Directions to ESR
Approach Richmond via Interstate 70; exit at Williamsburg Pike south, merging after about a mile into Northwest 5th Street. Follow Northwest 5th Street to U.S. 40 (National Road West). Turn right and prepare to turn left one block later, at College Avenue. Turn left (south) on College Avenue. The ESR Center (stone building) sits on the southwest corner. To reach the parking lot, continue south on College Avenue to the first stop sign, turn right. Turn right again at the next stop sign and take the next right into the large parking lot.

Schedule of Events
8:30 am Registration
9:00 am Keynote Presentation:
  DR. ANTHONY BRADLEY – Finding a Solution to the Mass Incarceration Crisis
10:10 am Panel Discussion:
  Local Action in Indiana
Panellists: Archer Bunner, Andrew Falk, Kory George, and Derris Ross
12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Optional AVP Mini Workshop
4:00 pm Closing
ONLINE REGISTRATION: esr.earlham.edu/WL2019

ESR Wilson Lectures
Finding a Solution to the Mass Incarceration Crisis
April 13, 2019
Richmond, Indiana

Alternatives to Violence Project Mini Workshop
Since its inception, Alternatives to Violence Project workshops were designed with the understanding that all persons have inherent value. Founded in prison, developed from the real life experiences of prisoners, and continually evolving over the past 44 years, the AVP model has changed lives and culture, reducing violence and recidivism. AVP empowers people in communities and schools across the country and around the world to positively transform first themselves, and then the world we live in.

This AVP Mini-Workshop will introduce a few of the components that make AVP a powerful agent of change on the individual level. AVP does this experientially through personal growth and change, building self-esteem and trust, improving both listening skills and assertive methods of expression, developing cooperative attitudes that avoid competitive conflicts, and getting in touch with the inner Transforming Power to resolve conflict in healthy, nonviolent ways.

Kory W. George is the Chief Probation Officer and the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Coordinator for the Wayne County Probation Department. Kory received a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from Ball State University in 1995. Kory began his career as an Adult Probation Officer in 1995 and was later promoted to Adult Supervisor (2000), Assistant Chief JProbation Officer (2006) and Chief Probation Officer (2014). Civic involvement includes service on the JDAI State Executive Team, Probation Officers Professional Association of Indiana, the Juvenile Justice and Cross System Youth Task Force of the Children’s Commission and the Indiana University East School of Humanities and Social Sciences Board of Advisors. Lastly, Kory is co-owner of Cycling and Fitness Warehouse, a retail cycling and fitness shop, located in Richmond, Indiana.

Derris Ross, at age 27, is the founder of The Ross Foundation and a community organizer with IndyCAN. Derris is an Indianapolis native born and raised on the city’s Far Eastside. Growing up as a kid, Derris was able to see how the community lacked youth programs, healthy options, and community involvement. Due to this, the rise in crime, drug usage, police harassment, and poverty has taken a toll on the community. Now being older and a respectful leader of the community, he has decided to start his own foundation in order to give back to and repair his childhood community. He wants to let the youth and city know that you do not have to settle for being a product of your environment, instead you can be a service to your environment. Together we can achieve more.
From their earliest days, Friends have struggled mightily with the criminal justice system. Even the label “Quakers” was first used as an insult hurled by a magistrate against George Fox when Fox was brought up for charges of blasphemy. Early Quakers developed a “Meeting for Sufferings” to assist fellow Friends serving jail sentences for their beliefs. In the 1800s, Elizabeth Fry came to be known as the “angel of prisons” for her work to improve conditions in Britain. In the U.S., Quakers were involved in the development of solitary confinement as a more humane alternative to the floggings and inmate labor commonly practiced. Now, groups such as the American Friends Service Committee work to end the abuse of solitary confinement and mass incarceration. Friends are not alone in mounting concern over both the extent of—and disparity in—incarceration in the United States.

