neve Shalom and Central Reform Congregation
Manresa Center Chapel

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Manresa Center Dining Room

9:00 am – 9:30 pm

Welcome and Invocation

Manresa Center Auditorium
Dr. Michael Barber, SJ
Dean, Saint Louis University College of Arts and Sciences

9:45 am – 11:15 am

Panel II: Making The Ask: A Case Study in Funding a Prison Education Program

Manresa Center Auditorium
Session Facilitator: **Ruth Evans**, Professor of English, Saint Louis University and
Saint Louis University Prison Arts and Education Program Advisory Board Member

Panel Participants

Kenneth Parker

Associate Professor of Historical Theology and Director of the Saint Louis Prison Program
"The Genesis of the SLU Prison Program"

Brigit McDermott Flood

Executive Director of the Incarnate Word Foundation
"The Early Beginnings of the SLU Prison Program: A Funder's Perspective"

Heather Rich

Vice President for Development and Marketing at Provident, Inc., and
Chair of the Saint Louis University Prison Program Advisory Board
"Ask More, Raise More"

Lisa Masters

Development Officer, Saint Louis University Prison Program
"Title Putting All the Pieces Together: The Importance of Individual Contributions to Your Cause"

11:30 am – 1:15 pm

Lunch

Manresa Center Dining Room

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Panel III: Creating the Prison Classroom: From Policy to Practice

Manresa Center Auditorium
Session Facilitator: **Paul Lynch**, Assistant Professor of English, Saint Louis University and
Saint Louis University Prison Arts and Education Program Advisory Board Member

Panel Participants

Brenda Dann-Messier

United States Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education
"Correctional Education as a Resource in Addressing President Obama's Higher Education Goal"

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Session III: Panel Participants Cont'd

Rebecca Ginsburg

Director Education Justice Project, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
"More than Diversity: Reflections on Building a Humane and Respectful Learning Climate"

Rob Scott

Organizer, Productive Prison Landscapes program of the Education Justice Project University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
"Critical Pedagogy in Prison"

Kyes Stevens

Founder and Director, Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project
"Learning to Teach Behind Bars: A Poet's Perspective"

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Panel IV: Collaboration Beyond Campus: Building Connections Between the Prison and University Campuses

Manresa Center Auditorium

Session Facilitator: **Spearlt**, Assistant Professor Saint Louis University School of Law and
Saint Louis University Prison Program Advisory Board Member

Panel Participants

Nalini Nadkarni

co-founded the Sustainability in Prisons Project at The Evergreen State College
University of Utah as a Professor of Biology and Director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education
"Bringing Nature and Science Education into Prisons: The Sustainability in Prisons Project's Adaptive Approach to Learning Behind Bars"

George A. Lombardi

Director, Missouri Department of Corrections
"Bridging the Gulf Between Academia & Correctional Practitioners for the Best Outcomes for Offenders"

Jody Lewen

Executive Director, Prison University Project

Sean Pica

Executive Director, Hudson Link for Higher Education, Inc.
Senior Fellow for the Center for Social Justice at Mercy College
"Looking Back: The Rippling Effect of Education on the Community"

5:15 pm – 6:45 pm

Workshop: Theater Games for the Prison Classroom

Manresa Center Chapel

Facilitator: Elizabeth Charlebois

Associate Professor of English at St. Mary's College of Maryland and Prison Performing Arts Alumni
Theatre Company members

7:00 pm

Dinner

Vito's Sicilian Pizzeria & Ristorante
3515 Lindell Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Mass

Fr. Chris Collins, SJ
Manresa Center Chapel

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Manresa Center Dining Room

9:45 am – 11:15 am

Closing Discussion

Location: Manresa Auditorium

This final gathering of conference participants will include time to discuss various issues that came up in the course of the conference, how to maintain and enhance our collaborative efforts in 2013/2014, and a potential national conference location and agenda for 2014.

Please visit our website (prisonprogram.slu.edu) over the next few weeks for supplementary material resulting from the conference.

Thank you for joining us here in St. Louis and we look forward to gathering again in 2014.