

Books

Shaping Hope: Higher Education in Prison by Mary Vandergoot, published July 2026

Learn more about the book and purchase a copy at:

https://www.thriftbooks.com/w/shaping-hope-higher-education-in-prison_mary-vandergoot/59797138/?resultid=61e20f36-2c26-4e08-ba23-e1d732fbd6b3#edition=76247334&idq=90097984

Restorative Justice and Lived Religion by Jason Springs, published in September 2024 by NYU Press

<https://nyupress.org/9781479823789/restorative-justice-and-lived-religion/>

(see link in articles section below for a review of the book in the Christian Century):

Unforgiving Places: The Unexpected Origins of American Gun Violence by Jens Ludwig (Faculty Director of the University of Chicago Crime Lab, published by the University of Chicago Press

<https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/U/bo244203115.html> Correction:

Parole, Prison and the Possibility of Change by Ben Austin, published in November 2023 by Flatiron Books, an imprint of MacMillan Books

<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250758811/correction>

Excessive Punishment: How the Justice System Creates Mass Incarceration, edited by Laure-Brook Eisen, published in April 2024 by the Columbia University Press

<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/excessive-punishment/9780231559249>

Correction: Parole, Prison, and the Possibility of Change, by Ben Austin, published by Flatiron Books

<https://www.chicagomag.com/chicago-magazine/december-2023/the-indeterminate-sentence-of-johnnie-veal/>

MASS Supervision – Probation, Parole and the Illusion of Safety and Freedom, by Vincent Schiraldi, published by The New Press

<https://thenewpress.com/books/mass-supervision>

Beyond Bars: a Path Forward After 50 Years of Incarceration in the United States, from The Sentencing Project and The Society for the Study of Social Problems, published by Policy Press of Bristol University

FREE ELECTRONIC DOWNLOAD at

<https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/beyond-bars?emci=b88773ed-7730-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&emdi=38c3d0dd-7d30-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&ceid=10194244>

Parsimony and Other Radical Ideas About Justice, edited by Bruce Western and Jeremy Travis and featuring essays from more than twenty authors who've participated in the Square One Project, published by The New Press

<https://thenewpress.com/books/parsimony-other-radical-ideas-about-justice#:~:text=%E2%80%9C%20Parsimony%20and%20Other%20Radical%20Ideas%20About%20Justice,racialized%20capitalism%20to%20expand%20how%20we%20understand%20justice.>

Understanding E-Carceration: Electronic Monitoring, the Surveillance State, and the Future of Mass Incarceration, by James Kilgore, available at:

<https://bookshop.org/books/understanding-e-carceration-electronic-monitoring-the-surveillance-state-and-the-future-of-mass-incarceration/9781620976142?bblinkid=257748996&bbemailid=37809108&bbejrid=-2049724454>

The Sentences that Create Us – Crafting a Writer's Life in Prison, by PEN America, edited by Caitis Meissner, available at:

<https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/1766-sentences-that-create-us?bblinkid=257755043&bbemailid=37809108&bbejrid=-2049724454#:~:text=The%20Sentences%20That%20Create%20Us%20provides%20a%20road%20map%20for,offer%20advice%2C%20inspiration%20and%20resources> . -

My Time Will Come – a Memoir of Crime, Punishment Hope and Redemption, by Ian Manuel

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/610493/my-time-will-come-by-ian-manuel/>

Necropolitics – The Religious Crisis of Mass Incarceration in America, by Professor Christopher Ringer of the Chicago Theological Seminary, published November 17, 2020 – available at:

