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NY Reentry Roundtable

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008
1:00 - 3:00PM

Guest Speaker

Divine Pryor, Ph.D.

Executive Director

Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions
School of Professional and Community Development
Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York

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A History of Incarceration

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105 East 22nd Street at the corner of Park Avenue South
Conference Room 4A

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Divine Pryor, Ph.D.

Dr Divine Pryor is currently the Executive Director of the Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions in the School of Professional and Community Development at Medgar Evers College. The Center is located in the City University of New York where he is also an adjunct professor of criminal justice. One of the many goals of the Center is to offer an alternative voice in the analysis of criminal and social justice issues, by including the combined lived and academic experience and expertise of people who have first-hand knowledge of the social, judicial and economic systems that scar so many communities. Dr Pryor has extensive knowledge and experience in the criminal justice fields. In addition, he has developed trainings and workshops for professionals that address issues such as anti-gang initiatives, community policing, prison education, unemployment opportunities for people with convictions, alternatives to incarceration and the overall prison industrial complex.

In 2001 he was appointed by the Council of State Governors to the National Re-entry Policy Council, which produced the most voluminous work in re-entry in the nation. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Legal AID & Defender Association and the National Reentry Policy Council, both of which are based in Washington D.C. He is also Co- Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Community Justice Center of New York and is also Co-Chair of the Criminal Justice Policy Cluster for the Black Brooklyn Empowerment Coalition. Most recently, Dr. Pryor was appointed by the Minority Leader of the New York State Senate to Co chair the New York State Anti- Gang Violence Reduction Commission. In addition to his leadership roles on national boards, he is a member of the New York State Re-Entry Advisory Board and the New York City Division of Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, as well as being an active member of Project Rebuild in downtown Brooklyn, a community and economic development project that will create hundreds of jobs for formerly incarcerated men and women returning home from prison.

After spending time in prison, Dr. Pryor would go on to successfully complete his undergraduate and graduate studies at the State University of New York and acquire a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Suffield University, majoring in forensic psychology.