



# TOWARDS DECARCERATION: ABOLITION AND THE CARCERAL STATE

CALL FOR PAPERS  
Graduate Conference



**The work of abolition is not confined to policing and prisons; rather, it is about the broader contours of the “carceral state”--the interconnected roles of detention, corrections and law enforcement, as well as the policies, non-governmental institutions (both non-profit and for-profit) and ideologies that ground state investment in policing, punishment and incarceration.**

We invite papers that address the following themes:

· Prisons, punishment, mass incarceration and the “prison industrial complex” · Prison reform and abolition · Policing and movements to defund and/or abolish the police · Immigration detention and refugee camps · Settler colonialism and decolonization · Race, racism and the carceral state · Prison activism · Alternatives to incarceration · Capital, labour and political economy in the carceral state · Enclosure, segregation and apartheid · Carceral feminism, gender, sexuality and the carceral state · Abolition and Environmentalism

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

**We welcome abstract submissions from graduate students in criminology, sociolegal studies, law, sociology, geography, history, political science, education, women and gender studies, and related disciplines.**

Please send an abstract of 250-300 words to [crimslgradconference@gmail.com](mailto:crimslgradconference@gmail.com). Be sure to include:

Paper title  
Presenter name(s)  
Institutional affiliation  
Program of study  
E-mail address

The conference will be held virtually. Further information about the panels, keynote speakers, conference format, and length of presentations will be sent out at a later date.

Towards Decarceration is organized by graduate students at the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies at the University of Toronto, located on the traditional territories of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit. We look forward to reflecting with colleagues on what it means to meet and work on this land today.

Conference date: March 31st and April 1st  
Deadline for submissions: February 7th

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