

# Conference Need To Know...

## Travel & Accommodations:

### Airports:

Houston Hobby  
George Bush International

### Hotels:

Crown Plaza Houston Downtown  
Courtyard Houston Downtown  
Residence Inn Houston Downtown  
Doubletree Hotel Houston Downtown  
Hilton Hotel – University of Houston

### Ground Transportation:

Supershuttle  
<http://www.supershuttle.com>  
Metro Airport Direct  
[http://www.ridemetro.org/Services/airport\\_direct.aspx](http://www.ridemetro.org/Services/airport_direct.aspx)

## Call for Proposals:

The conference committee is currently accepting proposals for presentations. Proposals should be between 200-400 words. Completed papers are due on July 15, 2009. Please contact Professor Byron E. Price, the Conference Chair at 713-313-4809. Please send proposals as a Word or pdf attachment to [pricebe@tsu.edu](mailto:pricebe@tsu.edu) by May 1, 2009.

## Conference Speakers

**Judith Greene**  
Justice Strategies, website:  
<http://www.justicestrategies.net>

**Si Kahn**  
Grassroots Leadership, website:  
<http://www.grassrootsleadership.org/index.html>

**Stephen Nathan**  
*Prison Privatisation Report International*, website:  
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**Byron E. Price**  
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## The International Prison Privatization Experience

### A Transatlantic and Transpacific Dialogue

Texas Southern University  
Houston, Texas  
August 6-8, 2009



Criminal justice scholars, community activists, law enforcement personnel, community development specialists, juvenile justice advocates, and immigration officials are cordially invited to attend the first international conference on prison privatization. This conference will highlight the inimical effects of prison privatization on women, minorities, and the poor. Please join us as we explore alternative strategies for sentencing, economic development in rural communities, re-entry prevention, and prison privatization. With nationally and internationally recognized speakers and presenters, conference participants can look forward to thought-provoking, energetic, and cutting-edge discussions and information to share with their organizations and communities. Conference sponsors include the Barbara Jordan Institute for Policy Research and the Administration of Justice Department in the Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University, Grassroots Leadership, and Justice Strategies.

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## Conference Sponsors

**The Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland (BJ – ML) School of Public Affairs** offers an excellent opportunity to learn about the administration of justice, political science, public affairs and administration, and urban planning and environmental policy at Texas Southern University. At the BJ – ML School of Public Affairs, the community is our classroom. Our approach to teaching is exciting, innovative, bold, profound, and provocative. In the BJ – ML School of Public Affairs, our horizon knows no limits and our future has no boundaries. We are committed to helping to shape the future of urban cities in America and around the world. We will do this through the formulation and dissemination of knowledge, the development of theories and policies, as well as teaching and encouraging critical thinking and focused analysis.

**The Barbara Jordan Institute** for Policy Research (BJI) is dedicated to research that focuses on finding solutions to the public policy challenges facing urban communities at the local, regional, national and global scales of governance and to advancing civic engagement, building organizational capacity, and raising awareness. The Barbara Jordan Institute emphasizes work in three primary areas: in the advancement of public policy research and education; the promotion of public service and civic engagement; and in the conduct of professional training and outreach. The goal of the Institute is to produce interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research that addresses key issues and ideas related to public policy impacting urban communities.

**The Administration of Justice Department** is the largest department in the Barbara Jordan-Mickey - Leland School of Public Affairs. The department offers a BS, MS, and Ph.D. degree in administration of justice. Currently there are more than 300 undergraduate students with a major, 100 students with a minor, and more than 30 graduate students enrolled. Our mission is to prepare professionals and change agents to serve as future leaders at the local, state, and national level as well as globally.

**Grassroots Leadership** is a multi-racial team of organizers who help Southern community, labor, faith, and campus organizations think critically, work strategically and take direct action to end social and economic oppression, gain power, and achieve justice and equity. Grassroots Leadership's goal is to put an end to abuses of justice and the public trust by working to abolish for-profit private prisons.

**Justice Strategies** offers research and advocacy on sentencing and correctional policy, the political economy of incarceration, and the detention and imprisonment of immigrants. In addition to its policy expertise, Justice Strategies is also experienced in campaign development, grassroots organizing and strategic communications. The organization serves as a critical resource for policymakers, mainstream media, and organizations working on policy reform at the state and national levels. Justice Strategies is headquartered in Brooklyn, New York.

## Event Schedule

### Conference Topics and Sessions

- Session 1:**  
Financial and Social Costs of Increasing Imprisonment
- Session 2:**  
Comodification of Prisoners and Human Rights
- Session 3:**  
Constitutional Implications of Private Prisons
- Session 4:**  
The Commercialization of Justice
- Session 5:**  
Inter-jurisdictional Issues and Common Concerns
- Session 6:**  
Demystifying Prison Privatization
- Session 7:**  
Privatized Detention of Immigrants

### Conference Schedule

- Thursday, August 6, 2009
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| 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | Conference Registration |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Opening Plenary         |
| 10:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Sessions                |
| 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  | Opening Reception       |
- Friday, August 7, 2009
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| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.   | Continental Breakfast |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  | Sessions I and II     |
| 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Sessions III and IV   |
| 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  | Luncheon              |
| 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.   | Sessions V and VI     |
| 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Session VII           |
- Saturday, August 8, 2009
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| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  | Round Table Discussions |
| 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Closing Plenary         |
| 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  | Next Steps              |

## Registration Form

Hotel accommodations and meals are not provided. Please complete and submit the conference registration form provided on the following page.

### Registrant Information

Name (First and Last name):

Primary Address (Street, City State and Zip):

Country:

Phone:

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Email:

Request for Special Assistance or Accommodations:

For additional information please contact Dr. Byron E. Price at [pricebe@tsu.edu](mailto:pricebe@tsu.edu) or 713.313.4809.