



## Discussion questions for mass incarceration and prison proliferation in the United States:

*How are the causes and consequences of mass incarceration and of prison proliferation similar and different?*

*How can quantitative and qualitative analyses be used to help inform criminal justice reform?*

*How could the incentives associated with prison-building be changed relative to other economic development options to provide better opportunities to rural communities?*

*How does research conducted in rural communities affect our perceptions of incarceration and prison-building?*

## Additional materials on Poverty, criminal justice, and social justice:

Video of Bruce Western's April 25, 2019 Robert J. Lampman Memorial Lecture, on IRP YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYpScLJVLoA>

Information about the Boston Reentry Study: <https://scholar.harvard.edu/brucewestern/boston-reentry-study>

Research briefs from the Boston Reentry Study:

Finding work after prison: <https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/brucewestern/files/employmentvfinal.pdf>

Family support after prison: <https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/brucewestern/files/familyvfinal.pdf>

Housing insecurity after prison: <https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/brucewestern/files/housingvfinal.pdf>

Consensus study report on the growth of incarceration in the United States from the National Academy of Sciences:

Link to full report: <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/18613/the-growth-of-incarceration-in-the-united-states-exploring-causes>

Infographic on the growth of incarceration in the United States: <https://www.nap.edu/visualizations/incarceration/incarceration-infographic.png>

Brief video illustrating the report's findings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkFNDlzL9k&feature=youtu.be>

Brief video exploring the main points of the report: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXFBSj9S3D8&feature=youtu.be>

Podcast: "Criminal Justice as Social Justice: A Conversation with Bruce Western," from the Center for Court Innovation, <https://www.courtinnovation.org/publications/western-homeward-podcast>

IRP *Focus* article by Christopher Uggen, “Crime, Punishment, and American Inequality”: <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/crime-punishment-and-american-inequality/>

IRP Podcast with Christopher Uggen: “Criminal Punishment and American Inequality”: <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/criminal-punishment-and-american-inequality/>

Information on the Urban Institute’s Returning Home Study: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry: <https://www.urban.org/policy-centers/justice-policy-center/projects/returning-home-study-understanding-challenges-prisoner-reentry>

Report: “Work and Opportunity Before and After Incarceration,” from Brookings: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/work-and-opportunity-before-and-after-incarceration/>

Brief: “Building Knowledge About Successful Prisoner Reentry Strategies,” from MDRC: <https://www.mdrc.org/publication/building-knowledge-about-successful-prisoner-reentry-strategies>

Research on prisoner reentry from RAND corporation: <https://www.rand.org/topics/prisoner-reentry.html>

Podcast: “Criminal Justice Reform: A Bipartisan Issue,” from the National Conference of State Legislatures: <http://www.ncsl.org/our-american-states/2019/07/11/criminal-justice-reform-a-bipartisan-issue-oas-episode-68.aspx>

Report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation: “Approaches to Early Jail Diversion,” from Abt Associates: [https://www.abtassociates.com/sites/default/files/files/Insights/reports/2019/Jail-Diversion\\_FINAL\\_REPORT.pdf](https://www.abtassociates.com/sites/default/files/files/Insights/reports/2019/Jail-Diversion_FINAL_REPORT.pdf)

Report: “Collateral Costs: Incarceration’s Effect on Economic Mobility,” from The Pew Charitable Trusts: [https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pes\\_assets/2010/collateralcosts1pdf.pdf](https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pes_assets/2010/collateralcosts1pdf.pdf)

### **Additional materials on Understanding the effects of the U.S. prison boom on rural towns:**

Information on the Prison Proliferation Project: <http://www.johneason.com/prison-proliferation/>

Article by John Eason: “Why Prison Building Will Continue Booming in Rural America,” from The Conversation: <https://theconversation.com/why-prison-building-will-continue-booming-in-rural-america-71920>

Video about the prison boom in rural communities with John Eason, from the Vera Institute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cw0n7C-0wnc>

Webinar with John Eason on why prison building will keep booming in America, from the Vera Institute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uvKhUKc940>

### **More information about Research to Watch: Improving Outcomes for Incarcerated Parents and their Children through Enhanced Jail Visits:**

Project description for Improving Outcomes for Incarcerated Parents and their Children through Enhanced Jail Visits: <https://sohe.wisc.edu/enhancing-jail-visits-through-interdisciplinary-intervention/>

IRP *Focus* article by Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, “Children’s Contact with Incarcerated Parents”: <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/childrens-contact-with-incarcerated-parents/>

IRP Podcast with Julie Poehlmann-Tynan: “Attachment Behaviors in Children with Incarcerated Fathers”: <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/attachment-behaviors-in-children-with-incarcerated-fathers/>