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Stark Raven Digest: April 28, 2009  
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The Stark Raven Media Collective takes a critical look at prisons and issues of criminalization.

Podcast, News Highlights, More Info: <http://www.prisonjustice.ca>

To join our email list & receive this monthly digest or to be removed from the list, email [starkraven\(at\)prisonjustice\(dot\)ca](mailto:starkraven(at)prisonjustice(dot)ca)

The digest is now available as a PDF on our website:
http://www.prisonjustice.ca/organizations/stark_raven.html

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Upcoming Stark Raven Radio Programs  
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*Mon May 4th, 7-8 pm: Stark Raven is pre-empted for a Y-57 Youth Show special for Youth Week.

*Mon May 11th, 7-8 pm: POST INCARCERATION SYNDROME (PICS) [tentative]

*Mon May 18th, 7-8 pm: MIGRATION DETENTION
Interview with the Global Detention Project and a feature on the recent checkpoints in Washington. [tentative].

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Recent Stark Raven Audio Interviews  
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Links to download and listen to recent interviews:
(always available at <http://www.prisonjustice.ca>)

== THE ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT ==

Hear from community members and prisoners as they work together to learn skills and philosophies of non-violent conflict resolution, community-building and restorative justice.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/04/prisoners-and-community-members-unravel-challenge->

== QUEERNESS, PRISON AND ACTIVISM: MAKING THE CONNECTIONS ==

In Canada, people are no longer directly criminalized by the state for being queer or trans. But that doesn't mean there aren't a lot of connections between prisons, queerness and activism. Interview with S. Lamble on her PhD research and activist work on these issues.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/04/queerness-prisons-and-activism-making-links>

== DEATH INSIDE THE WOMEN'S PRISON ==

The Alouette Correctional Centre for Women saw its first death in early March. We speak to a friend of the woman who died and speak to Betty Krawczyk on the about the conditions inside, including the upcoming expansion of the jail.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/04/woman-dies-inside-bc-jail-friends-say-it-was-preve>

== PRISON SHUTS OUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ==

Shawn Thompson, former chair of the Community Advisory Board at the Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre on his resignation earlier this year over the prison's attempts to prevent him from speaking to the public.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/04/prison-advisory-board-resigns-protest-clamp-down-f>

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Stark Raven is recruiting!  
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Stark Raven is growing (podcasting, website, correspondence with prisoners) and we are looking for more people to help out and get involved.

Are you passionate and interested in...

...critically engaging in ideas around justice and criminalization? ...helping get prisoner's and ex-prisoner's voices on the air?

...developing your writing, media and website skills?

...organizing and analyzing information and ideas and sharing them with others?

...solidifying your skepticism about prisons as a way to deal with health and social issues and want to explore why, and what the alternatives are?

Stark Raven is looking for new members to contribute to producing the radio program and developing the website.

These are some the options:

- *news research & writing for radio
- *researching subjects and people to interview
- *doing on-air interviews
- *contributing your radio interviews to the program
- *compiling community events
- *editing audio
- *helping organize music for the show
- *prisonjustice.ca website work (uploading news, updating info)
- *work on overhauling the website to drupal
- *editing, organizing and uploading the podcast
- *outreach work to prisoners -- writing letters, ads in prisoner newsletters etc
- *community event organizing
- *new ideas welcome!

Interested or want more info? Email us at starkraven(at)prisonjustice(dot)ca or call 604-682-3269 x3019.

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Recent Prison News  
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Recent news posted on prisonjustice.ca:

* BILL C-25 LIMITS 2-FOR-1 CREDIT: HARSH CONDITIONS CONTINUE
Link to full story:
http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/2_for_1_credit_0409.html

* MANDATORY MINIMUMS FOR DRUG POSSESSION: BILL C-15 COMES UNDER FIRE
Link to full story:
http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/bill_c_15_0409.html

(Full Stark Raven news to return in the near future!)

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How to Podcast Stark Raven  
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WHAT IS A PODCAST?

