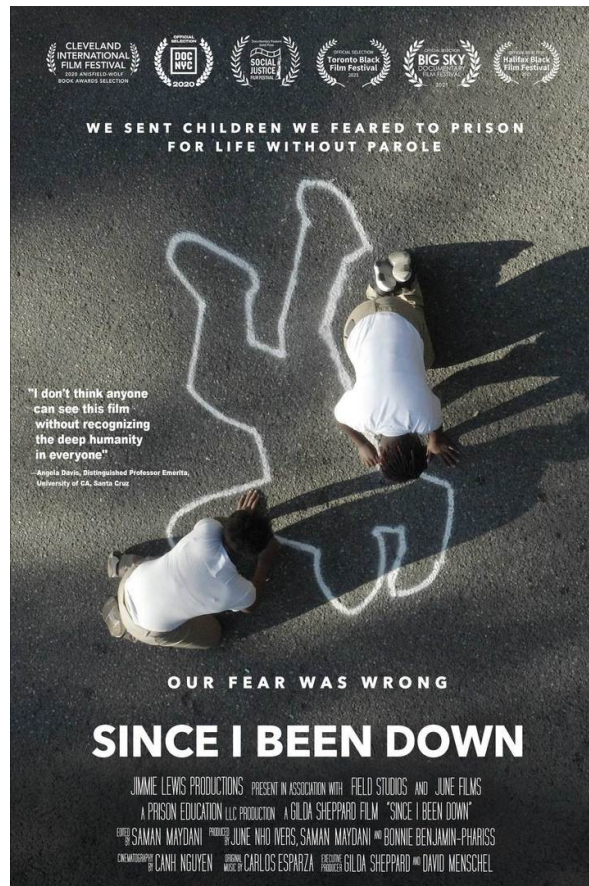


The Center on Race, Law and Justice presents



"Since I Been Down"

Film Screening and Panel Discussion

October 31, 2022 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

via Zoom Webinar

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Join the Center on Race, Law and Justice and the Parole Preparation Project for a virtual panel discussion of *Since I Been Down*, a riveting, award-winning documentary about the incarceration of teenagers and the injustice of extended prison sentences.

Agenda

6 – 7:30 p.m. | Film Screening and Panel Session

Gilda Sheppard, award winning director of *Since I Been Down*.

Kimonti Carter, who is featured in *Since I Been Down* and the founder of T.E.A.C.H. (Taking Education and Creating History). He was sentenced to life in prison as a teenager and was recently released after serving over 26 years.

Jeffrey Ellis, Mr. Carter’s attorney who has represented individuals accused of crimes at trial, on appeal, in state post-conviction, in federal habeas, and in clemency proceedings since 1987.

The discussion will be moderated by **Anthony Dixon** an award-winning activist and organizer and the Director of Community Engagement at the Parole Preparation Project.

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“Since I Been Down” A Film Screening and Panel Discussion
Speaker Bios



Kimonti Carter

Kimonti Carter is the founder of T.E.A.C.H. (Taking Education and Creating History), a prisoner-led higher-education program now at three Washington prisons, a leader in the Black Prisoners’ Caucus, and the subject of the award-winning documentary film *Since I Been Down*.



Anthony Davis (moderator)

Anthony Davis is an award-winning activist and organizer and is the Director of Community Engagement at the Parole Preparation Project, where he helps secure the release of people serving long sentences in New York State. Anthony developed the anti-violence “Breaking Free from Criminal Thinking,” which has had a 0% recidivism rate in the last seven years, and he created a therapeutic anti-drug program called ASAP Life Areas.



Jeffrey Ellis

Jeffrey Ellis practices criminal law in Portland, Oregon, with a focus on capital defense. He received his JD from University of Oregon Law School and has taught as adjunct faculty at Seattle University, Lewis and Clark College, and University of Texas Law Schools. Over the last decade, Mr. Ellis has expanded practice to include challenges to life and long sentences involving youthful individuals.



Gilda Sheppard

Gilda Sheppard is an award-winning filmmaker who has screened her documentaries throughout the United States, and internationally in Ghana, West Africa, at the Festival Afrique Cannes Film Festival, and in Germany at the International Black Film Festival in Berlin. Sheppard is a 2017 Hedgebrook Fellow for documentary film and a 2019 recipient of an Artist Trust Fellowship. For over a decade Sheppard has taught sociology classes in Washington State prisons and is a co-founder and faculty for FEPPS- Freedom Education for Puget Sound an organization offering college credited courses at Washington Correctional Center for Women. Gilda is a member of the faculty at The Evergreen State College Tacoma Campus.