



JUSTICE EDUCATION INITIATIVE
AT THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

Program Information Guide

To confront mass incarceration as a defining social problem of the contemporary era, Pitzer College, in partnership with The Claremont Colleges have launched the Justice Education Initiative (JEI). Supported by a \$1.2 million dollar grant awarded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to Pitzer College. The Justice Education Initiative coordinates, collaborates, and expands justice education opportunities across The Claremont Colleges, at regional carceral institutions, and with local community partners.

Grant funding opportunities for course development, projects, programs, and collaborations are available through our website:

<https://colleges.claremont.edu/justice-education/>

Justice Education Learning Communities at The Claremont Colleges

Five faculty from each of the Claremont Colleges lead the justice education learning community and initiative on their campus. These faculty act as key pillars on their campus and work individually and collectively to provide justice-oriented courses, events, and programs, as well as provide ongoing guidance and support to students, staff, and faculty.

Claremont McKenna College	Professor Derik Smith
Harvey Mudd College	Professor Ambereen Dadabhoy
Pomona College	Professor Susan Castagnetto
Pitzer College	Associate Dean, Professor Adrian Pantoja
Scripps College	Professor Tom Kim

Emerging Justice Education Efforts

This Initiative seeks to build an intercollegiate Justice Studies minor and major at the Claremont Colleges as well as an accelerated Pitzer Bachelor’s Degree pathway at the California Rehabilitation Center.

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Collaborative Community Projects

The Inside Out Prison Exchange Program

The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program is an educational program with an innovative pedagogical approach tailored to effectively facilitate dialogue across profound difference. It originated as a means of bringing together campus-based college students with incarcerated students for a semester-long course. These courses are taught in prison by Claremont College faculty and taken by “outside” college students and “inside” incarcerated students at the California Rehabilitation Center (CRC). There are a total of 22 Claremont faculty and staff that have been trained to teach Inside-Out courses. The Justice Education Initiative at the Claremont Colleges, seeks to be the first Inside-Out Program to offer a Bachelor’s Degree Pathway at CRC.

Co-Curricular and Curricular Partnerships:

California Institution for Women, California Rehabilitation Center, Camp AP, Prototypes Women’s Center, Starting Over Inc., Prison Education Project and Crossroads

Reintegration Academy

The Reintegration Academy (RA) brings 40 parolees to Pitzer College every Spring for an 8-week program that focuses on successful reentry back into the community. The Reintegration Academy helps to create a “Prison-to-School Pipeline.” Beginning fall 2020 RA students will audit selected Justice Education courses at TCC.

Insight Garden Project

The Insight Garden Program (IGP) transforms prisoners’ lives through creating a connection to nature. IGP facilitates an innovative curriculum combined with vocational gardening and landscaping training so that people in prison can reconnect to self, community, and the natural world. With the support of the Justice Education Initiative, this program expanded to the California Institution for Women fall 2019.

Campus-Based Projects

Justice-oriented art exhibits and performances

Justice Education forums, workshops, panels, speakers, etc

Justice Education Learning Communities and Campus Coordinator

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