Florida’s Prison System

- 3rd largest prison system in America
- Nearly 100,000 people behind bars
## Florida’s Prison System

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<th>City</th>
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- Nearly **3 million** people have a criminal record
- **Orlando’s** incarceration rate: **10%**
Each year

- **33,000** inmates are released from Florida prisons
- **80,000** are released from community supervision
- **30%** are rearrested within **3 years**
Florida Prison Education Project

Educational attainment:
General public & formerly incarcerated

- College degree
- Some college
- GED
- High School
- No credential

Gender, race, and ethnicity combine to put women of color at greater risk of homelessness

Number of formerly incarcerated people per 10,000 experiencing sheltered homelessness when surveyed in 2008

Formerly Incarcerated Men
Rate per 10,000 men

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Formerly Incarcerated Women
Rate per 10,000 women

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Sources & data notes: https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/housing.html#methodology
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COST OF PRISON EDUCATION

Spending $1 per prisoner on prison education saves $4 to $5 in the future for decreased rates of recidivism.

Source: Office of Justice Programs, The Nation, RAND Corporation

RECIDIVISM RATES

The U.S. spends $31,000 to incarcerate someone every year.

Prison education reduces the 54% recidivism rate by 40%.
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Florida Prison Education Project Mission

• **Provide educational opportunities** to incarcerated and formerly-incarcerated people in Florida

• **Research** the benefits of prison education

• **Integrate the study of justice** into the University of Central Florida curriculum
FPEP Highlights 2018-19

- Taught **11 classes to 150 students** at the Central Florida Reception Center

*Physics for Everyday Thinking*

*Creative Writing*
FPEP Highlights 2018-19

• Hired 6 undergraduate student interns
• Hired 2 graduate student interns
• Directed an undergraduate research project on the benefits of Prison Education
• Directed a College of Medicine on health and wellness services in prison
• Directed two Ph.D. dissertations on Higher Education in Prison

Megan Hummer at the Showcase of Undergraduate Research, April 2019
FPEP Highlights 2018-19

• Opened an office in Rehearsal Hall 111
• Hosted an Open House for the Laughing Gull Foundation
FPEP Highlights 2018-19

• Met with current **UCF students** who were formerly incarcerated

• Sponsored the UCF Registered Student Organization **Black Man’s Candor**

• Sponsored the UCF RSO **Afro Artistry**
FPEP Highlights 2018-19

- Collected 5,000+ books for Florida’s Prison Libraries
- Received a $50,000 National Endowment for the Arts Grant
- Raised over $1000 in individual donations
- Brought the NEA Big Read ($15,000 annual grant) to Florida prisons
- Pending:
  - $60,000 Laughing Gull Foundation Grant
  - $250,000 NEH Grant
FPEP Highlights 2018-19

- Summit on Higher Education in Florida Prisons
- National Conference for Higher Education in Prisons
- Southeast Museum of Photography
- Arts in Society Conference
What’s Next?

- **Expand** our course offerings to **other prisons**
- **Scale** our program to include credit-bearing courses
- Offer **online** courses at Florida Prisons
- DOE **Second Chance Pell** Experimental Sites Initiative
• Bring **education** to an underserved audience

• Reduce **recidivism**

• Save **millions** of dollars

• **Impact** the lives of children, families, and the community
You’re Invited

PANEL DISCUSSION

KEN BURNS PRESENTS

COLLEGE BEHIND BARS
A FILM BY LYNN NOVICK

Thursday, October 24, 2019 • 6:30 p.m.
UCF Communication and Media Building, Rm. 182B
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Join us for a screening of excerpts from College Behind Bars, a documentary series that follows incarcerated persons through rigorous college programs and explores how education transforms lives and impacts the U.S. criminal justice system.

RSVP at cah.ucf.edu/fpep/screening

PANELISTS
Keri Watson, director of the Florida Prison Education Project
Jason Franzcek, UCF MFA student and FPEP instructor
LeShanna Tyson, UCF student and ESPC founder
Barb Develinger, author of Incarceration Nation: A Journey to Justice in Prisons Around the World and director of John Jay College’s Prison-to-College Pipeline

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