



# A Labor of Livingness: Oral Histories of Formerly Incarcerated Black Women

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## This course reading...

- A ground breaking exploration of Black women's carceral experiences through oral histories and lived realities.
- Explores incarceration as a continuum, connecting past, present, and future struggles for Black freedom.
- A powerful academic and activist resource on gendered racial oppression and carceral violence.
- Ideal for scholars, activists, policymakers, and members of Incarceration Nations Network.

## How do formerly incarcerated Black women's oral histories reshape our understanding of incarceration and resistance?

*A Labor of Livingness: Oral Histories of Formerly Incarcerated Black Women* by Robin McGinty is a public-facing, community-based work rooted in the Black freedom struggle. It explores the political subjectivity of formerly incarcerated Black women beyond linear time, revealing the complexities of the 'living prison' experience. Their oral histories challenge singular narratives, reflecting historical violences and Black indigenous knowledge systems of refusal. This project highlights incarceration as a continuum rather than an event, centering the lived realities of Black women within and against the carceral state.

**Ideal for** scholars, activists, policymakers, and members of **Incarceration Nations Network** seeking critical insights into carceral histories, systemic oppression, and Black feminist resistance.

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