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# Teaching with the American Prison Newspapers, 1800-2020

## Voices from the Inside

January 18, 2023

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# Agenda

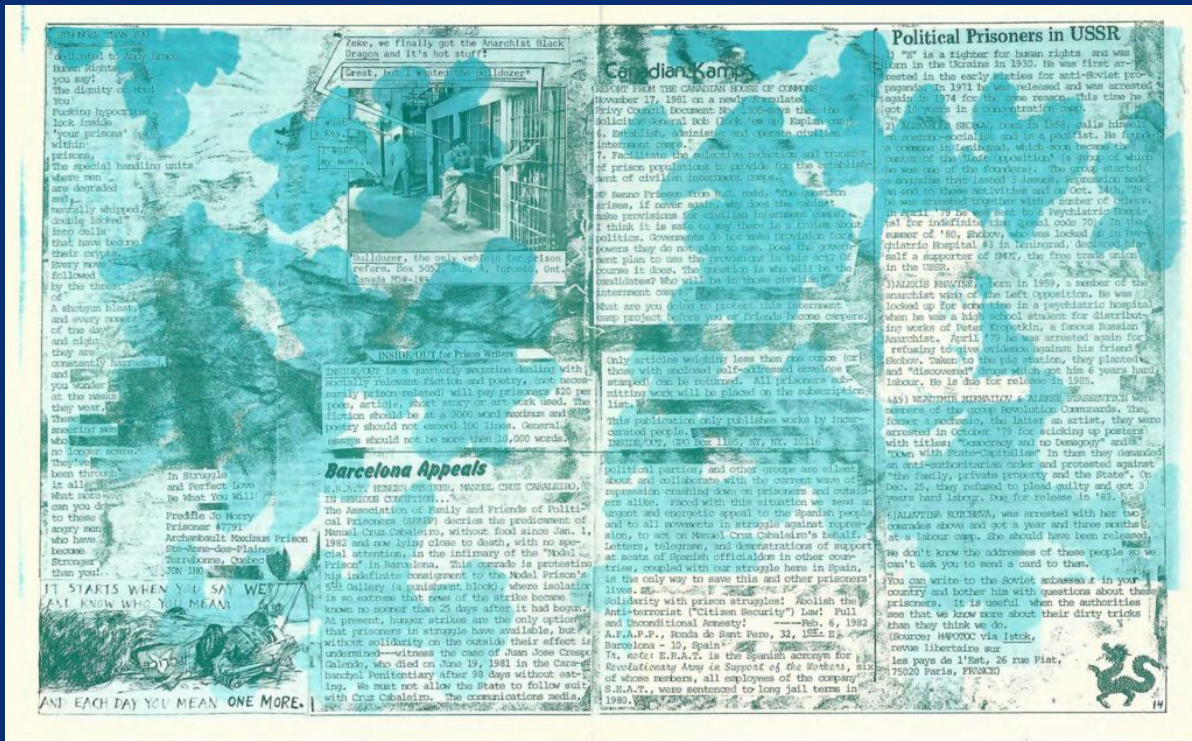
- Diving into the Collection
  - ★ Contents of the Newspapers
  - ★ Entry Points
- Student/Instructor Engagement with the Collection
- Future Resources
- Q&A

# Guiding Questions

- What can instructors do with these newspapers?
- How do the newspapers fit/enhance my own scholarly interests?
- How do I present the newspapers to students?
- What can students do with these newspapers?

