

North Carolina Commission on Racial & Ethnic Disparities in the Criminal Justice System presents:

UNDERSTANDING AND DISMANTLING MASS INCARCERATION:

What Solutions Exist for North Carolina?

October 1st, 2015

Location: North Carolina Bar Association
8000 Weston Parkway Cary, North Carolina 27519

8:00-8:45

REGISTRATION

8:45-9:00

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

James E. Williams, Jr., *Public Defender North Carolina Judicial District 15B*

9:00-10:00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Heather Ann Thompson, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

10:00-10:15

SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCE

Dasan Ahanu, *Assistant Professor of English, St. Augustine's University, Poet & Performance Artist*

10:15-10:30

BREAK

10:30-12:00

PANEL 1: Factors Contributing to Mass Incarceration

Facilitated by **Jim Coleman**, *Duke University School of Law*

Tamar Birckhead, *Director of Clinical Programs, Associate Professor of Law, UNC Chapel Hill, School of Law*

Hon. Marcia H. Morey, *Chief District Court Judge, Durham County*

Juvenile Justice & the School-to-Prison-Pipeline

Kami Chavis Simmons, *Director, Criminal Justice Program, Wake Forest University School of Law*

Discriminatory Policing

David Hall, *Staff Attorney, Southern Coalition for Social Justice*

The War on Drugs

12:00-1:00

FEATURED SPEAKER & LUNCH

Joe Cheshire, *Senior Partner & Owner, Cheshire, Parker, Schneider & Bryan*

The Ethical Obligation of Members of the Bench and Bar to Address Issues of Mass Incarceration

1:00-1:15

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1:15—2:45

PANEL 2: The Economics of Mass Incarceration

Facilitated by **Emily Coward**, *Research Attorney, UNC School of Government*

Cynthia E. Jones, *Associate Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law*

The True Cost of Money Bail

David E. Clark, *Assistant Public Defender, Greensboro North Carolina*

Modern Day Debtor's Prisons

Jerry Madden, *Texas House of Representatives, Former Chair of Corrections; Senior Fellow, Right on Crime*

The Fiscal Critique of Mass Incarceration: Why This is a Bipartisan Issue

2:45-3:35

FEATURED SPEAKER

Nicole Porter, *Director of Advocacy, The Sentencing Project*

Guarded Optimism: Leveraging the Moment to Rethink Criminal Justice Policy & Practice

3:35-3:45

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3:45-5:15

PANEL 3: Strategies to Dismantle Mass Incarceration

Facilitated by **Gregory Weeks**, *Former Judge for the Fourth Division of the Superior Court of North Carolina*

Nicole Sullivan, *Director, Rehabilitative Programs and Services, North Carolina Department of Public Safety*

NC Department of Public Safety Efforts to Minimize the Impact of Mass Incarceration

Joe Kennedy, *Professor of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law*

Decarcerating Now without Recarcerating Later: Stopping the Pendulum Once and for All

Will Harrell, *Southern Regional Policy Counsel, ACLU's Campaign to End Mass Incarceration*

Proven Strategies from Across the Southeast

Chief Harold Medlock, *Fayetteville Police Department*

Establishing Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion for Low-Level Drug Offenders in North Carolina

5:30-7:30

CLOSING RECEPTION (ON SITE)