CONFERENCE ON
OVERCRIMINALIZATION
AND INDIGENT LEGAL CARE

Georgia State University
April 6-7, 2017

Thursday, April 6

9:45-10:25
Conference Opening/Registration
Troy Moore Library
(All day: 25 Park Place, 16th Floor)

10:30-12:00
Plenary Opening Speaker
“The Politicization of Overcriminalization”
Douglas Husak, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Law, Rutgers University
Moderator: Andrew I. Cohen, Director, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics at Georgia State University
Troy Moore Library, 25 Park Place, 23rd Floor, Room 2343

12:00-1:10
Lunch
Broad Street restaurants, assorted, for registered conference attendees

1:15-2:10
Concurrent Sessions 1

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“Dismissals as Justice”
Anna Roberts, Associate Professor of Law and Faculty Fellow, Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality
Moderator: Lauren Sudeall Lucas, Asst. Professor of Law, Director of Center for Access to Justice, Georgia State University

“Access to Legal Services and the Authority of Law”
Daniel Kolotonski, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Delaware
Moderator: Michael Shapiro, Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Georgia State University

2:25-3:20
Concurrent Sessions 2

“Punishment, Inequality, and the Indigent”
David Birks, University of Kiel/Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH), University of Oxford
Moderator: Prof. Christie Hartley, Assoc. Prof. of Philosophy, Georgia State University

“Affirming the Legitimacy of Police Immunity”
Keagan Potts, Department of Philosophy, Western Michigan University
Moderator: Kory Jackson, JD, Jackson Law Office LLC.

3:35-4:30
Concurrent Sessions 3

“Learning their Lesson: What Repeat Offenders Teach Us about Criminal Justice”
Benjamin Ewing, Duke University Law School
Moderator: Andrew Altman, Director of Research, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, and Distinguished University Professor of Philosophy, Georgia State University

“Overcriminalization and Rights”
Stephen Kershnar, Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, State University of New York at Fredonia
Moderator: Henry F. (Chip) Carey, Associate Professor of Political Science, GSU

5:00
Reception and Public Symposium on Overcriminalization and Indigent Legal Care

Featured Speakers:
Doug Ammar, Georgia Justice Project
Sherry Boston, Dekalb County (GA) District Attorney
Marissa Dodson, Southern Center for Human Rights
Atteeyah Holie, Southern Center for Human Rights
Bernadette Rabuy, Prison Policy Initiative

Moderator: Prof. Andrew I. Cohen, Director, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics
Student Center East Senate Salon

Dinner for Registered Conference Guests - TBD
Friday, April 7

Breakfast available in Residence Inn for guests staying there.
Light breakfast items available in/near Troy Moore Library, starting at 9 AM.

9:30-11:00
Plenary Speaker
“Overcriminalized and Undervalued: The Effects of Purposeless Punishment”
Prof. Jelani Jefferson Exum, Professor of Law, University of Toledo School of Law
Moderator: Darcy M. Meals, Assistant Director, Center for Access to Justice, Georgia State University
Troy Moore Library, 25 Park Place, 23rd floor, room 2343

11:15-12:10
Concurrent Sessions 4

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| “Problems for Proceduralism” Jake Monaghan, Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo
Moderator: Andrew I. Cohen, Director, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University | “Overcriminalization and the ‘Hard’ Problem of Mass Incarceration” Chad Flanders, Associate Professor, Saint Louis University School of Law
Moderator: Andrew Jason Cohen, Assoc. Prof. of Philosophy, Georgia State University |

12:10-1:30
Lunch
Sweet Auburn Market, for registered conference attendees

1:40-2:35
Concurrent Sessions 5

| “Overcriminalization and Prosecutorial Discretion: How the War on Crime Became the War on the Indigent” Wendy Calaway, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College
Moderator: Andrew Altman, Dir. of Research, Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, and Distinguished University Professor, Georgia State University | “Institutionalized Stigma and Persons with Mental Illnesses: A Rawlsian Critique” Jennifer Tillman, Department of Philosophy, SUNY-Albany
Moderator: Peter Lindsay, Assoc. Prof. of Political Science and Philosophy, and Distinguished University Professor, Georgia State University |

2:50-3:45
Concurrent Sessions 6

| “Our Complicity in Overcriminalization: Virtue Ethics and our Arrest Rates” Jennifer Baker, Associate Professor of Philosophy, College of Charleston
Moderator: Andrew Jason Cohen, Assoc. Prof. of Philosophy, Georgia State University | “Who can blame whom? Moral Standing to Blame and Punish Deprived Citizens” Gustavo A. Beade, Associate Professor of Criminal Law, University of Buenos Aires
Moderator: George Rainbolt, Professor and Chair, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University |

4:00-5:30
Closing Plenary
“The Overcriminalization of Abortion in the United States”
David Boonin, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Values and Social Policy, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado
Moderator: Andrew Jason Cohen, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University
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5:30-6:00
Closing Reception

6:30

We would like to thank the Philosophy Master’s students who helped to make this conference possible.

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- Gaetano Venezia
- Tyler Vanwulven

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