



SSND Solidarity Summer

Week Two. The War on Drugs



Monday's SSND Solidarity Summer Webinar:

Featured Dr. Jessica Siegel, Associate Professor of Neuroscience at the University of St. Thomas, who shared with us the impact of the 1980s "war on drugs" on black and brown people in the United States of America.

- Link to the July 20 Solidarity Summer webinar recording – [The War on Drugs](#) and to Professor Siegel's [PowerPoint Slides](#)
- Link to the [Q & A session](#) that followed Professor Siegel's original presentation
- Link to presentation reactions shared via chat - [Download PDF of July 20 Chats](#)

To make connecting to our future Monday webinars simpler, we will be sending out a new link that will work for everyone. Thank you to our wonderful province IT Team for this fix.

Optional Small Group Faith-Sharing Sessions on Thursday:

You are invited to join other webinar participants in some small group faith sharing this Thursday. We have two sessions, one at 2:30 pm and another at 6:30 pm. Each session will last less than an hour. Participants will be divided into small groups (4-6 people per group) for the faith-sharing. No reservations or Bluejeans app required, just click on the Bluejeans Meeting link below on Thursday to participate.

Faith-Sharing Sessions – just click on the link below to participate

- Thursday 2:30 pm Session - <https://bluejeans.com/131403397>
- Thursday 6:30 pm Session - <https://bluejeans.com/686457762>

Activity for Personal Integration:

Download this article and reflect on the questions it poses: [White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack - UMBC ...](#)

For further investigation: <https://nationalseedproject.org/Key-SEED-Texts/white-privilege-unpacking-the-invisible-knapsack>

For Personal Reflection:

To what are you/we being called?

- "Message to Staff & Clients from Catholic Charities President & CEO Rob McCann", <https://youtu.be/lKRalTfFND0>.

- “The Effect of a Parent’s Incarceration on a Child” <https://howtoadult.com/effect-parents-incarceration-child-3393.html>

For Further Study:

PBS Video Essay. “There was no wave of compassion when addicts were hooked on crack”.
<https://youtu.be/IN2uqWmYMw8>.

Books

- Alexander, M. (2010). *The new Jim Crow: mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness*. New York, NY: New York Press.
- Hart, C. (2013). *High Price: A Neuroscientist’s Journey of Self-Discovery That Challenges Everything You Know About Drugs and Society*. New York, NY: Harper Collins.
- Mauer, M. (2006). *Race to incarcerate*. New York, NY: New York Press.

Articles

- Crack vs. Heroin: From “war” to “compassion”. <https://www.app.com/in-depth/news/local/public-safety/2019/12/02/crack-heroin-race-arrests-blacks-whites/2524961002/>
- Levy-Pounds, N. (2014). Going up in smoke: the impacts of the drug war on young black men. *Albany Government Law Review*, 14, 560-585.
- King, R.S. & Mauer, M. (2006). The war on marijuana: the transformation of the war on drugs in the 1990s. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 3 (6), 1-17.
- Jensen, E.L., Gerber, J., & Mosher, C. (2004). Social consequences of the War on Drugs: the legacy of failed policy. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 15 (1), 100-121.
- American Civil Liberties Union (2006). Cracks in the system: twenty years of the unjust federal crack cocaine law.

Films

- *The House I Live In* (2012), directed by Eugene Jarecki
- *13th* (2016), directed by Ava DuVernay



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