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A Look at Disparities in Justice

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Justice by the numbers

- In fiscal year 2011–2012, SC taxpayers spent \$337 million on incarceration (1)
 - ▶ In that same year, one half of all inmates in SC read below a 9th grade reading level (1)
 - ▶ In that same year, SC spent \$3000 more per inmate than per public school student (1, 2)
- If dropouts spent one additional year in school, murder and assault would decrease by almost 30 percent and motor vehicle theft by 20 percent. (3)
- In NC, of 60 inmates who received a post-secondary degree while in prison, only 5 percent were reincarcerated within three years, compared to 40 percent of NC's general prison population. (4)
- In SC, violent and serious crimes referred to juvenile court are at a 19-year low, down 57 percent since the peak year of 1994–1995. (5)

1 SC Department of Corrections

2 SC General Assembly Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget

3 Lochner & Moretti, 2003

4 Journal of Correctional Education

5 SC Department of Juvenile Justice

Program

- 6** **Welcome**
Lucy Woodhouse, *director of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute*
- 6:05** **Connections and Introductions**
Mark Quinn, *director of public and member relations, Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina and former host of SCETV's Big Picture*
- 6:15** **Justice for All?**
Kirby Mitchell, *managing attorney, South Carolina Legal Services*
- 6:40** **A Report Card on Juvenile Justice**
Margaret Barber, *director, SC Department of Juvenile Justice*
- 7:05** Break and Refreshments
- 7:20** **A Conversation with Mr. Mitchell and Director Barber**

Who's Who



Lucy Woodhouse, a native Greenville, graduated from Wofford College in 1990 after which she worked for Congresswoman Liz Patterson, the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, and South Carolina Governor's School for Arts until 1995. From 1995 to 1999 she served as the first executive director for Habitat Humanity in Georgetown County and founder of Service Over Self, a nonprofit dedicated to bringing young people's energy together with non-profit agencies' needs.

After moving to Davidson, North Carolina, in 2000, Woodhouse worked as a freelance grant writer and publications specialist for university and non-profit clients across the Carolinas. Before joining Furman University in the summer of 2008, Woodhouse served four years as a senior development officer for Crisis Assistance Ministry where she managed foundation and mid-level donor relations and coordinated direct mail campaigns for the \$12 million budget agency. Her background in non-profit administration led her to Furman, where she took the helm as director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute following the retirement of the program's founder. Furman supports an OLLI program that hosts over 1,200 senior learners who take 300 classes and trips during the academic year.



Kirby Mitchell is managing attorney of the South Carolina Legal Services ("legal aid") office in Greenville. He is a member of the South Carolina Bar and the State Bar of Georgia and is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court and U.S. Tax Court. In May 2012, Mitchell was elected to a two-year term on the South Carolina Bar's House of Delegates.

Mitchell represents low-income clients in a wide variety of civil cases in Upstate South Carolina, including the family, probate, circuit, appellate, and magistrate courts, as well as in a variety of administrative proceedings and in the U.S. Tax Court. He taught "Poverty and The Law" at Furman in 2011 and 2012 and received Furman's Richard Furman Heritage Alumni Award in 2009. He is a volunteer with and immediate past chair of the Upstate Mediation Center in Greenville. Mitchell is a 2006 graduate of the Riley Institute's Diversity Leaders Initiative (Upstate Class IV), and he completed Furman's inaugural Liberal Arts Leadership Academy class in 2007.

Mitchell received a B.A. in economics in 1990 from Furman University and a J.D. in 1996 from the School of Law at the University of Georgia. He is married to Danielle Metoyer Mitchell, an attorney practicing at Mitchell Ramseur, LLC. They live in Greenville and have two children: Wesley (5) and Maris (3).



Mark Quinn is director of public and member relations at the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina and has had a long career as a professional journalist in South Carolina. Quinn worked in television journalism for more than 16 years, 13 of which were spent in Columbia, South Carolina. For 11 years, he worked in various on-air capacities for one of the most successful NBC affiliates in the country, WIS-TV. In 2007

he began work with South Carolina Educational Television and is the former host of ETV and ETV Radio's weekly news and public affairs programs, *The Big Picture* and *The Big Picture on the Radio*. Among the highlights of his tenure with SCETV was his on-site coverage of both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions of 2008 and the statewide gubernatorial, congressional, and constitutional officer debates in 2010.



