

# Capacity exchange and diverse narratives in socio-technological systems for justice and environmental issues

## Bio:

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## Abstract:

As an Earth, Space, and Systems Scientist, Caudill will be discussing her research on the dynamics at play in socio-technological and socio-ecological systems and integration of their different dimensions. Employing a cybernetics ("western systems thinking") approach, she will explore themes of cognitive and ecological justice, decentralizing science to constellate to other ways of knowing, and the impact of these themes on critical and pressing environmental issues.

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## Dr. Christy Caudill

(Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre, Carleton University)

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

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# Building Resilient Communities through Healing and Transformative Justice: Lessons and Insights from Federally Sentenced People

## Bio:

Rachel Fayter, PhD is a post-doctoral research fellow in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University and a part-time professor in the Department of Criminology at the University of Ottawa. Rachel mobilizes her lived experience of criminalization and incarceration into her academic research, teaching, and activist work, to highlight the strengths, solidarity, and resilience of criminalized people as we work towards abolitionist futures.

## Abstract:

Mobilizing feminist, qualitative, and autoethnographic research methods within the critical paradigm, interviews were conducted with key informants and people who were incarcerated in federal prisons designated for women across Canada. Data were interpreted via thematic narrative analysis. This research demonstrates that promoting criminalized people's strengths and fostering prisoner resilience can buffer the impact of the harmful conditions of confinement, support community re-entry, and contribute to transformative social change. The harms of the carceral state are severe and extensive, leading to further exclusion of some of the most marginalized people in society. Rather than interventions targeting the perceived deficits and needs of criminalized people, a strengths-based approach that promotes healing, resilience, and relational connections is needed to build safe, inclusive, caring communities.

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