Anthony Bradley’s new book, Ending Overcriminalization and Mass Incarceration: Hope from Civil Society, comes at a critical time as growing public awareness of these problems calls for practical solutions. Earlham College hosted New Jim Crow author Michelle Alexander as a Convocation speaker in 2015, and Bradley’s visit to ESR continues and builds upon that important conversation here at Earlham and in the broader community. Our hope with this year’s willson lecture is to tie conversation here at Earlham and in the broader community. Our hope with this year’s willson lecture is to tie the systemic breakdown of criminal law procedure and broken communities. Using the principle of personalism, attention is drawn to those areas that directly contact the lives of offenders and determine their fate. Reform must be built from the person up, and once these areas are reformed our law enforcement culture will change for the better. Taking an innovative approach, Dr. Anthony B. Bradley explores what civic institutions need to do to prevent people from falling into the criminal justice system and recidivism for those released from prison.

Dr. Anthony Bradley is professor of religious studies, chair of the program in Religious and Theological Studies, director of the Center for the Study of Human Flourishing at The King’s College, and a research fellow at The Acton Institute. Dr. Bradley lectures at colleges, universities, business organizations, conferences, and churches throughout the U.S. and abroad. His writings on religious and cultural issues have been published in a variety of journals, including: the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Washington Examiner, Al-Jazeera, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Detroit News, Christianity Today, and World Magazine. Dr. Bradley is called upon by members of the broadcast media for comment on current issues and has appeared on C-SPAN, NPR, CNN/Headline News, and Fox News, among others. He studies and writes on issues of race in America, mass incarceration and overcriminalization, youth and family, welfare, education, and ethics.


**Keynote Presentation**

**Dr. Anthony Bradley**

*Finding a Solution to the Mass Incarceration Crisis*

Mass incarceration is an overwhelming problem and reforms are often difficult, leading to confusion about what to do and where to start. Finding a Solution to the Mass Incarceration Crisis introduces the key issues that need immediate attention and provides concrete direction about effective solutions systemically and relationally. Dr. Anthony B. Bradley recognizes that offenders are persons with inherent dignity. Mass incarceration results from the systemic breakdown of criminal law procedure and broken communities. Using the principle of personalism, attention is drawn to those areas that directly contact the lives of offenders and determine their fate. Reform must be built from the person up, and once these areas are reformed our law enforcement culture will change for the better. Taking an innovative approach, Dr. Anthony B. Bradley explores what civic institutions need to do to prevent people from falling into the criminal justice system and recidivism for those released from prison.

**Panel Presentation**

Facilitated by Dr. Bradley and following his lecture, this panel brings together a group of individuals representing organizations working to address the issues of overcriminalization and mass incarceration. Panelists will share about their efforts, offer reflections on how their work can help to change our society at the community level, and engage the audience in conversation around both questions that emerge and how they might best become involved.

**Dr. Anthony Bradley**

*Finding a Solution to the Mass Incarceration Crisis*

**Panelists**

- **Archer Bunner**
  - Alternatives to Violence Project
- **Andrew Falk**
  - Constructing our Future

**Panelists**

- **Archer Bunner**
  - A proud Midwesterner, teaching in the Special Education Department at Richmond High School. Archer jumped through bureaucratic hoops to be able to provide new curriculum at Richmond High School through the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP). This curriculum focuses on conflict transformation and provides the opportunity for students to become facilitators of the program with their peers. Archer is passionate about using the public education system to provide students with opportunities to build skills necessary to change themselves and, ultimately, the communities and systems around them. Archer volunteers as co-President of AVP-USA, a program dedicated to providing these workshops in prisons, communities, and schools.

**Andrew Falk**

- A Senior Fellow with the Sagamore Institute, with a research focus on criminal justice reform and international environmental and energy law. He is actively involved in analyzing the impact of Indiana’s criminal code revisions and also researches and writes regularly on environmental and transportation issues.

**Registration**

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**Registration Deadline:** TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

License for public. Lunch is an additional fee.

Lecture Only: No fee

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[Registration deadline: 12:00 AM EST, APRIL 9, 2019]