



# Call for Proposals

## Convening on Higher Education in Illinois Prisons

Conference Date: October 28 & 29, 2019

Conference Location: State House Inn, Springfield, IL

Sponsored by IL-CHEP (Illinois Coalition for Higher Ed in Prison)

**Conference Purpose:** This conference provides a space for dialogue in support of higher education in prison (HEP) in Illinois. The goals of this convening are to: 1) educate attendees on the status of higher education in Illinois prisons, 2) share successful strategies and practices employed by existing programs across the state (and nation), and 3) identify ways to support and grow individual programs and expand access to quality higher education to currently and formerly incarcerated people across Illinois.

**Conference Audience:** Current HEP instructors and administrators, formerly incarcerated students and program alumni, currently enrolled HEP students in Illinois, individuals from institutions of higher education interested in bringing higher education into prisons, state legislators, and others in Illinois involved with prison programming, criminal justice, reentry, and allied concerns.

**Session Details:** Each session is 90 minutes long. We welcome a range of formats including discussions, panels, roundtables, film screenings, workshops, and others. Creativity is encouraged! We hope to facilitate learning and dialogue amongst attendees. As this is not a scholarly meeting, we are not seeking scholarly paper presentations.

There are two ways to contribute to the conference:

- 1) Submit a session proposal;
- 2) Submit a paper proposal. Your paper must fit into one of the existing sessions. The existing sessions are: funding, pedagogy, program challenges, outcomes/evaluation, starting a program, reentry, and the current state of higher education in Illinois prisons.

**Proposal Submission:** Please share the following on a one-page document.

- 1) Name and contact information for session organizers
- 2) Participant names and contact info
- 3) Session Description
- 4) Session Goals
- 5) Anticipated audience
- 6) Format (workshop, roundtable, panel, etc.)
- 7) Proposed Session Title
- 8) Multimedia or A/V (we cannot guarantee provision of these requests)
- 9) Accessibility Needs



Proposals must be submitted by **Friday, September 20 at 5pm** for outside participants. There will be a separate CFP for incarcerated students. Please submit proposals as word documents via e-mail to [illinoischep@gmail.com](mailto:illinoischep@gmail.com) or to IL-CHEP Convening, 1001 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL, 61820. Applicants will be notified about the status of their proposals by October 4.

#### Organizing Committee

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Questions: Contact the organizing committee at [illinoischep@gmail.com](mailto:illinoischep@gmail.com).