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"Prisons Make Us Safer": and 20 Other Myths about Mass Incarceration, by Victoria Law, (Beacon Press 2021) -
<https://bookshop.org/books/prisons-make-us-safer-and-20-other-myths-about-mass-incarceration/9780807029527>
 Find excerpts from the book at Literary Hub Daily of April 8, 2021:
<https://lithub.com/lit-hub-daily-april-8-2021/>
Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration, by University of Chicago Professor Reuben Jonathan Miller, published February 2, 2021 – available at:
<https://www.semcoop.com/halfway-home-race-punishment-and-afterlife-mass-incarceration>
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 - --at the Ford School of Public Policy
<https://crownschool.uchicago.edu/reuben-miller-discussed-racial-issues-aftermath-mass-incarceration-ford-school>
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<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674980662>
Women Leaving Prison: Justice-Seeking Spiritual Support for Female Returning Citizens (Emerging Perspectives in Pastoral Theology and Care) by Jill Snodgrass
<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/41545555-women-leaving-prison>
Charged: The New Movement to Transform American Prosecution and End Mass Incarceration –by Emily Bazelon, published by Random House
 Reviewed in the New York Times Book Review on April 8, 2019:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/08/books/review/emily-bazelon-charged.html>
Prisoners of Politics: Breaking the Cycle of Mass Incarceration by Rachel Barkow, published by Harvard University Press
<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674919235>
Beyond Prisons: A New Interfaith Paradigm for Our Failed Prison System (and study guide) by Laura Magnani and Harmon Wray of the American Friends Service Committee
 For more information see:
<https://www.afsc.org/document/beyond-prisons-study-guide>
Community Health Equity: A Chicago Reader, edited by Fernando De Maio, Raj Shah, John Mazzeo, and David Ansell
Beyond These Walls: Rethinking Crime and Punishment in the United States, by Tony Platt
American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey Into the Business of Punishment, by Shane Bauer
Locking Up Our Own, by James Forman Jr. (winner of the Pulitzer Prize)
Race to Incarcerate, by Sabrina Jones and Marc Mauer
The Real Cost of Prisons Comix, by Lois Ahrens
The New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander
Locked In, by John Pfaff
The Collapse of American Criminal Justice, by William Stuntz
The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Punishment, by T. Richard Snyder
Not a Crime To Be Poor, by Peter Edelman
Men on the Inside, by Tyrone Muhammed - available for purchase at:
<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tyrone-f-muhammad/men-on-the-inside/paperback/product-23336713.html>
Policing the Black Man, edited by Angela Davis
Inside Private Prisons, by Lauren-Brooke Eisen

Reports

Fighting for Safer and Healthier Communities, a comprehensive September 2026 Newsletter from the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice, including detailed discussion of:

- Provisions of the Illinois Pretrial Justice Act
- The Exploitation Playbook of the opponents of the Act
- Distorting the Facts in attacks on the judges by Aldermen, State officials, the Cook County State's Attorney and Chicago Mayoral candidates,
- Exploitation of Survivors, and
- Data vs. Anecdotes

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- Recommendations to the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County
- Recommendation for the Illinois General Assembly

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500 Days Forward . . Ten Years Back: an Evaluation of Eileen O'Neill Burke's First 500 Days As Cook County State's Attorney, a May 2026 report issued by Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts

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August 17, 2026 report on 500 Days Forward . . Ten Year Back in the news:

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The Pretrial Fairness Act Explained, a July 2026 report of Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts, presenting an historical account of pretrial reform and a rigorous explanation of Illinois' prior and current systems of pretrial detention.

[https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/2026/07/24/pretrial-fairness-act-explained/?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_4_9_2025_16_43_COPY_01\)&mc_cid=90ec8fbe0b&mc_eid=9b71449375](https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/2026/07/24/pretrial-fairness-act-explained/?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_4_9_2025_16_43_COPY_01)&mc_cid=90ec8fbe0b&mc_eid=9b71449375)

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<https://www.injusticewatch.org/project/shadow-prosecutors/2026/the-wrong-side-of-justice/>

Felony Murder - An On-Ramp for Extreme Sentencing, a July 2026 report of The Sentencing Project

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<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5beab48285ede1f7e8102102/t/6a986197fee6125c29f0953e/1788371351236/JHA+Report+Menard+2025.pdf>

