

# CRIPPING TJ: SURVIVORS AS ORGANIZERS, VICARIOUS TRAUMA AND DISABILITY JUSTICE IN TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE



Monica Trinidad, *Abolition Now*, micropen and paper, 2015

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Disability is everywhere in the world, including in transformative justice. How does it show up in our work to create alternatives to police and prison to create safety, healing and justice by and for survivors of violence? In this lively talk with lots of swearing, disability and transformative justice movement worker and writer/editor Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha will examine just what happens when we “crip” TJ—what does it mean when so many transformative justice movement workers are themselves survivors with lots of anxiety and PTSD, how to create anti-ableist accountability strategies as disabled survivors and people who have caused harm, how to look at abuse through a disability justice lens, and what it means to move slow, vulnerable and strong in doing TJ work.

This talk is part of the **CAS 2019-20 Initiative *Abolition***, which examines the interconnected power dynamics across prisons, police, immigration, gendered and sexual violence, environmental justice, disability justice, and more, in order to propose an abolitionist democratic present and future.

CAS Resident Associates Toby Beauchamp (Gender and Women's Studies) and Naomi Paik (Asian American Studies) oversee this initiative which includes a year-long public events series and a graduate seminar (CAS 587) in Spring 2020 among other activities.