

# The University and the Carceral State: Conversations on Anti-Racism, Decolonization, and Abolition

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Racial violence embedded in carceral and policing institutions has emerged as a topic of renewed focus. What responsibilities does the University have in supporting calls to disband and/or defund policing and carceral institutions? What role does or should criminology play in challenging racialized violence relating to decarceral, anti-racist, decolonial initiatives? How should University institutions support decarceral, anti-racist, decolonial initiatives? Please join us to explore these important questions (and more!) with our expert panel. Featuring:



**Dr. Pamela Palmater is a Mi'kmaw lawyer, author and social justice activist from Eel River Bar First Nation.**

Dr. Palmater has four university degrees, including a doctorate in law. Pam has worked with First Nations for 25+ years advancing native education, sovereignty and nationbuilding. She currently holds the position of Professor and Chair in Indigenous Governance at Ryerson University.



**Michelle Brown, Professor of Sociology at the University of Tennessee.**

Michelle Brown's research focuses upon the carceral state; law & society; abolition and transformative justice; and countervisual tactics in antiviolence organizing. Brown is the author of *The Culture of Punishment*; the co-editor of the Palgrave MacMillan Crime, Media and Culture Book Series.



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