Faculty Book Presentation by

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“WE ARE NOT SLAVES: STATE VIOLENCE, 
COERCED LABOR AND PRISONERS' RIGHTS 
UNDER MASS INCARCERATION”

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4:00 PM in Humanities Rm 1006

Discussant
NANCY HIEMSTRA, WOMEN’S, GENDER, AND 
SEXUALITY STUDIES

This talk examines the southern prisoners’ rights
movement of the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s and the
subsequent construction of what many historians
now call the era of mass incarceration and the
“New Jim Crow.”

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