



The Washington Rural Jails Project: Lessons from Rural Places and People

DURING THIS VIRTUAL EVENT PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN:

- History of the project, including inception and evolution.
- Collaboration with jails.
- Learning from local actors.
- Commonalities across rural jails: challenges and strengths.
- Understanding the unique rural context and vulnerabilities of rural systems and individuals.
- Moving forward.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in discussions.

Presenter: Jennifer Schwartz (she/her) is the James F. Short Professor of Sociology at Washington State University and current holder of the Elma Ryan-Bornander Honors Distinguished Chair. As a criminologist, she conducts statistical analyses of community crime patterns and trends. Her published research on violence, drugs and alcohol, fraud and white-collar crime has been supported by federal grants from *National Institute of Justice* and *National Institutes of Health* and featured on *National Public Radio*, *Freakonomics* and in news sources such as *LA Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *Wall Street Journal*. Currently, she co-leads a community-engaged federally funded research team investigating the causes and consequences of rural jail incarceration.

Presenter: Jennifer Sherman (she/her) is a professor of sociology at Washington State University. Her qualitative research focuses on poverty and inequality, mainly in the rural Northwest. She is the author of two books, 2009's *Those Who Work, Those Who Don't: Poverty, Morality, and Family in Rural America*, and 2021's *Dividing Paradise: Rural Inequality and the Diminishing American Dream*. Her work has been featured in sources including *The LA Times*, *National Public Radio*, *Politico*, *The Atlantic*, *The Guardian*, and *The Boston Globe*. She served as president of the Rural Sociological Society from 2023-2024. Her current grant-funded research examines the drivers and impacts of rural jail incarceration in Washington State.

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