Call for Contributions to a Special Issue of the Journal of Law and Social Policy, “Detained: From Supporting Prisoners to Abolishing Prisons”

Os goode Hall’s Journal of Law and Social Policy hosted a day-long symposium on March 15 entitled “Detained: From Supporting Prisoners to Abolishing Prisons.” This symposium brought together people with lived experience, legal and academic experts, community organizers, harm reduction workers, and students to explore prison abolition and decarceration through a variety of topics, including:

- specific forms of incarceration such as pre-trial remand, solitary confinement, immigration detention, and psychiatric detention;
- the disproportionate impact of incarceration on racialized and Indigenous peoples;
- prison law in law schools; and
- legal and non-legal strategies for reducing the harms of incarceration and working towards abolition.

The symposium program can be accessed online: http://detained.osgoode.yorku.ca/program/.

Following the success of this event, the JLSP will publish a special issue on prison law, justice, and the goal of abolition, with contributions from symposium participants as well as consideration of submissions in response to this call for papers.

The JLSP welcomes submissions of articles for peer review (12,000 words max.), as well as contributions to our "Voices and Perspectives" section (including reflections about personal experience in essay, creative non-fiction, poetry, photography, or other art forms and creative works capable of publication in an online journal exploring our special issue theme).

All submissions are welcome up until August 1, 2019 and should be submitted online: https://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/cgi/submit.cgi?context=jlsp.

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We look forward to your contributions and please contact our Co-Editors-in-Chief, Janet Mosher and Amar Bhatia, if you have any questions (jmosher@osgoode.yorku.ca or abhatia@osgoode.yorku.ca).