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by [Jean Casella and James Ridgeway](#) | November 1, 2010

Solitary Watch is a participating organization in Amnesty International's Torture Awareness Campaign, sponsored by John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. The campaign has been putting on a month-long series of programs you can click on the link provided [here](#) to get the full listing.

James Ridgeway will be part of a panel this Thursday on torture in the U.S. criminal justice system. The panel will also feature Robert King, survivor of 29 years in solitary confinement at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, along with other guest speakers and student and faculty presentations. It is free and open to the public.

### Guest speakers

**James Ridgeway**, investigative journalist, Solitary Watch

**Jamie Fellner**, Senior Counsel of the US Program, Human Rights Watch

### Special guest speakers

**David Walter**, torture survivor from Uganda

**Robert King**, torture survivor from the US

### When/Where

**Thursday, November 4, 6:30 8:30 pm**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY

North Hall, Room 1311N

445 West 59th Street

New York, NY 10019

James Ridgeway (1936-2021) was the founder and co-director of Solitary Watch. An investigative journalist for over 60 years, he served as Washington Correspondent for the Village Voice and Mother Jones, reporting domestically on subjects ranging from electoral politics to corporate malfeasance to the rise of the racist far-right, and abroad from Central America, Northern Ireland, Eastern Europe, Haiti, and the former Yugoslavia. Earlier, he wrote for The New Republic and Ramparts, and his work appeared in dozens of other publications. He was the co-director of two films and author of 20 books, including a forthcoming posthumous edition of his groundbreaking 1991 work on the far right, Blood in the Face. Jean Casella is the director of Solitary Watch. She has also published work in The Guardian, The Nation, and Mother Jones, and is co-editor of the book Hell Is a Very Small Place: Voices from Solitary Confinement. She has received a Soros Justice Media Fellowship and an Alicia Patterson Fellowship. She tweets [@solitarywatch](#).

Accurate information and authentic storytelling can serve as powerful antidotes to ignorance and injustice. We have helped generate public awareness, mainstream media attention, and informed policymaking on what was once an invisible domestic human rights crisis.

Only with your support can we continue this groundbreaking work, shining light into the darkest corners of the U.S. criminal punishment system.

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October 25, 2022

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September 29, 2022

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Good luck today!

I am looking forward to your report on the students reaction to your presentation.

Thanks, Jean and James, for the heads up. No conference on torture in America is complete without discussion of the growing problem of extra-judicial use of COINTELPRO on law-abiding Americans. All PSYOP is torture first, when its inflicted, and then, when its victims are dismissed by community leaders as crazy. Now that local police are directed by the Pentagon, they have the legal capacity to use PSYOP tools as well as mind-altering technologies on citizens (and hire private gangs to use them), and even the Joint Forces stationed in every city in our country can use these tools and technologies, no organization purporting to protect human or civil rights in America should ignore these enslaving policies, practices and the LAWS that make their wipspread use possible.

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