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Highland Avenue Forum Event

Incarceration - Justice - Policy Reform

Remember Those Who are in Prison:

AT HIGHLAND HALL ASSEMBLY ROOM

a panel discussion
on the challenges
ex-offenders face
re-entering society
after encounters
with the criminal
justice system,
including prison

Panel Discussion Participants:

Mary Scott Hodgin
Carla Crowder
Ronald Mckeithen
Dena Dickerson
Jeremy Sherer

Saturday,
October 1

9:00 - 11:00 AM
at Highland Hall Assembly Room
3116 Highland Ave,
Birmingham, AL 35205

Meet the Panelists



Mary Scott Hodgin

... of WBHM will moderate. She was the lead journalist on the new podcast. An award-winning journalist from Birmingham, Mary Scott Hodgin joined WBHM in 2018. From 2019 through 2022, Mary Scott led the development of WBHM's first narrative podcast, "Deliberate Indifference," a 7-part series on Alabama's violent and overcrowded prison system.



Carla Crowder

... is the Executive Director of Alabama Appleseed. Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice is our state's only nonpartisan research and advocacy organization working exclusively on justice system reform in Alabama.



Ronald McKeithen

... who was released from prison after 37 years, works with Appleseed to support formerly incarcerated individuals who are re-entering society.



Dena Dickerson

... with the Offender Alumni Association, a peer support group for recently released individuals.



Jeremy Sherer

... Assistant United States Attorney, the Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator, tasked with developing community-oriented partnerships and solutions to fight and prevent crime, including a focus on reentry, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence, opioid addiction, and voting rights.