

**Prisoner Reentry Institute
at John Jay College of Criminal Justice**

**OCCASIONAL SERIES ON REENTRY RESEARCH
SPRING 2008 CALENDAR**

*Generating Conversation between Researchers, Policymakers, and Practitioners
in an Effort to Improve Policy and Practice*

Friday, February 1: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

***No Easy Answers:
Sex Offender Laws in the United States***

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Over the past decade, several horrific crimes have captured massive media attention and fueled widespread fears that children are at high risk of assault by repeat sex offenders. Politicians have responded with a series of laws, including the sex offender registration, community notification, and residency restriction laws. This report examines the impacts of these laws on individuals convicted of sex offenses and public safety, and provides a set of recommendations for how the laws can be reformed to reduce adverse effects on these individuals without compromising public safety benefits.

Friday, March 7: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

***Transitional Jobs for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals:
Early Impacts from a Random Assignment Evaluation***

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This research presents early results from an evaluation of the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) in New York City, a highly-regarded employment program for formerly incarcerated individuals. Few reentry programs have been evaluated using random assignment design, and therefore are unable to demonstrate to what degree program services (versus personal motivation) play a role in determining clients' successes.

All events will take place at John Jay College
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