# Contents of the Newspapers

## What's in them?



# Crochet

Raul Mascorro

Bill Auchampach



Gary Burnett



Crochet from  
*Lino Ledger*  
(Oct. 2016)

Minnesota Correctional  
Facility-Lino Lakes





## Beadwork from *Lino Ledger* (Oct. 2016)

Minnesota Correctional  
Facility-Lino Lakes

## TEN HEART BREAKS

One is for the first time  
I put dope into my arms.  
Two for the number of bags that  
did me so much harm.  
Three is for the number of days  
that take a junkie to kick.  
Four is for the so-called friends  
who laugh when you are sick.  
Five is the five-thousand dollars  
blown like a sail on a breeze.  
Six for the number of years  
that I spent in jail.  
Seven is the thought of the day  
of where I should be.  
Eight is to think about what  
dope has done to me.  
Nine is the number of times  
I said I would quit.  
Ten is also the number of times  
I said just the opposite.

by Douglas L. Brown  
A-031593  
F-110

## Poem from *Butler Beacon* (Mar. 1974)

Reception and Medical Center  
in Lake Butler, Florida



Freedom (for a friend on the day of her release)

Swimming  
Dancing  
Stars in the darkness  
Loving  
Remembering  
Crying  
Food that's not "chow"  
Toes in the sand  
Barefoot in the grass  
Waterfall baths  
Talking to birds  
Being with trees  
And listening to silence  
Dresses  
And buses  
Bubble baths  
3 AM laughs  
Music everyone can hear  
Lovers whispering in your ear  
Cooking  
And praying  
Because you wanted to talk to God  
Not because it's 10PM  
And some cop just told you  
It's quiet time.

Royce

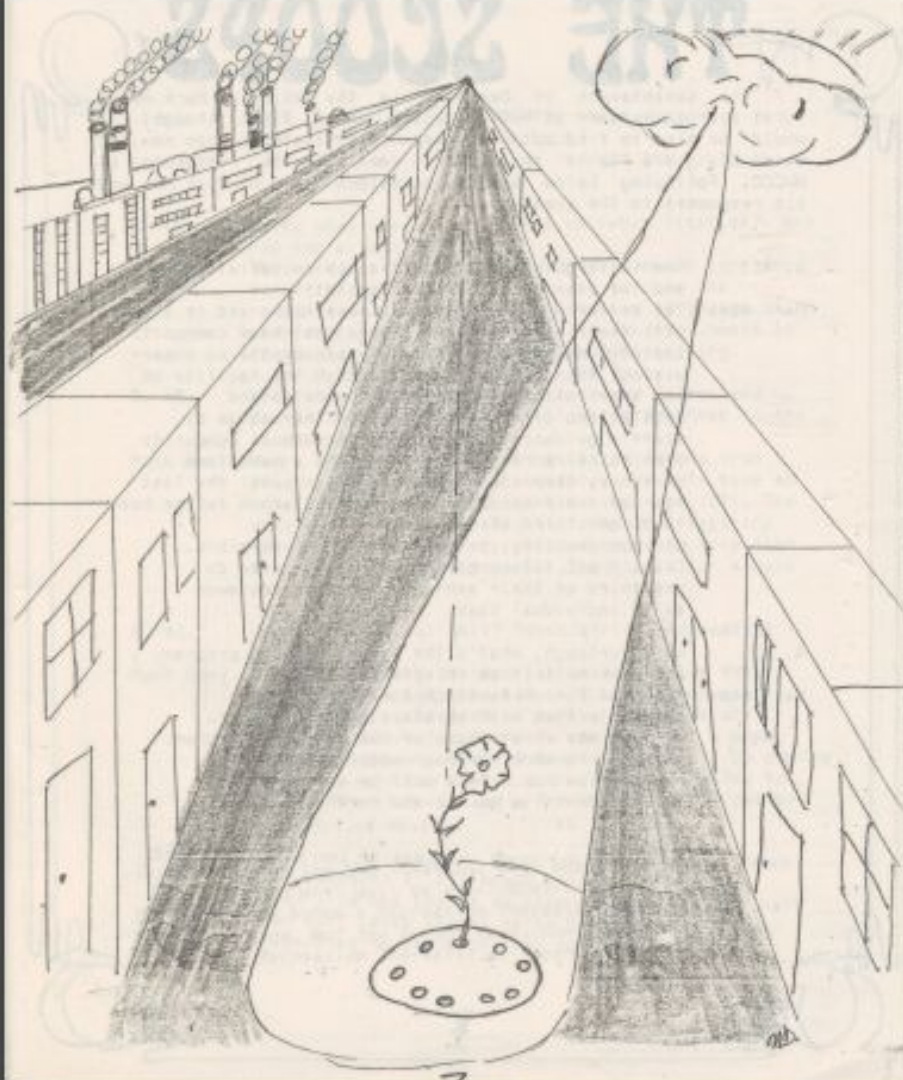
Poem from  
*Hulihia*  
(Oct. 2007)

