

FRIDAY

February 26

12:30 p.m. Gathering and check-in **Gallery**

1 p.m. *"Everywhere Ferguson" and the Racial Crucible of the Christian Churches* **Alford Centrum**
Keynote address by James Logan

Logan will explore the moral significance of Christian churches as a political force confronting the tragedy of "Everywhere Ferguson" – indeed, the nation's contemporary symbol of the obsessive surveillance, monetary abuse, militarized policing, mass imprisonment and authorized killing of Black bodies. The lecture offers an exploration of Christian justice and love as concrete sites of resistance, racial justice and, ultimately, reconciling Christian love forged against the necropolitics of mass incarceration as revealed in the memes Ferguson Is Everywhere, #BlackLivesMatter, and #SayHerName.

James Logan holds the National Endowment for the Humanities Endowed Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies at Earlham College. He teaches in the religion department and teaches in and directs the Program in African and African American Studies. His areas of teaching and research cover religious, philosophical and social ethics; religion and law; constructive Christian theologies; Black religion; theories of religion; and the relationships among religion, ethics and politics in civil/public life.

2:15 p.m. Break

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Work-release advocacy **Gault Hall 150**
Frances Jo Hamilton, president of Restart, a work-release advocacy program focusing on first-time female offenders who are good candidates for work release, early release with employment or employment upon release, leads this discussion.

Practical Measures: Toolkits for Faith Communities **Gault Hall 133**
Kenya Cummings, director of prison and reentry ministries for the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church and an MTSO student, will share toolkits that include a learning guide for mass incarceration and other measures faith communities can use in practice.

Early Christian Resources for Confronting Mass Incarceration **Gault Hall 140**

Ryan Schellenberg, MTSO assistant professor of New Testament, will offer scholarship from 1st to 5th century texts on mass incarceration. Although mass incarceration is a distinctly modern problem, Christians have been responding to imprisonment and its effects since the first century. The incarceration of Paul and other early leaders shaped the early Christian imagination profoundly and helped to birth a strong tradition of advocacy and care for prisoners. We will look together at these texts that attest to this tradition, and reflect on how they might inspire and inform our own work.

In Our Own Words: Formerly Incarcerated Leaders **Library L-200**

***Share Their Stories and Experiences
with the Criminal Justice System in Ohio***

Wendy Tarr, community organizer with Restored Citizens and Community for Change, a group of formerly incarcerated and concerned community members collaborating to address issues of criminal justice and mass incarceration by being voices for change. Wendy will facilitate a panel of restored citizens.

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| 4:30 p.m. | Group conversation | Alford Centrum |
| 5:15 p.m. | Networking dinner | Dunn Dining Hall |