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DISABILITY, INTERSECTIONALITY, AND STATE VIOLENCE

Date: April 26th, 2018

Time: 11am-7pm

Location: Atkinson Hall, CALIT2 Qualcomm Institute, UC San Diego

Directions and Parking: <http://tds.ucsd.edu>

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The sites, practices, and mechanisms most commonly associated with state violence provide a powerful lens for analyzing intersectionality across identities marked by ability, race, ethnicity, gender, class, age and other groups who experience heightened levels of vulnerability. This one-day symposium features presentations and performances by artists, scholars, community advocates and representatives of social service organizations to foster dialog around concerns with forms of vulnerability to violence that are generated, under-addressed or ignored by state institutions. Presenters will address the ways in which the conditions of schooling, psychiatric and other

healthcare, policing, and incarceration, raise heightened concerns for the human rights of people at the intersection of minoritized identities and disability.

Event Schedule:

11 - 11:45 am: Tabling and Light Refreshments

11:45 am: Symposium Introduction

12 – 1:20 pm: **Session 1, Presentations**

Anna Mollow, "Unvictimizable: Fatphobia and Ableism as Weapons of Antiracist Violence"

Mollow is a scholar of Disability Studies and Fat Studies, and co-editor with McRuer of the volume *Sex and Disability*.

Dustin Gibson "The Space In-between Carceral Violence and Freedom"

Gibson is a Community Builder, Co-Founder of Disability Advocates for Rights and Transition

1:30 – 2:50 pm: **Session 2, Presentations**

Nirmala Erevelles "Scenes of Subjection": Disability at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Class in the Carceral State"

Erevelles is Professor of Social and Cultural Studies in Education at the University of Alabama

Khalid Alexander, "I Can't Breathe: How the Ballot Box Was Used to Choke Black America"

Alexander is founder and president of Pillars of the Community, a grassroots organization dedicated to advocating for those impacted by the criminal justice system.

3 – 3:30 pm: **Tabling and Refreshments**

3:30– 4:45 pm: **Session 3, Roundtable Discussion**

A participatory conversation with symposium presenters Nirmala Erevelles, Anna Mollow, Dustin Gibson, Khalid Alexander, Jayda Rasberry, Leroy Moore, and respondents.

5 – 6:30 pm: **Session 4, Presentations**

Leroy Moore: Keynote performance "Being Black and Disabled Under a Police State: Slavery to Jim Crow to Ugly Laws to Surveillance"

Moore is a poet, performance artist, activist. He is a founding member of National Black Disability Coalition, co-founder of the Oakland based theater group Sins Invalid (<http://www.sinsinvalid.org/mission.html>) and a leader of the Krip Hop movement.

Jayda Rasberry, "Resilience in the Face of State-Sanctioned Violence"

Rasberry is Deputy Director of External Relations at Dignity and Power Now, a Los Angeles based grassroots organization founded in 2012 that fights for the dignity and power of all incarcerated people, their families, and communities.

6 - 6:30 pm: **Closing Discussions, Debriefing and Check in**

Cosponsorship:

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