Women's Community  
Correctional Center in Kailua,  
Hawai'i

# Drawing from *The Outlook* (May 1935)

United States Southwestern  
Reformatory in El Reno,  
Oklahoma





# Drawing from *Wahine Times* (Jan. 1986)

Women's Community  
Correctional Facility in Kailua,  
Hawai'i

## "A" Words

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P A E Y M S T S A A
H C A O R P P A C B
S Q S O F O Q C C S
A P U S Q       S K R T T
H S I E W       P S U R P
E V R R G       S A E A E
J D Y E D       D S C C L
A W D X D       D L T C E
G J A P A       I L I A A
A A D E M R A L A C T I V I T Y
B I B R A P P E N D I X A V K J
U N V L A U T C A M O R T I Z E
X S S J A E A C C O U N T E A A C A
A E T M V       D D D N F
C D E H O       P J V A F
L T R R R       U I V E A
D I O E K       S C D C F
C O F H C       T E A T R
A V N F D       W E B A C
E G H A A       E H D I P
T R O B A       G A M D W

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# Crossword from *Chainlink Chronicle* (Feb. 2001)

Washington Correctional  
Institute in Angie, Louisiana

Able  
Abort  
Abstract  
Abused  
Accept  
Access  
Accessory  
Account  
Accrues

Ace  
Acquire  
Action  
Activated  
Activity  
Actual  
Addition  
Address  
Adhere

Adjust  
Advance  
Advice  
Advisors  
Affect  
Afford  
Afraid  
Against  
Ahead

Alarmed  
Already  
America  
Amortize  
Append  
Appendix  
Approach



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And Dave Barry is quoted in the SPECTATOR  
as saying this about the population ex-  
plosion:

"A woman is delivering a child every  
30 minutes. We've got to get hold of  
that woman and stop her!"

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Joke from  
*Castle on the  
Cumberland*  
(Oct. 1961)

Kentucky State Penitentiary in  
Eddyville, Kentucky

A wife said to her husband,  
“My dear, to-morrow is the  
tenth anniversary of our wed-  
ding; shall I kill the turkey?”

“No!” said the hubby, “let  
him live; poor bird, he didn’t  
have anything to do with it.”

Joke from  
*Desert Press*  
(Aug. 1933)

Arizona State Prison in  
Florence, Arizona



# SCHEDULE OF CLASSES FOR NOVEMBER

ABE	9:00 - 11:30 T/F	Susan McLean
COMPUTERS	6:30 - 8:45 Sun	Randy Freeman
Aerobics	9:00 - 10:00 M	Marsha Fetoui
English 100	6:30 - 8:45 T/Th	Steve Flick
Psychology 110	2:45 - 4:45 T/Th	Otome Myers
English 100 Tutoring	9:00 - 11:30 M/W	Linda Voellmy
Reading Tutoring	2:00 - 3:00 M	Betsy Ludwig
Reading Tutoring	12:30 - 4:45 S	Michele Ikeda
Reading Tutoring	3:00 - 4:30 W	Lynn Turner
Reading Tutoring	9:00 - 10:00 F	Betty Freisen
GED Test	6:00 - 8:45 M/W/F	Kalaheo High School

