

TRANSFORMING CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN OUR LIFETIME: Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow* 10 YEARS LATER

Sept. 24, 2020, 7:00-9:00 p.m. via ZOOM

7:00-7:30 **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Ruha Benjamin

7:30-8:30 **Panelists:** Rev. Charles Boyer, Udi Ofer and Brooke Lewis

8:30-9:00 **Q&A** from the audience

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Ruha Benjamin is Associate Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University, founder of the JUST DATA Lab, and author of *People's Science: Bodies and Rights on the Stem Cell Frontier* (2013) and *Race After Technology: Abolitionist Tools for the New Jim Code* (2019) among other publications. Her work investigates the social dimensions of science, medicine, and technology with a focus on the relationship between innovation and inequity. Professor Benjamin is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships including from the American Council of Learned Societies, National Science Foundation, Institute for Advanced Study, and the President's Award for Distinguished Teaching at Princeton. For more info visit www.ruhabenjamin.com

FORUM PANELISTS



The Reverend Dr. Charles Franklin Boyer is a third generation African Methodist Episcopal Preacher. He is the pastor of Bethel AME Church in Woodbury, NJ, the founder of Salvation and Social Justice, and the co-convenor of The NJ Black Multi-Faith Alliance, The NJ Prophetic Agenda, and the United Black Agenda. He earned a Bachelorette of Science and Master's in Business Administration from Franklin University and holds a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Payne Theological Seminary.

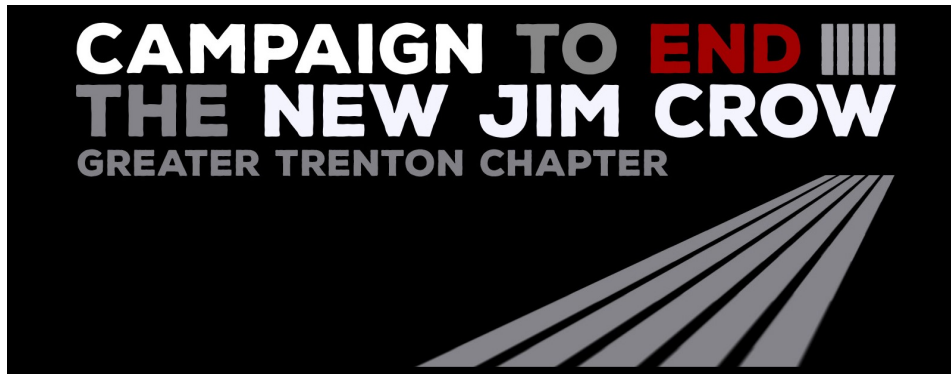


Udi Ofer is the Deputy National Political Director of the ACLU and Director of its Justice Division, where he is responsible for overseeing the ACLU's criminal justice reform advocacy, including the Campaign for Smart Justice, which is dedicated to cutting the nation's incarcerated population by 50 percent. During his tenure at the ACLU, Ofer has overseen passage of more than 200 criminal justice reform laws that will lead to tens of thousands of fewer people incarcerated. He has overseen the launch of new electoral and legislative strategies to tackle mass incarceration, including the ACLU's first-ever voter mobilization campaign in district attorney races as part of a broader initiative to hold prosecutors accountable for fueling mass incarceration.



Brooke Lewis is an Associate Counsel for Criminal Justice Reform at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. Throughout law school, Brooke gained significant experience working in public interest law, with a particular focus on areas related to criminal justice. As a certified legal intern at the Rutgers Children's Justice Clinic, she represented New Jersey children facing delinquency charges in Camden's juvenile court and provided post-disposition representation to youth at several of New Jersey's secure facilities. She also worked as a legal intern at the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender and in the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

MODERATOR: Tracey D. Sypfax is the Founder of From the Block to the Boardroom, Co-founder of Reentry Ventures and Co-Chairman of the Board of the African American Chamber of Commerce of NJ. He was selected as a 2014 White House "Champion of Change" Honoree for his work in the re-entry field.



We are a grassroots coalition of organizations, activists, leaders and concerned individuals engaged with the Trenton and Princeton communities who have come together in an effort to end mass incarceration.

We have been inspired by Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, by the many predecessors and allies of this movement, and most of all by the individuals, families and communities whose lives have been disrupted or destroyed by the system we seek to change.

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