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Equal Justice Under Law: The Implementation of a Statewide Public Defender's Office - A Perspective from Illinois Chief Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr., a March 2026 release from Illinois Courts

<https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/News/1702/Equal-Justice-Under-Law-The-Implementation-of-a-Statewide-Public-Defenders-Office/news-detail/>

April 2026 Presentation by the Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland to the Juvenile Justice Initiative and 2024-2025 Performance Impact Report of the Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland

<https://youtu.be/jd9bDaZVNyw>
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Re-Punished for the Past: How Criminal Records Increase Prison Terms and Racial Injustice, a February 2026 report of The Sentencing Project

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Coming Home? Assessing the Housing Needs of People Nearing Release from Illinois Prisons, a December 2025 study conducted by the Loyola Center for Criminal Justice, reporting on a recent large-scale survey of people about to be released from Illinois prisons

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Discussed in a December 4, 2025 Chicago Sun-Time article by Casey He, titled: "Thousands leaving Illinois prisons face high risk of housing instability, new study finds"

https://chicago.suntimes.com/public-safety/2025/12/04/thousands-leaving-illinois-prisons-face-high-risk-of-housing-instability-new-study?blm_aid=21539

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The Results Are In: Forensic Labs Under Prosecutorial Control Are Problematic, a September 2025 report of Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts

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Issue Brief: Keeping the Promise of Juvenile Court, a September 2025 report of The Juvenile Justice Initiative – *chrome-*

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What Is the Status of Higher Education Access at Illinois Prisons?, a September 30, 2025 commentary by Rebecca Ginsberg, Director of the Education Justice Project of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign on the September 1, 2025 Higher Education Report of the Illinois Department of Corrections

<https://news.illinois.edu/what-is-the-status-of-higher-education-access-at-illinois-prisons/>

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macarthurjustice.org/principles-for-parole-reform/

Organizations are encouraged to go here:

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Crime Prevention Efforts Face Cutbacks After Federal Cuts, a July 2025 report from the Brennan Center for Justice

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/crime-prevention-efforts-face-setbacks-after-federal-cuts>

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Statement on Cook County State's Attorney Burke's New Policy Regarding Pretrial Electronic Monitoring by Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts, April 9, 2025

<https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/2025/04/09/statement-on-states-attorney-burkes-new-policy-regarding-pretrial-electronic-monitoring/>

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Juvenile Justice – an April 16, 2025 report from the Northwestern Juvenile Project on the groundbreaking Northwestern University [study](#) released on April 9, concluding that a key to improving outcomes for justice-involved youth is preventing progression from juvenile detention to adult jails and prisons

<https://news.northwestern.edu/stories/2025/04/northwestern-study-yields-insights-for-improving-outcomes-for-justice-involved-youth/>

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<https://mailchi.mp/3678e31972ec/parole-illinois-september-newsletter-18247592?e=76688094e9>

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The new three-year [strategic plan](#) of The Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts which includes its goals for the next three years (2025-2028), discussed here: [plan](#)

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<https://www.arnoldventures.org/stories/how-accreditation-can-improve-health-of-people-in-jail>

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<https://www.thejha.org/>

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<https://mailchi.mp/chicagoappleseed.org/punishing-fear?e=9b71449375>

Reimagining Justice at Justice: Investing in Communities as Co-Producers of Public Safety, a July 2024 white paper of the Square One Project, discussing the recent groundbreaking work of the Office of Justice Programs of the U.S. Department of Justice, expanding on remarks of Assistant Attorney General Amy L. Solomon at the Columbia University Justice Lab Square One Project convening, “Creating Community-Led Safety: What Does It Take?” on May 29, 2024.

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<https://pfa-1yr.loyolaccj.org/>

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Medscape of a May 2024 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open

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<https://www.clccrul.org/blog/restricting-solitary-report-illinois>

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