

Anti-colonial Carceral Abolition

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SPECIAL ISSUE THEME

Colonialism persists in its enduring injustices to Indigenous peoples, and extends to carceral and other institutional harms. Decolonization involves moving away from *the prison* as the focal point and towards Indigenous epistemologies. This requires decolonizing institutional knowledges and privileging the expertise of those with the lived experience. Resistance movements also need to consider how penal abolition can support anti-colonial movements and create new justice imaginings. Part of these imaginings may include Indigenous legal traditions, ceremony and healing practices, and kith and kin relations. They also can encompass restructuring social structures, relationships and truths.

It is with this in mind that the *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons* (JPP) invites currently and formerly incarcerated persons to submit articles to be considered for publication in a special issue on *anti-colonial carceral abolition*. If you are Indigenous and have been impacted by *colonial past or present practices from reserves, residential schools, child welfare, urban poverty traps and/or prisons*, we invite you to share your knowledge, experience, and reflection. We seek to challenge carceral spaces in all manifestations. Generally, we seek submissions on how carceral spaces sever connections from family, language, community, ceremony and land, and how connections can be strengthened in resistance to carceral interventions.

PAPER FORMATS

Prisoners and former prisoners, along with other co-authors (where applicable) are encouraged to submit papers, collaborative essays, discussions transcribed from tape, book reviews, and photo or graphic essays. All contributions must follow the journal's submission guidelines (<http://www.jpp.org/submissions.html>).

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