

Author to speak on the effects of mass incarceration

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Fox Rich is the author of 'The One That Got Away: A True Story of Personal Transformation.' (Photo from the New Orleans Center for the Gulf South)

A public reading and lecture with Fox Rich, a renowned author, mother of six sons and prison abolitionist will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12, on the uptown campus.

Rich will discuss mass incarceration and its effects on family and community. Her work with numerous prison reform organizations around New Orleans, such as Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children and Voice of the Experienced, stems from her own family's experiences within the criminal justice system in Louisiana.

"Mass incarceration in Louisiana is affecting everyone," said Rich. "If you have not been affected directly you will be indirectly. Locking people up and never hearing from them again cannot continue."

The state of Louisiana has the highest rate of incarcerated people in the world, and Rich is working to change this statistic by sharing her personal story.

Rich will read from her book *The One That Got Away: A True Story of Personal Transformation* and

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then continue with a discussion with Sonita Singh of the Payson Center for International Development.

The event is being sponsored by the New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, which aims to contribute to public discourse surrounding socially pressing issues. The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the Rogers Memorial Chapel and will be filmed for an upcoming documentary based on Rich's life.

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