

Call for Workshop and Panel proposals

Abstracts Due: February 1, 2019

Transformative Education in Prison and Beyond

University of Wyoming

Laramie, Wyoming

March 29-30, 2019

Keynote Speakers

Damon Horowitz

Professor of Philosophy and Serial Entrepreneur

Jody Lewen

Founder & Executive Director of the Prison University Project

The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of Wyoming (UW), along with Wyoming Pathways from Prison and a consortium of other UW colleges, departments and organizations, invites proposals for workshops and panel presentations for its conference, "Transformative Education in Prison and Beyond." The purpose of this symposium is to advance the field of education in prison, as well as efforts to support formerly incarcerated people in their transition from incarceration to freedom.

The fact that higher education, specifically the humanities, transforms the lives of prison inmates is remarkable -- and the transformation is lasting. Quality education supports the development of emotional intelligence as well as academic growth, and prepares people to live successful lives post-release. Using education to improve the lives of the disadvantaged and underserved populations who end up in prison supports social justice. The symposium will focus on enhancing current programs, strategizing and implementing new programs, and sharing solutions to existing challenges.

Panel and workshop proposals may address such topics as: program design, curriculum development, logistics and planning, pedagogy, faculty and staff training, or the problem of bias and stereotypes in the fields of higher education and reentry. The symposium prefers proposals based in the humanities and other transformative subjects.

Submissions: Please submit a 500 word (max) description of the aim of the session, individual presentation or workshop. No identifying information should appear. Workshops are designed for speakers to receive constructive feedback from interested colleagues, and for other participants to become acquainted with new work in the field.

Send completed proposals to: Alec Muthig (amuthig@uwyo.edu) by Feb. 1st, 2019.

For more information about the symposium, and to register, go to:

<http://www.uwyo.edu/gwst/wpfp/symposium/>