## SPECIAL EVENTS

11/8 2:00 - 4:45 Hugh Prather, Dr. Gerald Jampolsky  
Diane Cirincione - panel discussion  
(available in video)

## Class Schedule from *Wahine* *Times* (Nov. 1985)

Hawai'i Women's Correctional  
Facility in Kailua, Hawai'i

# Canteen Price List

MEAT & FISH			
466 Tuna Water/Oil	.84	536 Coast Soap	.84
467 Spam	1.73	537 Dial Soap	.60
467 Vienna Sausage	.59	538 Ivory Soap	.44
468 Sardines	.75	546 Castanea Soap	.42
471 Smoked Oysters	1.74	505 Soap Dish	.33
461 Potbed Meat	.39	530 Bath & Shower	1.34
465 Chunk Ham	1.52	550 Baby Powder	.71
481 Fish Steak	.68	553 Closeup Toothpaste	1.10
48Y Chicken Vienna	.54	560 Toothbrush	.71
48A Chili w/Beans	.71	589 Dental Floss	.94
478 Chili no Beans	.54	594 Plident Tabs	2.72
4DP Refined Beans/Rice	.48	595 Pol Grip	1.36
477 Beef Stew	.69	50U Toothbrush Holder	.20
4DT BBQ Beef	1.97	532 Petro Jelly	.71
BEVERAGES			
355 Coke	.37	575 Shave Lotion	2.12
352 Sprite	.37	53V Coco Butter Lotion	.71
361 Dr. Pepper	.37	576 Baby Oil	.61
348 Orange Soda	.37	53C Medicated Cream	.78
360 Root Beer	.37	4DR Acne Treatment	1.77
365 Delaware Punch	.37	561 Colgate Shave Crm	1.43
370 Diet Coke	.37	55Q After shave	1.40
374 Big Red Soda	.37	567 AMBI Cream	5.19
343 Powdered Milk	3.69	502 Shave Powder	1.68
357 Inst. Tea Mix	2.12	50I Nail Clippers	.32
321 Orange Juice	.32	582 Speed Stick	2.55
338 Grapefruit Juice	.36	52X Heritage Roll-on	1.00
313 Non-Dairy Creamer	1.60	52L Disposable Razors	.37
344 Hot Cocoa Mix	.16	50F Afro Picks	.17
325 Keele Orange Mix	1.55	50G Pocket Comb	.04
362 Powdered Coffee	1.74	50H Hair Brush	.58
363 Freeze Dried Coffee	3.15	55T Mouth Wash	.71
337 Kool Aid	.90	56A Dove Soap	1.35
MISC. FOOD ITEMS			
439 Honey	1.47	525 Sports Cream	3.66
430 Sugar	1.14	602 BC Powder	.47
440 Apple Jelly	1.57	605 Alka Seltzer	4.31
437 Strawberry Preserves	1.71	605 Alka Seltzer + Cold	4.52
438 Grape Jelly	1.43	604 Anti-Acid	.59
422 Mayonnaise	1.98	608 Chup Stick	.61
420 Sandwich Spread	1.35	611 Vapor Rub	3.57
4A0 Picante Sauce	1.43	606 Aspirin	.68
2FC Squeeze Cheese	.86	642 Halls Cough Drops	.53
429 Sugar Twin	1.40	648 Generic Vitamins	1.42
423 Mustard	.53	663 Hi Potency Vitamins	5.55
424 Peanut Butter	1.70	666 X-Strength Tylenol	5.13
49U Shrimp Lunch	.55	60I Band Aids	.50
497 Chicken Lunch	.55	60M Sunscreen	3.69
49V Beef Lunch	.55	60N Antifungal Powder	1.70
4DE Calif. Veg	.55	676 Suphredine	1.23
4AH Tomato Veg Lunch	.48	681 Hydrocortisone Crm	1.12
2GT Noodles & Cheese	.59	683 Triple Anti Oint.	.78
233 Ice Crm Sandwich	.26	684 Antifungal Cream	.86
234 Ice Cream Pint	1.02	686 Laxative/Enteric	1.39
238 Galtine Crackers	.33	688 Allergy Tabs	1.34
249 Hils Crackers	1.89	692 Aprodine	.93
482 Dill Pickles	2.08	693 bugrolen	1.27
436 Jalapeno Peppers	1.69	101 Camels	3.61
440 Flour Tortillas	.74	103 Kools	3.79
CANDY			
203 Snickers	.48	105 Gen. Non-Filterers	2.55
218 Baby Ruth	.47	179 Gen. Filters	2.64
