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## LIBERTY &amp; ETHICS CENTER TO PRESENT FORUM ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

October 23, 2015

The Hammond Institute's Liberty & Ethics Center at Lindenwood University will present on Nov. 2 a forum aimed at reforming Missouri's criminal justice system. Fittingly titled Left, Right, & Center, the forum will include local and state government office holders from both sides of the political spectrum, police officials, and representatives from organizations like the ACLU, the NAACP, and the Charles Koch Foundation.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. Registration online, as well as a detailed schedule of the sessions, is available at [www.lindenwood.edu/hammondinstitute/cjreform.html](http://www.lindenwood.edu/hammondinstitute/cjreform.html).

Afternoon sessions will be held concurrently from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Spellmann Campus Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room on the St. Charles campus, 209 S. Kingshighway, followed by an evening session.

One set of afternoon sessions will focus on courts and policing, and one set will focus on the prison system. Following complimentary hors d'oeuvres and dinner, an evening panel, starting at 7 p.m., will focus on legislative solutions. Moderated by Jamie Allman of 97.1 NewsTalk and ABC 30-TV, the evening panel will include Missouri Representatives Robert Cornejo (district 64) and Shamed Dogan (district 98); Mark Levin of the Texas Policy Foundation; Jeffrey Mittman, executive director of the ACLU of Missouri; Adolphus Pruitt II, president of St. Louis' NAACP chapter; Jeff Smith, urban policy professor at the New School; and Vikrant P. Reddy, senior research fellow at the Charles Koch Institute. The afternoon courts and policing session and the evening session will be broadcast live at <http://www.lindenwood.edu/lutv/liveevent.html>.

Co-presenters of the event include the criminal justice departments at Lindenwood and St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley; funding is provided by the Charles Koch Foundation.

"Our prison system has quintupled in size in the last 40 years," said Rachel Douchant, who heads Lindenwood's Liberty & Ethics Center. "There's a growing bipartisan consensus on criminal justice reform, and we're bringing in all sides on Nov. 2 to discuss how to move forward in Missouri. Because the events in Ferguson brought this to the fore, it's particularly fitting, since Lindenwood has a partnership with the City of Ferguson."

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