

**The Carceral Studies working group presents
"The Violence of Confinement: Conversations on Criminalization and
Resistance"**

We invite you to join us for our first conversation in this series!

**Sex Workers and the State: Policing, Punishment and Protest
Tuesday, October 17, 2006
4 - 6 pm
1108 Holzapfel Hall, University of Maryland-College Park**

Refreshments will be provided.

This event is co-sponsored by the GLBTQ and Sexuality Studies working group and the Department of American Studies* and features the following presentations:

**"Sex, race, and decriminalization: Young women in the New York juvenile justice system incarcerated for street prostitution."
Ryan Shanahan, Ph.D Candidate, Women's Studies, University of Maryland-College Park**

This presentation will highlight current activism and organizing efforts to decriminalize young people arrested for prostitution in New York. Placing this activist work in the history of research on young people and prostitution, the presentation will also discuss how race, class, gender and sexuality affect the way that young people are treated in the juvenile justice system and how they are researched by scholars. A University Fellow in the Department of Women's Studies and former volunteer with Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive (HIPS), Ryan Shanahan is currently living in New York City where she is researching how the juvenile justice system handles young people arrested for prostitution.

**"Sex workers and allies unite against repressive new laws in Washington, DC"
Darby Hickey and Erika Smith, Sex Worker and Transgender Rights Activists,
Different Avenues**

This talk will provide information on D.C.'s new "prostitution-free" zones, and how sex workers and their allies are organizing against this legislation and its implementation. The presenters will also talk about national organizing for sex workers' rights, particularly highlighting the leadership of transgender women and the marginalization of street-based workers (what most people think of when they say "prostitutes.") Darby Hickey and Erika Smith are the program and outreach coordinators at Different Avenues, a D.C. service and advocacy organization that works with youth ages 12 to 30 years old who are homeless or in insecure housing and are engaged in street survival strategies, including sex for favor. Many of their clients are transgender, gay, lesbian or bisexual.

"Constructing Prostitution in Early National Baltimore."

Dr. Nancy Struna, Professor, American Studies, University of Maryland-College Park

Presenting an analysis of early legal discourse to highlight the significance of economic struggles over morality debates, this presentation will explain how prostitution became written into Maryland law by 1804. It will also reveal how the resultant construction and its impacts became racialized and gendered, honing in issues of evidence and methodology that were critical to these findings. Dr. Nancy Struna is chair of the American studies department and an affiliate faculty member in History and Women's studies. She is currently working on a manuscript that explores early tavern culture and the body and sexuality in the context of this culture, beginning with the construction of prostitution in the late colonial and early national periods.

*Additional co-sponsors and an additional panelist may be announced at the event.

This event is part of CSWG's 2006-07 program year, The Violence of Confinement: Conversations on Criminalization and Resistance.

A series of events exploring overlaps among incarceration, control and violence and illuminating diverse efforts for safety and social justice forged at these intersections.

Our conversation on Tues. Nov 7, 4-6 pm. features the work of Writing Violence and Resistance, an interdisciplinary group of young scholars researching historical and contemporary issues of state violence and confinement as well as collective resistance. Please mark your calendars.

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