208 Milky Way	.47	106 Gen. Menth. Light	2.54
29R Reeses Cup	.48	131 Bugler Pils	.76
208 M&M Peanut	.48	167 Bugler 6 oz. Can	6.33
29H Pryday	.47	19P Midnight Special	.81
217 Butler Finger	.47	19C Black & Mlids	2.08
226 Tootsie Roll	1.52	19B Captain Black	1.94
221 Jelly Beans	1.10	115 K.E. Imperial	.52
201 Peppermints	.55	199 Timberwolf Snuff	1.73
211 Hershey Alm	.48	19E Red Seal Snuff	1.86
79N Peanut Plank	.26	19F Red Seal Wtgrm	1.82
2CZ Jolly Rancher	.67	140 Levi Garment	1.96
501 Royal Crown	.32	158 Pipe Cleaner	.01
513 Murrays Hair Dress	2.25	151 Cig. Roller	2.13
518 Sulphur 8 Grease	2.75	153 Cig. Lighter	.62
517 Sulphur 8 Shampoo	2.72	149 Matches	.08
5WV Suave Shampoo	1.46	OFFICE SUPPLIES	
51F Suave MD Shampoo	2.06	764 .33 Stamps	.79
51F Suave Conditioner	1.47	739 .05 Stamps	.13
		728 .01 Stamps	.08
		705 Long Envelopes Bx	.79
		723 Manila Envelopes	.13
		706 Long Legal Pads	.66
		727 Short Legal Pads	.47
		714 Writing Tablets	.32
		709 Short Typing Paper	.01
		710 Legal Typing Paper	.01
		712 Ink Pens	.11
		713 Pencils	.10
BAKERY ITEMS			
		401 White Bread	1.04
		402 Wheat Bread	1.54
		272 Honey Buns	.42
		274 Snack Cakes	.42
		4DF Assorted Cereal	3.96
CHIPS & COOKIES			
		2AE Jalapeno Crackers	.23
		275 Potato Chips	.18
		29W BBQ Potato Chips	.18
		2BI BBQ Corn Chips	.18
		251 Cheetos	.18
		29L Cream/Onion	.18
		2GG Salsa & Cheese	.19
		2GS Lays Hot Cheetos	.18
		2EE Micro Popcorn	.38
		245 Peanut Reg/Hot	.50
		245 Candy Peanuts	.50
		2BH Vanilla Crm. Cookies	.53
		2CB Fig Bars	.56
		29T Choc. Crm. Cookies	.53
		2BG Prut Butter Cookies	.53
		29P Duplex Cookies	.53
		262 Vanilla Wafers	.55
		276 Choc. Chap Cookies	.55
		29T Butter Cookies	.55
		29T Oatmeal Cookies	.55
		29T Lemon Cookies	.55
		29T Coconut Cookies	.55
		2EM Rock -N- Rolls	.38
		2EP Moon Pies	.38
		2GV Buddy Bars	1.33
MISC. ITEMS			
		802 D Batteries /ea	1.41
		807 AA Batteries /ea	.49
		808 AAA Batteries /ea	.99
		52A Emery Boards	.43
		50K White Shoe Polish	1.51
		50L Brown Shoe Polish	1.43
		50M Black Shoe Polish	1.43
		51B Neutral Shoe Polish	1.63
		53B Shower Shoes/Size	3.64
		50o Shower Shoes Sz 15	3.75
		50V Sunglasses	3.42
		91B Clip-on Sunglasses	2.89
		823 Quart Containers	.18
		90B Spoons	.73
		822 Solo Cups	.05
		819 Plastic Mug	.92
		829 Handkerchief	.53
		859 Playing Cards	1.22
		835 Can Opener	1.23
		835 Combination Lock	4.95
		50M Q-Tips	.98
		870 27" Wht Shoe Laces	.23
		871 40" Wht Shoe Laces	1.04
		830 27" Bk Shoe Laces	.23
		831 40" Bk Shoe Laces	2.07
		873 40" Bn Shoe Laces	2.07
		833 Glue	.67
		890 AM/FM Radio	18.67
		90D AM/FM Cassette	25.91
		90F Koss Headphones	24.39
		89G Mini Headphones	3.00
		90o Microwave Bowls	2.72
		90P Mirror	2.25
		883 Timex Watch	22.75
		858 Photo Album	1.40
		881 Orange Knit Caps	1.34
		91C Baseball Caps	2.95
		882 Winter Knit Gloves	4.11
		88Y Greeting Cards	.76
		89W 4 X 6 Frame	.16
		90X 5 X 7 Frame	.18

