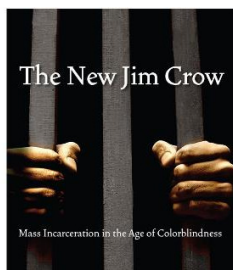


# THE NEW JIM CROW

## *Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*

*Michelle Alexander*



### **BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES**

“More African Americans are under the control of the criminal justice system today – in prison or jail, on probation or parole – than were enslaved in 1850. Discrimination in housing, education, employment, and voting rights, which many Americans thought was wiped out by the civil rights laws of the 1960s, is now perfectly legal against anyone labeled a “felon.” And since many more people of color than whites are made felons by the entire system of mass incarceration, racial discrimination remains as powerful as it was under slavery or under the post-slavery era of Jim Crow segregation.”

Alexander explains how the criminal justice system functions as a new system of racial control by targeting black men through the “War on Drugs” and the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986. The author argues that nothing short of a major social movement can end the new caste system. And her call is being answered through the rise of a grassroots organization called “Jobs Not Jails.”

### ***Join us in reading the New Jim Crow\****

- Learn how the new racial caste system developed in the United States
  - Develop strategies to expose the injustice of mass incarceration
  - Advocate for legislative reform to end racial discrimination
- \*SPECIAL GUESTS will include social activist, Benito Vega

7:00 – 9:00 PM

**SESSION I – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 – Read Introduction and Chapter 1**  
**SESSION II – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 – Chapters 2 and 3**  
**SESSION III – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 – Chapters 4 and 5**  
**SESSION IV – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – Chapter 6**

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