

Visions and Voices and the USC Libraries have collaborated to create a series of resource guides that allow you to build on your experiences at many Visions and Voices events. Explore the resources listed below and continue your journey of inquiry and discovery!



“Eye for Eye: A Dramatic Investigation of Incarceration and Justice in American Society,” organized by **RUTH WILSON GILMORE** and **GEORGE SANCHEZ** of the USC College, features a preview performance of *For All Time* by the Cornerstone Theater Company. The play explores themes of incarceration, retribution, and justice in U.S. society. Gilmore and Sanchez, along with **ANTHONY ANDERSON** and **SUE TYSON** of the USC Libraries, have selected the following resources to help you learn more about the U.S. prison system and explore key issues such as the reasons for its dramatic expansion since 1980, prison culture, and the experiences of inmates. For more information, including films, databases, and online resources, visit libguides.usc.edu/eyeforeye.

The Real Cost of Prisons Comix

Edited by Lois Ahrens

PM Press, 2008

These comics—*Prison Town: Paying the Price; Prisoners of the War on Drugs; and Prisoners of a Hard Life: Women and Their Children*—tell compelling stories and provide thoroughly documented statistical information about U.S. prisons.

On Order

Golden Gulag:

Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California

By Ruth Wilson Gilmore

University of California Press, 2007

Since 1980—and despite falling crime rates—the number of people in U.S. prisons has increased more than 450%. Gilmore provides a detailed explanation for that buildup, examining the role of political and economic forces in creating this prison boom. She argues that the defeat of radical struggles, weakening of labor, and shifting patterns of capital investment spurred prison growth.

Doheny Library HV9475.C2G73 2007

Life on the Outside:

The Prison Odyssey of Elaine Bartlett

By Jennifer Gonnerman

Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2004

For over two years, Gonnerman shadowed newly released prisoner Elaine Bartlett, providing an intimate glimpse into the many difficulties of re-assimilating into a society that is ill-prepared and often unwilling to assist ex-convicts.

Doheny Library HV9468.B28G66 2004

The Prison and the Gallows:

The Politics of Mass Incarceration in America

By Marie Gottschalk

Cambridge University Press, 2006

This book examines the roles of four key movements in the unprecedented growth of the carceral state in the U.S.: the victims’ movement, the women’s movement, the prisoners’ rights movement, and opponents of the death penalty. It investigates how these movements and interest groups helped shape penal policies.

Doheny Library HV9471.G67 2006

***Against Prediction:
Profiling, Policing, and Punishing in an Actuarial Age***

By Bernard Harcourt

University of Chicago Press, 2007

From airport security to the use of risk assessment in sentencing, the use of actuarial methods in law enforcement is increasing. While many see these methods as a cost-effective way to fight crime, this book challenges a growing reliance on them, arguing that such tools may actually increase crime and distort our ideas of just punishment.

Doheny Library HV7936.R3H37 2007

***Downsizing Prisons:
How to Reduce Crime and End Mass Incarceration***

By Michael Jacobson

New York University Press, 2005

In this book, Jacobsen, who oversaw the country's largest city jail system, examines changes in the legal system since 1975 that led to a spectacular rise in the general prison population, including mandatory minimum sentencing, parole agencies intent on sending people back to prison, three-strike laws, and for-profit prisons. He argues that mass incarceration will neither reduce crime nor create more public safety.

Doheny Library HV9471.J317 2005

***Beyond Prisons:
A New Interfaith Paradigm for Our Failed Prison System***

By Laura Magnani and Harmon Wray

Fortress Press, 2006

This strong indictment of the current prison system traces its history and features, and develops a new paradigm of criminal justice based on restorative justice and reconciliation.

Doheny Library HV9950.M24 2006

***Last One Over the Wall:
The Massachusetts Experiment in Closing Reform Schools***

By Jerome Miller

Ohio State University Press, 1998

This book is an analytical and autobiographical account of Miller's tenure as head of the Massachusetts juvenile justice system, during which he undertook one of the most daring and drastic steps in recent juvenile justice history—closing reformatories and returning offenders to community supervision and treatment by private schools and youth agencies.

Doheny Library HV9105.M4M54 1998

***Forced Passages:
Imprisoned Radical Intellectuals and the U.S. Prison Regime***

By Dylan Rodriguez

University of Minnesota Press, 2006

While the dramatic rise of America's prison system has devastated lives and communities, prisons are home to a growing number of writers, activists, poets, educators, and intellectuals. Rodríguez argues that the cultural productions of Mumia Abu-Jamal, Angela Davis, Leonard Peltier, George Jackson, José Solís Jordan, Ramsey Muniz, Viet Mike Ngo, and Marilyn Buck should be understood as a social and intellectual movement in and of itself.

Doheny Library HV9466.R63 2006

***Women Behind Bars:
The Crisis of Women in the U.S. Prison System***

By Silja Talvi

Seal Press, 2007

This book investigates why American girls and women are being locked up at unprecedented rates, weaving together interviews with inmates, correctional officers, and administrators to provide readers a glimpse of the impact incarceration has on our society.

Doheny Library HV9471.T35 2007