## Commissary Prices from Chainlink Chronicle (Feb. 2001)

Washington Correctional  
Institute in Angie, Louisiana

## KENTUCKY STATE PENITENTIARY STATISTICS

Escapes	1
Death Row	7
Admitted by Commitment	15
Transfers from KSR	21
Released by Expiration	20
Released by Parole	19
Released by Death	0
Total Population	1204
High Number	23546
Low Number	11549

## Statistics from *Castle on the Cumberland* (Oct. 1961)

Kentucky State Penitentiary in  
Eddyville, Kentucky

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PASTRIES MAKE HIT WITH MEN

The coffee cakes served recently in the messhall were delicious. Everyone seems to have liked them, and many of the men would like to see this kind of pastry served more often, especially for breakfast.

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Praising Food  
from *Castle on  
the Cumberland*  
(Dec. 1961)

Kentucky State Penitentiary in  
Eddyville, Kentucky



To A Lovely Lady



Mother's Day  
Card from  
*The Outlook*  
(May 1935)

United States Southwestern  
Reformatory in El Reno,  
Oklahoma

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

In another two months, the year 1986 will begin. It's time to assess yourself for the year and see where you are, and what to plan for the upcoming year. New goals, will be set, resolutions made and broken. There could be setbacks for the year '86, so get some perspective on what it is you actually want in your life and shoot for the stars. Don't limit your goals. As Daniel Aquino once said, "Plan it out (your goals), then go through hell to get it."

I feel strongly about the goals that the Wahine Times Staff made at the onset of the Newsletter in June. New ideas, better productions, and a lot of work has been the goal of the Staff of the Wahine Times.

During the year of '86 the Wahine Times will climb to higher goals and put forth issues with high spirits, which will be very useful for all readers.

Thank you,  
Marvaleen "Peaches" Gardner

Acting Editor

NOTE: Inspiration for this from Daniel L. Acquino, Hoomano Journal.

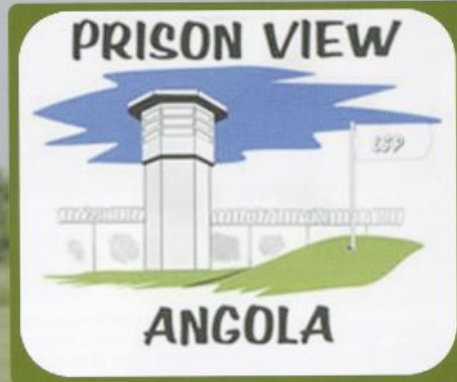
## Letter From the Editor - in the spirit of the New Year from *Wahine Times* (Nov. 1985)

Hawai'i Women's Correctional  
Facility in Kailua, Hawai'i



# Prison View Golf Course

[www.prisonviewgolf.com](http://www.prisonviewgolf.com)



For More Information:  
(225) 655-2978

Green Fees: \$ 10 Cart Fees: \$ 5/9holes

Prison View Golf Course is located on the grounds of Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, Louisiana, and is operated by the Angola Employees Recreation Committee.

