CFP-- "Rage Against the Machine: Navigating the Abolition of Systems of Care"

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Disability justice is an integral part of abolishing racist, colonialist, and heteropatriarchal institutions. Thinking about ableism alongside and in conjunction with other systems of oppression is essential for when dismantling systems of power in the US, particularly institutions that oppress and marginalize based on intersections of race and disability. In the lineage of current disability theorists and activists such as Liat Ben-Moshe, Jasbir Puar, and TL Lewis, this panel calls for papers exploring the dismantling, deconstruction, and demolition of current oppressive systems of care and incarceration. What have been traditionally viewed as “institutions of care” in the west include practices and organizations that serve the public in some way, including the medical establishment, jails and prisons, social safety nets, educational institutions, and any other establishment that works directly with the public—most importantly, disabled BIPOC. As racism, sexism, and other modes of oppression are embedded within systems of care that serve disabled folx, such as schools, prisons, and the medical system, disabled people who are multiply marginalized are particularly affected by these systems that promote their exclusion and incarceration. As these scholars argue, systems of care that subjugate disabled people produce impairment, trauma, and eugenic logics. This violence manifests as medical disparities, environmental pollutants, institutionalization, violent policing, and forced treatment, among other forms of oppression. In light of NWSA’s 2022 theme, “Killing Rage: Resistance on the Other Side of Freedom,” the Disability Studies Interest Group invites submissions that interrogate the full scope of incarceration and abolition. What are some possible outcomes of rethinking systems of care that promote the freedom of marginalized voices? Some possible topics include:

- Abolitionist movements that center disabled people of color and/or indigenous disabled people;

- Health disparities against institutionalized populations; Disabled people of color and indigenous disabled people in prisons and jails;

- Systems of care during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Disability and the child welfare system;
• Disability and policing;

• Deinstitutionalization movements;

• Madness and involuntary confinement;

• Guardianship and loss of agency;

• Mutual aid communities;

• Underexplored sites of incarceration for disabled and Mad people;

• Schools as institutions/academic ableism;

• Gendered experiences of systems of care;

• Reimagining crip systems of care;

• And other related topics

We welcome new disability methodologies that promote intersectional strategies, (inter)disciplinary approaches, and new forms of scholarship that reimagine abolitionist systems of care. We especially welcome submissions from community scholars, disabled scholars, and international scholars.

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