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The Registry 20 Years Later

Discussing Unintended Consequences

In 1996, Illinois implemented a conviction-based sex offender registry. Legislators have since passed laws restricting housing, employment, education, travel, loitering, and holiday activity, and delineating exclusion zones. They also established new public registries for murder, violent offenses against youth, meth manufacturing, arson, and animal abuse.

There are now 29,000 people listed on the public state sex offender registry. Approximately 1 in 227 men in Illinois is labeled a "sex offender." The rate is about 1 in 100 for African-American men. The Department of Corrections currently incarcerates 1200 people past their release dates due to the lack of approved housing.

Yet, research indicates that public registries and residency restrictions do not improve public safety, and have serious unintended consequences. Furthermore, the reciprocal connections between registration and poverty, racism, and disability have been unexplored, and the impact of social exclusion unaddressed. Current laws tend to stigmatize and debilitate families, and make it difficult for service providers to address re-entry, unemployment, homelessness, mental health treatment and other collateral consequences.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Aspen Hall, 150 Rubloff, 375 E. Chicago Avenue

1:00pm–3:15pm

THE UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS: HISTORY AND STRATEGY

THE EVOLUTION OF UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION LAWS

Catherine Carpenter, Professor, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles

“DIFFICULT BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE”: PROVING REGISTRATION IS A PUNISHMENT IN DOE V SNYDER

Miriam Aukerman, staff attorney, ACLU of Michigan

CURRENT AND FUTURE ILLINOIS LITIGATION

Mark Weinberg and Adele Nicholas, attorneys, Chicago

3:30pm–5:45pm

UNTOUCHABLE: FILM SCREENING AND PANEL RESPONSE

UNTOUCHABLE

Award-winning documentary by **David Feige**, produced by **Rebecca Richman Cohen**

<http://www.untouchablefilm.com>

PANEL

Rep. Elaine Nekritz, Illinois House of Representatives (57th District)

John Maki, Executive Director, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA)

Rebecca Richman Cohen, Producer, UNTOUCHABLE

Julie Biehl, Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Director, Children and Family Justice Center

5:45pm **RECEPTION** sponsored by **Illinois Voices**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (invitation only)

Gallery 400, School of Art and Art History

University of Illinois at Chicago, 400 S. Peoria Street

10:00am–3:00pm

MEDIA TRAINING WORKSHOP

Juhu Thukral, Director of Law and Advocacy, Opportunity Agenda

Bridget Whalen, Training & Engagement Coordinator, Opportunity Agenda

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Jane Addams Hull House Museum, University of Illinois at Chicago, 800 S. Halsted Street

10:00am–12:30pm

TEACH-IN: THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC REGISTRIES ON INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND THE WORK OF SERVICE PROVIDERS

SPEAKERS

Demel Hannah, Clifton McFowler, Darryl Wooding, Lynne Tatro, Angel Torres, Walt Teichen, Tammy Lewis, Tom Ramon, Chuck Balogh, others

PANEL

Mike Davison, Program Director, Master of Arts in Counseling/Forensic Psychology, Adler School for Professional Psychology

John Fallon, Senior Program Manager, Corporation for Supportive Housing

Beth Johnson, Director of Legal Programs, Cabrini Green Legal Aid

Benneth Lee, Executive Director, National Association for the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated

Chief Apostle Dr. William McCoy, CEO, Brother's Keeper Community Resource Center

Maya Szilak, Policy and Research Specialist, John Howard Association of Illinois

Elizabeth A. Tarzia, Attorney Supervisor, Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

MODERATORS

Stephanie Kollman, Policy Director, Child and Family Law Center

Laurie Jo Reynolds, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

12:30pm–1:30pm **LUNCH** short walk to Cardinal Room, Student Center East

1:30pm–3:30pm

MAKING CONNECTIONS: DESCRIBING THE IMPACT OF REGISTRIES

VALUES-BASED FRAMING AND MESSAGING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY

Juhu Thukral, Director of Law and Advocacy, Opportunity Agenda

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WORKSHOP IN MESSAGING ABOUT REGISTRIES

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Miriam Aukerman, staff attorney, ACLU of Michigan

Laurie Jo Reynolds, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

3:30pm–4:30pm

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Sam Tuttle, Director, Policy & Advocacy, Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights

Lynne Johnson, Policy Director, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation

7:00pm–9:15pm

UNTOUCHABLE: CHICAGO MOVIE PREMIERE (\$10 ticket)

Facets Cinémathèque, 1517 W. Fullerton Avenue

Q + A with **Rebecca Richman Cohen**, Producer/Filmmaker

Will Mingus, Executive Director, Illinois Voices for Reform

Laurie Jo Reynolds, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago