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The collection features contributions on various issues, including the (mis)management of COVID-19 inside sites of human caging and related prisoner solidarity initiatives that aim to diminish the suffering of people facing increasingly austere conditions of confinement enacted by prison authorities in the name of public health.

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Journal History: Since 1988, the *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons (JPP)* has been a prisoner written, academically oriented and peer reviewed, non-profit journal, based on the tradition of the penal press.

It brings the knowledge produced by prison writers together with academic arguments to enlighten public discourse about the current state of carceral institutions.

This is particularly important because with few exceptions, definitions of deviance and constructions of those participating in these defined acts are incompletely created by social scientists, media representatives, politicians and those in the legal community.

These analyses most often promote self-serving interests, omit the voices of those most affected, and facilitate repressive and reactionary penal policies and practices.

As a result, the *JPP* attempts to acknowledge the accounts, experiences, and criticisms of the criminalized by providing an educational forum that allows women and men to participate in the development of research that concerns them directly.

In an age where `crime` has become lucrative and exploitable, the *JPP* exists as an important alternate source of information that competes with popularly held stereotypes and misconceptions about those who are currently, or those who have in the past, faced the deprivation of liberty.

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