**Learning Across Differences: Collaborations in Conservation and Sustainability in Prisons**

This class will explore provocative, intersectional topics including restorative, social, and environmental justice, ecotherapy, mass incarceration, ecological restoration, Just Sustainability, institutional operations, institutional racism, prison abolition, transformative and punitive rehabilitation, and returning citizens’ experiences of reintegration. The Sustainability in Prisons Project (SPP) will serve as the case study. The SPP partnership supports more than 100 science, sustainability, and education programs statewide. Referencing SPP, we will consider limitations and opportunities for social, economic, and environmental sustainability in prisons. Diverse guest speakers will contribute critiques and potential innovations. Students will be challenged to think holistically and propose realistic solutions which would benefit incarcerated individuals, returning citizens, and communities.

**Guest speakers to invite**  
Dan Pacholke

Sandy Mullins

Someone who can talk about race, inclusion, broadening participation

Tiffany Webb and Amory Ballantine

Devon Schrum

Carolina Landa

Conference call with SCCC Roots instructors

Someone on therapeutic value of work with living things?

**Readings and in-class content**SPP Handbook, introduction + Chapter 1. Collaborations

A Greener Life Behind Bars, Mother Nature Network <http://www.mnn.com/leaderboard/stories/a-greener-life-behind-bars#ixzz394IFQf3u>

Innovative Justice, Chapter 1. Analysing Innovation: failed citizenship, “pracademics” and real world change

SPP video from 2009 (need that quote from Sam Hapke!)

SPP overview slideshow 2016

Obama Commencement Address at Howard University, excerpt on race, expanding moral imagination, and creating change <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_K4MctEmkmI>

How Effective Is Correctional Education? Research Brief, RAND Corporation

Article(s) on PTSD in corrections staff, from <http://mindfulcorrections.org/category/ptsd/>

Just Sustainability article [need to identify]

History of American corrections, changes initiated in 60s [need to identify]

Restorative justice

Therapeutic value of connections with nature

**Maybe**

State of the World 2013?

The Rise of Green Prison Programs, Psychology Today

Future of Prisons, Dan Pacholke TEDx [if we can’t get Dan in person]

The Righteous Mind, Jonathan Haidt, or related article [if I can find a way to justify including my favorite book!]

Alternative Urban Futures, Dr. Pinderhughes