

# **Prison Awareness Week *at the University of Toledo***

**Daily Events, April 8-11  
Conference, April 12  
Inside ToCI, April 13**

*Sponsored by Toledoans for Prison Awareness coalition and  
UT Community for Prison Awareness*

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**Mission: to bring the human and institutional crisis of the prisons out of the shadows and into the foreground of policy debate, public awareness, and community ministry.**

## **Toledoans for Prison Awareness Coalition Members**

UT Community for Prison Awareness

- School for Interdisciplinary Studies
- Departments of Criminal Justice and Social Work; History; Philosophy and Religious Studies
- UT Inside/Out Prison Exchange Program
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
- UT Libertarians
- Program in Law and Social Thought

ACLU-Ohio (Northwest Chapter)

Lucas County Libertarian Party

Move to Amend (Toledo)

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## **Monday, April 8: Facts and Faces of America's Prisons**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Info tables in Student Union: the carceral state, the human cost

4:30 p.m. **Student Union Room 2591**

Documentary: "The Great Incarcerator, Part 1: Dark Little Secret." Filmmaker Derrick A. Jones will be present at the screening. Jones is assistant director, Arts Village Living Learning Community, and instructor of theatre and film at Bowling Green State University.

6:00 p.m. **Student Union Room 2591:**

Speaker: Ben Turk, Red Bird Prison Abolition Project

## **Tuesday, April 9: Drug Policy and Prisons**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Info tables in Student Union: legacy of the "war on drugs"

4:30 p.m. **Student Union Room 2591**

Documentary: "Breaking the Taboo" (2011), on the failure of the UN-sanctioned war on drugs. *"If you can't control drug use in a maximum security prison, how can you control drug use in a free society?"*

7:00 p.m. **McQuade Law Auditorium, UT Main Campus**

Speaker: "Why Some Cops Say Legalize Drugs," Capt. Howard Rahtz, ret., Cincinnati Police Dept., representing L.E.A.P. (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition); *sponsored by U.T. Libertarians.*

## **Tues.-Sat. Prison Art Display**

Third Space, 137 N. Michigan, Toledo, Ohio

11:00 to 6:00 p.m.

*Purchases will benefit the artists.*

## **Wednesday, April 10: Women & Families Behind Prison Walls**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Info tables in Student Union: women's issues, the toll on families and communities

4:30 p.m. **Student Union Room 2591**

Speakers: Mary Dwyer and Joe Clark, "Marysville: Women's Prisons, Women's Issues"

6:30 p.m. **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2770 West Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.**

Speakers: Joyce Pierce, Families Behind Bars; Germaine Kirk, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo; and Rob Hatcher: "Support Networks for Families of the Incarcerated."

## **Thursday, April 11: Voices from Prison**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Info tables in Student Union: prison writings, famous prisoners

4:30 p.m. **Student Union Room 2582**

Join Dr. Peter Linebaugh, Dept. of History, The University of Toledo, in a conversation with Lucasville "survivors" Ishaq Alkhair and Abdush Shakur.

Dr. Linebaugh will also speak on "Prison History from the Inside Out."

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**Friday, April 12:        Conference**

**“The Prison System: At Large and At Home”**  
*Libbey Hall, UT Main Campus*

9:30 a.m.        Libbey Hall opens  
Coffee and beverages available

**10:00 a.m.        Panel: The Prison System At Large**

■ Dr. Renee Heberle, “Mass Incarceration and American Exceptionalism”  
*Associate professor, UT Department of Political Science, and co-director, Program in Law and Social Thought*

■ Mike Brickner, “Liberty for Sale: An Inside Look at Prisons for Profit”  
*Director of Communications and Public Policy,  
ACLU of Ohio*

■ Richard M. Kerger, “Our Prison System: A Failure in Every Aspect”  
*Attorney at Law*

Noon    Break (Light lunch provided.)

**1:00 p.m.    Roundtable: The Prison System At Home**

■ Moderator:    Dr. Lynn Bachelor  
*Associate professor of Political Science and Public Administration*

- Pastor Waverly Earley, Wesley UMC (Citizens Circles)
- Deborah Hodges, Court Administrator, Lucas County Juvenile Court
- Jim Prager, TASC of Northwest Ohio
- Ed Sheldon, Warden, Toledo Correctional Institution
- Pastor Karen Shepler, Monroe Street UMC

3:00 p.m.        Break

**3:15 p.m.        Panel: Healing and Hope**

■ Dr. Morris Jenkins, “Restorative Justice and Prison Reform”  
*Chair, Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work; Associate Professor in Criminal Justice*

**5:00 p.m.    Discussion: Where do we go from here?**

*Free Soup and Salad meal at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, half a mile away at 2770 West Central Avenue. All are invited to participate.*

**Saturday, April 13: Inside/Out:  
Breaking Down the Walls that Divide**

9:00 a.m. Meeting inside Toledo Correctional Institution, open to the public  
(Those interested must RSVP to [renee.heberle@utoledo.edu](mailto:renee.heberle@utoledo.edu) by April 10 to gain entry into the prison.)

**Agenda:** Education and Prisons; Inside/Out Prison Exchange Program: Local, Regional, National

Noon: Improvisational theatre by Inside/Out alums—the People for Change Troup—reflecting on their experiences in and out of prison, and on prison programming.



## Documentary Series

*UT Community for Prison Awareness*

All are free and open to the public.

Sunday, March 17:

Student Union 2579, 6:00 p.m.

**Film:** "Reefer Madness" (1936), followed by a discussion of prohibition and the prison population

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Sunday, March 24:

Student Union 2579, 6:00 p.m.

**Documentary:** "Breaking the Taboo" (2011), followed by a discussion of the UN-sanctioned war on drugs. *"If you can't control drug use in a maximum security prison, how can you control drug use in a free society?"*

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Wednesday, March 27:

Memorial Field House 1910, 6:00 p.m.

**Documentary:** "Slavery by Another Name" (2012), followed by a discussion of the "new Jim Crow"

*Sponsored by Move to Amend (Toledo)*

Tuesday, April 2:

Memorial Field House 2100, 6:30 p.m.

**Documentary:** "Long Distance Revolutionary: A Journey with Mumia Abu-Jamal" (2013). Just released and making the rounds in major cities and on a special college tour. **After the screening, the filmmakers will be available by Skype for Q&A (moderated by Dr. Todd Michney, Department of History).** *Sponsored by Black Student Union, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, NWOPC, and private donations*