Margaret Barber has served as the director for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice since her appointment by Governor Nikki Haley in February 2011. As director, Barber oversees the day to day operations of the department and its 1,450 employees and 1,848 volunteers, and she is responsible for offices in 43 of the state's 46 counties. The Department of Juvenile Justice provides daily care,

treatment, and education to approximately 140 juveniles who are incarcerated in long-term institutions and more than 8,500 juveniles who are served in the community through arbitration, diversion, alternative placement programs, intake, probation, and parole services. Overall, the department serves about 14,000 juveniles annually.

A board-certified licensed social worker, Director Barber has worked in the juvenile justice field for over 40 years, rising from a front-line probation counselor in her home county of York to her most recent position as agency director. Her work has included intake, probation and parole supervision, court services coordinator, county director, regional administration of the Upstate of South Carolina, and chief of staff to William R. Byars, Jr., former DJJ director.

Barber has been nationally recognized as one of the "Best in the Business" by *Corrections Today* magazine. Her South Carolina awards include The Alston Wilkes Society's James W. Sparks Youth Worker of the Year Award, and the State Department of Commerce's 2012 Partnership Award. She also was recently recognized in the *Greater Columbia Business Monthly* as a Woman of Influence and was a nominee for the 2011 Twin Award honoring women of achievement.

A graduate of Winthrop University, Barber has been described as a capable, knowledgeable, and respected leader who is mission-minded, goal-oriented,

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and compassionate to the needs of South Carolina youth and their families. She demonstrates an amazing ability to create collaborations, inspire ideas, and motivate people to be creative, resourceful, and successful.

Future Lectures and Discussions

July 31 **Two South Carolinas: Disparities in Health**

How Wealth Influences Well-being: A Factor in Health Disparities

Lisa Waddell, M.D., deputy commissioner for health services, SCDHEC

Bridging the Health Care Gap

Roland Gardner, CEO of Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services

Aug. 7 **Two South Carolinas: Exploring Strategies for Change**

This roundtable discussion moderated by Mark Quinn includes the following state experts and leaders who have on-the-ground experience with the complexities of these intersecting issues:

Sue Berkowitz, director, Appleseed Legal Justice Center
Renée Romberger, VP for Community Health Policy and Strategy,
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System
Montrio Belton, director, SC Office of School Transformation
Lynn Bailey, consulting healthcare economist



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute @ Furman is a member-led, member-run, diverse learning community of senior adults engaged in non-credit educational courses and programs, social opportunities and physical activities that inspire students to stay mentally and physically active in a supportive, nurturing and fulfilling university environment. OLLI @ Furman is a part of a network of 119 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes on university and college campuses across the country thanks to a generous grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation in San Francisco, California. OLLI @ Furman currently offers 300 courses and events over four terms in an academic year to over 1200 senior members. To learn more, visit www.furman.edu/olli.

The Riley Institute at Furman is a non-partisan organization affiliated with the Department of Political Science at Furman. Named for former Governor of South Carolina and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, the institute engages students and citizens across South Carolina in the arenas of politics, public policy, and leadership.

Since its inauguration in 1999, the Riley Institute has developed a broad array of community leadership programs, symposia, and conferences designed to promote discussion and analysis of public policy issues. The institute also conducts research on education and other areas of public policy in South Carolina and nationally.

Through its promotion of engaged learning for students, leadership development, policy research, and conferences featuring internationally recognized speakers, the Riley Institute has established itself as an innovator in policy and public leadership. Learn more at rileyinstitute.org.

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Upcoming Riley Institute Events

For more information, visit our website at rileyinstitute.org

- Sept. 25** **Jeffrey Brown, senior correspondent for *PBS Newshour*,**
Younts Conference Center, Furman University
- Oct. 17** **The annual Dick and Tunky Riley WhatWorksSC
Award for Excellence** given to an outstanding education
initiative in South Carolina, held in Columbia, South Carolina
- Jan. 8** **The annual Wilkins Legislative and Civic Awards Dinner**
Columbia, South Carolina

Events at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

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- Aug. 21** **Registration begins for OLLI Fall Term**
- Sept. 17** **Fall classes begin**
- Oct. 18** **Dedication of the Herring Center for
Continuing Education (4 p.m.)**