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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

4:00 pm  Site visit to WSR Monroe Correctional Facility
          Restricted to pre-registered participants

5:00 pm  Film Screening: Innovations in Prison Education, Communications 120
          Keeping the Faith Prison Project (excerpts)
          Presented by Michaela Leslie-Ruie (See Change Evaluation)

           Zero Percent
          Presented by Sean Pica (Hudson Link)

           Moderated by Tanya Erzen (Religion and Comparative Studies, Ohio State University)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011

8:30 am  Coffee, Communications 202

9:15 am  Welcome, Communications 120
          • Gillian Harkins (English, University of Washington)

9:30 am  Prison Pedagogies, Communications 120
          • Jennifer Drew (Boston University Prison Education Program)
          • Carol Estes (University Beyond Bars)
          • Nalini Nadkarni (University of Utah)
          • Kaia Stern (Prison Studies Project, Harvard University)
          Moderated by Vik Bahl (Green River Community College)

11:15 am Program Models, Communications 120
          • Melissa Crabb (Inside-Out)
          • Simone Davis (Inside-Out)
          • Kenneth Parker (St. Louis University Prison Program)
          • Loretta Taylor (WWCC, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center)
          Moderated by Tanya Erzen (Religion and Comparative Studies, Ohio State University)

12:15 pm Lunch Break

1:15 pm Assessment Tools, Communications 120
          • Rebecca Ginsburg (Education Justice Project)
          • Mary Gould (St. Louis University Prison Program)
          • Jody Lewen (Prison University Project)
          • Stephen Meyer (RMC Research)
          Moderated by Carrie Matthews (English, University of Washington)

3:30 pm  Program Sustainability, Communications 120
          • Celia Chazelle (Center for Prison Outreach and Education)
          • Stephanie Haas (College and Community Fellowship)
          • Sean Pica (Hudson Link)
          • Keyes Stevens (Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project)
          Moderated by Stuart Smithers (University of Puget Sound)

5:00 pm  Closing Comments, Communications 120
          • Bernie Warner (Washington Department of Corrections)

5:30 pm  Simpson Center Reception, Communications 202

7:00 pm  University Beyond Bars Silent Auction Fundraiser*
          Lake City Elks Club
          14540 Bothell Way NE
          Sponsored by University Beyond Bars

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011

9:00 am  Coffee, Communications 202

9:30 am  Roundtable Discussion: Moving Forward, Communications 120
          • Gillian Harkins (English, University of Washington)
          • Lassana Magassa (Information Studies, University of Washington)
          • Rob Scott (Danville Are Community College)

11:00 am NW Regional Coalition Meeting, Communications 120

Conference organizing committee: Miriam Bertha, Anne Dwyer, Carol Estes, Tanya Erzen, Gillian Harkins, Carrie Matthews, Lassana Magassa, Stacey Reeh, Stuart Smithers.

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