

The Journal of Prisoners on Prisons
A Call for Submissions
Special Issue on Education in Prisons

Prisoners have expressed in their writing and by their participation considerable enthusiasm for prison education. Professional “correctional educators” promote schooling as a way to reduce recidivism and teach entry-level job skills. Some prisoners have rejected this correctional ethos and offer alternative reasons to support educational programs.

Prisoners/former prisoners have written brilliant critiques on the role prison education plays in parole hearings and as a substitute for prison work to maintain institutional order. The state has been taken to task for nearly obliterating higher education by Pell Grant* disqualification and budget cuts. In addition to these critiques, prisoners/former prisoners have written accounts of prisoner-organized educational activities. This special issue on *Education in Prison* will provide a forum for prisoners/former prisoners to extend these and other investigations on educational programs.

We encourage contributions that discuss the value, politics, and contradictions of “correctional education” from your perspectives. We also encourage contributions on prisoners’ own educational activities. Indeed, we see this special issue of *JPP* making a considerable contribution to our knowledge about the breadth and diversity of formal and informal educational activities organized and taught by prisoners for prisoners. Historical accounts, discussions on current activities, and analyses of how and why these activities emerge will make a valuable contribution to the literature on education and incarcerated adults.

The issue will be co-edited by Howard S. Davidson and Jon Marc Taylor, members of *JPP*’s editorial collective and authors of books and articles on prison education.

Are you interested in contributing an article? This is a call for your contribution. *JPP* publishes articles in English, French, and Spanish. Your article should be no longer than twenty typed pages, double spaced or legibly handwritten. You may write anonymously or under a pseudonym. The editors will review all submissions. Papers not selected for publication will be returned to writers with comments and may be revised and resubmitted for future publications.

* A U.S. higher education grant; see J.M. Taylor, “Pell Grants for Prisoners Part Deux: It’s Déjà Vu All Over Again,” in *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, Vol. 8 (1&2), pp. 47–66.

The deadline for submitting your article is August 15, 2001. Send your manuscript to: Liz Elliott, *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University, 8888 University Drive, Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6 (Canada). E-mail [hdavid@ms.umanitoba.ca](mailto:h david@ms.umanitoba.ca). If you plan to send an article, write to this address to let us know. This will help us in planning the issue.

**UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE, NEW YORK CITY
OCT. 6-11, 2001**

INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS NEEDED NOW!

CURE (Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants) recently signed the contract to have its international conference within the year. At this gathering we will apply prison reforms to the UN's human rights documents.

The Conference will begin with registration on late Saturday afternoon, October 6th, 2001, and end early Thursday morning, October 10th. Monday, October 8th is Columbus Day in the United States and Thanksgiving Day in Canada. Both are national holidays.

Self-introductions will be on Saturday evening. On Sunday, four panels will provide an overview of human rights documents. On Monday, sixteen panels will connect specific articles in these documents to prison reforms. Also, participants will compile a "report card" on how their country is implementing or violating prison policies based on these documents.

On Tuesday, an individual or a delegation (if more than one person) will visit the Ambassador's office that represents their country at the UN and leave this "report card."

Also, they will ask their country to co-sponsor a resolution that CURE hopefully will have introduced in the UN's General Assembly. This Resolution will declare that "universal suffrage" mandated in the *Universal Declaration on Human Rights* and in its *Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* includes prisoners. This Resolution then will encourage countries to facilitate voting by all prisoners.

CURE has asked the U.S. Department of Justice to facilitate voting in November for eligible prisoners in jails and prisons. Please send a stamped envelope for information on this crucial issue.

At the beginning of the next year, we will have the details on how to register for the Conference, travel, housing, et cetera. **For now, mark your**

calendar and please send any names and addresses of those outside the U.S.A. who might be interested.

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To prepare for Monday's panels, please apply the six major human rights documents to prison reform. In the last two CURE newsletters, the *Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* and the *Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* were covered. This newsletter, covering the document entitled *The Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment*, can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the above address.