Prison View offers players a challenging round of golf, practice facility and clubhouse.

The Number 1 tee box is elevated approximately 50 feet into the Tunica Hills and offers a spectacular view of Louisiana's only maximum security prison. Prison View is a nine-hole, par 72 course measuring approximately 6,000 yards.

## Advertisement from *Angola Prison Rodeo* (2014)

Angola/Louisiana State  
Penitentiary in Angola,  
Louisiana

# Using Hip Hop Music and Poetry as Entry Points





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# Entry Point 1

## 1. Hip Hop Music

- What's Free - Meek Mill, Rick Ross, and Jay-Z
- Meek Mill's opinion piece | New York Times

*What's free?*

*Free is when nobody else could tell us what to be*

*Free is when the TV ain't controllin' what we see ...*

*Made a few mistakes but this ain't where I wanna be*

*... Locked me in a cell for all them nights and I won't snap, uh ... Tryna fix the system and the way that they designed it*

*I think they want me silenced (Shush)*

*Oh, say you can see, I don't feel like I'm free*

*Locked down in my cell, shackled from ankle to feet*

*Judge bangin' that gavel, turned me to slave from a king*



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# Entry Point 2

## Poetry

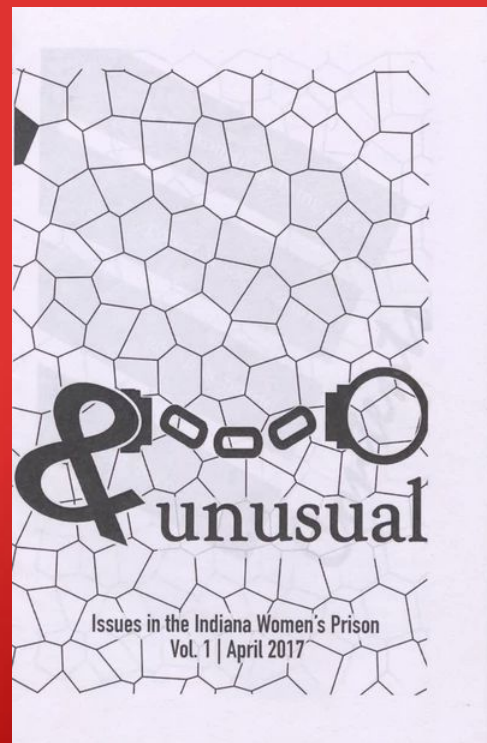
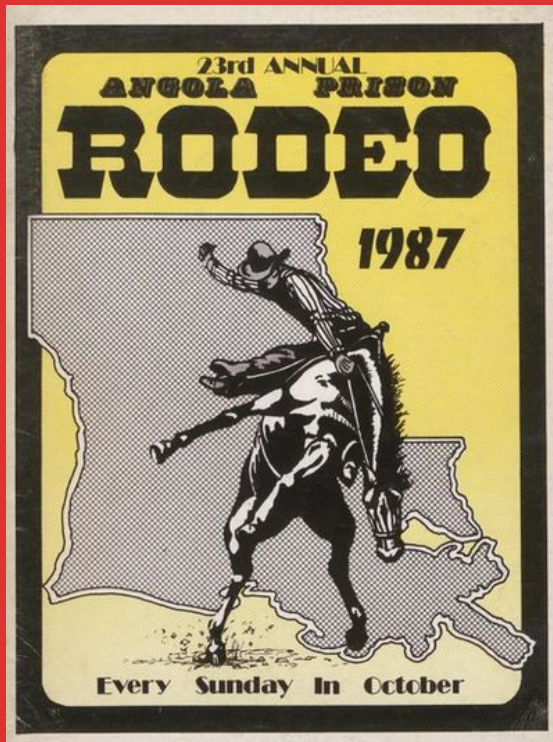
- Caged Bird by Maya Angelou
- TEDx San Quentin  
(response poem)

