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Transformative Justice and the University

Dara Bayer, Transformative Justice Program Coordinator, Brown University, with students Xochi Cartland and Camila Pelsinger Xhercis Méndez, Founder of the University TJ Project

Monday May 3, 2021 4:00pm-5:30pm CDT

As part of the historic uprisings for racial justice in Summer 2020, students, workers, and community members have called on universities and colleges to abolish campus cops, reallocate resources into life-affirming institutions, and rethink our broken approaches to communal safety and justice. Key to these shifts is the movement from punishment to transformative justice, which seeks to address harm and prevent violence by cultivating "healing accountability, resilience, and safety for all involved."

This panel discussion brings together transformative justice activists and practitioners who work in university settings.

What possibilities exist for transformative justice in the university? What new opportunities and horizons for justice emerge when transformative justice principles are given the types of institutional support and resources currently invested in cops? How can ordinary students, workers, and community members build transformative justice into their relationships with each other?

This event is part of the CAS 2019-21 Initiative Abolition which examines the multiple, convergent forms of power in the at times intersectional areas of prisons, police, immigrant justice, gendered and sexual violence, environmental justice, disability justice, indigenous sovereignty and more, in order to propose an abolitionist democratic present and future.