

# States of Incarceration

## Sample Syllabus

### Local focus: Immigration Detention

#### Reading Schedule

##### Week 1:

- Introduction to the project ([statesofincarceration.org](http://statesofincarceration.org))
- Liz Sevckenko, "[Remembering the Age of Mass Incarceration](#)"

##### Week 2:

*Guest speaker (community partner)*

- Michel Foucault, "Panopticism," from *Discipline and Punish*
- Michael Kimmelman, "[Prison Architecture and the Question of Ethics](#)"
- Rory Stott, "[The Architecture of Incarceration: Can Design Affect the Prison System?](#)"

##### Week 3:

- Nicholas P. de Genova, "Migrant 'Illegality' and Deportability in Everyday Life," *Annual Review of Anthropology*
- Aviva Chomsky, *Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal*

##### Week 4:

- Stephanie Silverman, "Immigration Detention in America: A History of its Expansion and a Study of its Significance," COMPAS Working Paper No. 80
- Walter A. Ewing, "Opportunity and Exclusion: A Brief History of US Immigration Policy"
- Julia Stumpf, "The Cimmigration Crisis: Immigrants, Crime, and Sovereign Power"

##### Week 5

- Denise Gilman, "Realizing Liberty: The Use of International Human Rights Law to Realign Immigration Detention in the United States," Parts I and II
- Nicholas DeGenove, "Introduction," and Galina Cornelis, "Immigration Detention and the Territoriality of Universal Rights," *The Deportation Regime* (Intro and Ch. 2)

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#### Week 6

- Renee Feltz and Stokely Baksh, “Business of Detention,” in *Beyond Walls and Cages: Prisons, Borders, and Global Crisis*
- Explore Spatial Information Design Lab and Justice Mapping Center digital mass incarceration mapping project:  
<http://spatialinformationdesignlab.org/projects/million-dollar-blocks>

#### Week 7

##### *Guest Speaker*

- Alfonso Gonzales, *Reform without Justice* (Intro, Ch 1 and 4)

#### Week 8

- Victor Talavera, “Deportation in the US-Mexico Borderlands: Anticipation, Experience, and Memory,” in *Deportation Regime*
- Mary Bosworth, “Subjectivity and Identity in Detention: Punishment and Society in a Global Age,” *Theoretical Criminology*

#### Week 9

- Mark Dow, *American Gulag: Inside US Immigration Prisons*
- <http://www.davidbreston.com/prisonmap>

#### Week 10-15

- This time is reserved for local story archival research, creating and designing exhibit contributions, and incorporating scholarly feedback