

Spring 2010

Sustainable Futures Speaker Series

Cynthia Chandler

“Democracy Across Prison Walls”

Thursday, March 4 at 5:30PM in BSS 162 (Native Forum)



Cynthia Chandler is a prison industrial complex abolitionist, writer, speaker, and social justice entrepreneur. Cynthia has worked on issues of women's health and prison abolition for over 15 years. She is the co-founder and Executive Director of Justice Now, a human rights organization dedicated to partnering with people in women's prisons and local communities to build a safe, compassionate world without prisons. Justice Now is the first legal clinic program focused on abolition and women in prison, the first program internationally to train people in prison on international human rights, and leads the show in partnering with people in prison to generate human rights reports. By focusing on the experience of people housed in women's prisons, Cynthia Chandler will provide critical insight and perspective on several volatile issues in the United States – the right to gender expression and interrogating stratified gender roles, women's health and the impact of HIV, and gendered and racialized violence. Cynthia will also give a history of Justice Now's unique democratic organization strategies involving both people serving time and people on the outside.

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