A podcast is an audio file that is available on the internet. The file is usually in mp3 file format, a compressed audio format. You can listen directly online or download the file to your computer. Downloading allows you to listen to the audio on your computer and put it on your mp3 player and listen to it on the go. This means you can listen to Stark Raven interviews at your convenience.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOWNLOADING A PODCAST AND SUBSCRIBING TO A PODCAST?

When you download a single podcast episode, that one file gets saved onto your computer or MP3 player. It is then up to you to play it, delete it or download another. When you subscribe to a podcast, the latest podcast episode is saved to your computer or MP3 player automatically. Every time a new podcast episode of the program becomes available your podcasting software (Itunes, Ipodder etc) will automatically download it to your computer.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE THE STARK RAVEN PODCAST:

copy this URL to your podcast receiver:
<http://feeds.feedburner.com/rabble-podcast-network/StarkRavenPrisonJustice>

In Itunes:

Under the Advanced menu, select Subscribe To Podcast.
It will ask you for the URL. Cut and paste the above address.
The Stark Raven podcast is registered in Itunes, meaning you can find it & subscribe if you go to the Itunes Podcast listings and search Stark Raven.

Every time you open iTunes or other Podcast program, it will check the rabble.ca website to see if a new Stark Raven posting has been put up. If there is one, it will automatically start downloading it. On the left menu, you will see Podcasts. That is where you will find the audio files. Just click on them once they have downloaded the file(s) and listen at your convenience. They can also be transferred to any MP3 player and listened to while away from the computer.

iTunes is a program you can use to listen to audio files.
You can download iTunes for free from:
<http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/>

Another podcast receiver is Ipodder. Download for free from:
<http://ipodder.sourceforge.net/download/index.php>

Juice is free, open source software for both Mac and PC. It's designed to manage podcasts and has a built-in directory with thousands of listed podcast feeds.
<http://juicereceiver.sourceforge.net/index.php>

Once downloaded, the files can be played on your computers media player (iTunes, winamp, realplayer, windows media player etc)

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More Info on the Stark Raven Media Collective  
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The Stark Raven Media Collective takes a closer look at prisons and criminalization.

Stark Raven produces a radio program three times a month featuring in-depth interviews, news and analysis on issues related to prisons and criminalization, both locally and from around the world.

The radio program has been on the air for 21 years.

Topics we cover include: Canadian prison conditions, tough on crime agenda, detention & the war on terror, women in prison, alternatives to prison, criminalization of migration & poverty, privatization, security certificates, government policy, political prisoners, policing, the death penalty, the personal & political impacts of incarceration, prisoner's writings.

The collective's other activities include organizing community events and maintaining <http://www.prisonjustice.ca> - an online resource centre on Canadian prison issues.

Feel free to contact us if you have a story that you think we should cover on the show or have any feedback. Stark Raven is always seeking new volunteers and contributors for help with interviews, news research, musical contributions, web work and more.

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LIVE RADIO:

Mondays 7-8pm, (1st to 3rd Monday, Pacific Time. Vancouver Co-op Radio)
*102.7 FM in Vancouver
*<http://www.coopradio.org>
*Satellite: Starchoice #845
*Various cable frequencies around BC

NEWS, PODCASTS:

<http://www.prisonjustice.ca>

Join our monthly email digest, featuring links to audio & show podcast, recent news and upcoming show highlights. To join, email us!

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Support Stark Raven: Become a Member of Co-op Radio  
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Support broadcast space for programs such as Stark Raven. Become a Member of Co-op Radio and help keep independent media alive!

Vancouver Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 102.7FM is a non-commercial, co-operatively-owned, listener-supported, community radio station. Located in the heart of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, Co-op Radio strives to provide a space for under-represented and marginalized communities.

Support Stark Raven as we cut through the mainstream crime sensationalism with in-depth interviews, news and analysis on the role of prisons in our society and consequences of criminalizing affected communities.

Memberships start are \$60/year. You can also pay what you can/want to become a member of Co-op Radio. For more details on becoming a member of Co-op Radio check out: <http://www.coopradio.org/member/index.html> or just email us at Stark Raven, starkraven (at) prisonjustice (dot) ca, and we can hook you up as a member.