But a bird that stalks/down his narrow cage/can  
seldom see through/his bars of rage/his wings  
are clipped and/his feet are tied ... for the caged  
bird/sings of freedom.

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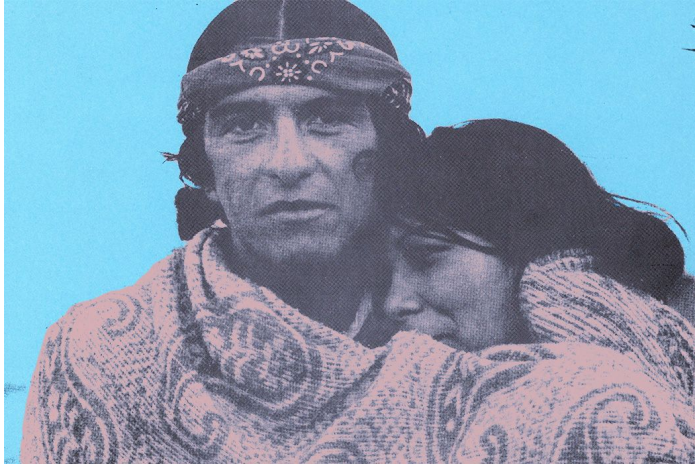


# Let's browse/explore right now!





# Instructional Guides with Context



What Can Native American People in Prison Teach Us About Community and Art



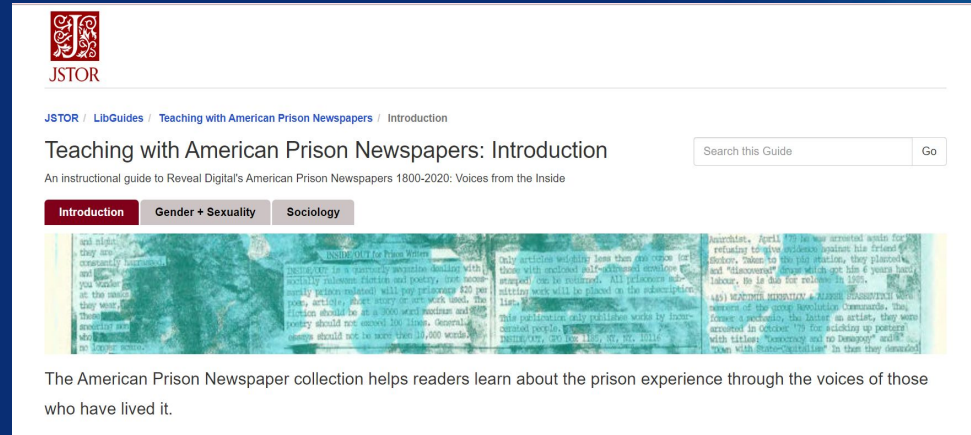
Teaching LGBTQ+ History: Queer Women's Experience in Prison

# Takeaways

1. Interdisciplinary
  - Course Correlations: Education, History, Law, Sociology, Gender Studies, etc.
2. Independent Research
  - Primary Sources
  - JSTOR Database + Research Basics LibGuides
3. Exploration
  - What do you notice?
  - What do you wonder?
4. Analytical Writing + Critical Conversations

# Future Resources

1. Curated Reading Lists on JSTOR Daily
2. LibGuide
3. Instructional Videos via YouTube
4. Faculty Collaborations





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Q&A



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# Thank you!

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