

Homelessness and Incarceration

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“We may say that the prisons are ghettos with walls,
while ghettos are prisons without walls”

– Zygmunt Bauman, 2001, p. 121

SPECIAL ISSUE EDITORS

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FOCUS OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE

Whereas there is a considerable writing on incarceration and homelessness, there is very little contributions on the relationship between the two, especially from current and formerly incarcerated persons and homeless folks. In this special issue, we invite contributions that explore the connection between experiences of incarceration and homelessness. The issue takes a broad understanding of what constitutes homelessness (unsheltered, emergency sheltered, provisionally accommodated, at risk of homelessness) and what constitutes incarceration (recognizing how various systems and institutions are implicated in widening the carceral net). Different forms of contributions are encouraged, including journal articles, poems, or artistic representations. Submissions can address, but are not restricted, to the following topics:

The homelessness - incarceration pipeline

- Incarceration causes homelessness
- Homelessness causes incarceration
- The criminalization of homelessness

Experiences of homelessness and incarceration

- The lived experiences of being without a home
- Incarceration as a form of homelessness

Structural and systems drivers of homelessness and incarceration

- Discharge from corrections into homelessness
- Those without a fixed address held on denied bail/held in remand
- Unfair/unrealistic bail conditions for those without a home to maintain
- Barriers to accessing services geared towards people experiencing homelessness due to criminal record

Intersectional experiences of homelessness and incarceration

- Homelessness and incarceration as tools of settler colonialism
- Newcomers experiences of incarceration (including immigration detention centres)
- Women-identifying people's experiences of homelessness and incarceration
- Youth experiences with the criminal justice system and homelessness (including how discrimination facing LGBTQ2S+ youth impacts homelessness and/or incarceration)

PAPER FORMATS AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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 below.

- The Journal will not publish any subject matter that advocates hatred, sexism, racism, violence or that supports the death penalty.
- The Journal does not publish material that usually focuses on the writer's own legal case, although the use of the writer's personal experiences as an illustration of a broader topic is encouraged.
- Articles should be no longer than 20 pages typed and double-spaced or legibly handwritten. Electronic submissions are gratefully received.
- Writers may elect to write anonymously or under a pseudonym.
- For references cited in an article, writers should attempt to provide the necessary bibliographic information. Refer to the references cited in past issues for examples.

- Editors look for developed pieces that address topics substantially. Manuscripts go through a preliminary reading and then are sent to review by the Editorial Board. Those that are of suitable interest are returned to the author with comments or suggestions. Editors work with writers on composition and form, and where necessary may help the author with referencing and bibliographic information, not readily available in prisons. Selected articles are returned to authors for their approval before publication. Papers not selected are returned with comments from the editor. Revised papers may be resubmitted.
- Please submit biographical and contact information, to be published alongside articles unless otherwise indicated.

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