REBECCA GINSBURG

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CURRENT POSITIONS

Director, Education Justice Project, 2006-present.

Associate Professor, Department of Educational Policy, Organization and Leadership, 2012-present.

Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, 2011-present.

Associate Professor (zero-time appointments) in Department of African American Studies, Department of Anthropology, School of Art + Design, Center for African Studies, and School of Architecture, 2011-present.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Architectural History University of California at Berkeley, 2001

J.D.

University of Michigan Law School, 1987

B.A. English Major, Philosophy Minor Loyola Marymount University, CA, 1984

PAST POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2004-2011.

Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer, African and Afro-American Studies Program, Department of Architecture, and Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis, 2002-4.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Prison abolition, prison education, prison history, carceral landscapes, Atlantic slave trade

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Ginsburg, Rebecca, ed. *Arguing for Prison Abolition: A Reader*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2022 (forthcoming)
- Ginsburg, Rebecca, ed. *Critical Perspectives on Teaching in Prison: Students and Instructors on Pedagogy Behind the Wall*. New York: Routledge, 2019.
- Ellis, Clifton and Rebecca Ginsburg, eds. Slavery in the City: Architecture and Landscapes of Urban Slavery in North America. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. At Home With Apartheid: The Hidden Landscapes of Domestic Service in Johannesburg. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2011. Winner of the 2012 Abbott Lowell Cummings Prize.
- Ellis, Clifton and Rebecca Ginsburg, eds. *Cabin, Quarter, Plantation: Architecture and Landscapes of North American Slavery*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010.

Select Journal Articles and Chapters

- Ginsburg, Rebecca. Introduction to *Arguing for Prison Abolition: A Reader*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2022 (forthcoming)
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Build Inside Leadership." Arguing for Prison Abolition: A Reader. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2022 (forthcoming)
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. Introduction to *Critical Perspectives on Teaching in Prison:*Students and Instructors on Pedagogy Behind the Wall. New York: Routledge, 2019.
- Ellis, Clifton and Rebecca Ginsburg. Introduction to *Slavery in the City: Architecture* and Landscapes of Urban Slavery in North America, edited by Clifton Ellis and Rebecca Ginsburg. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Reflections on a Locked Door: Lessons from History and the Failed Promise of Penal Incarceration." In Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21st Century, edited by Matthew W. Epperson and Carrie Pettus-Davis. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "RPM and Prison Higher Education." In Fostering
 Reasonableness: Supportive environments for bringing out our Best, edited by
 Rachel Kaplan and Avik Basu. Ann Arbor: Maize Books, an imprint of Michigan
 Publishing, 2015.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "'Knowing that We Are Making a Difference': A Case for Critical Prison Programming." In "The Beautiful Prison," edited by Doran Larson. Special edition of *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* 26 May 2014.
- Ruggles, D. Fairchild, Hugh Bishop, Rebecca Ginsburg, Audrey Petty, Anke Pinkert, and Agniezska Tuzynska. "The Humanity of Teaching: Reflections from the

- Education Justice Project." In An Illinois Sampler: Talking about Teaching on the Prairie, edited by Mary-Ann Winkelmes, Antoinette Burton, and Kyle Mays. Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2014.
- Olinger, Andrea, Hugh Bishop, Jose Cabrales, Rebecca Ginsburg, et. al, "Prisoners Teaching ESL: A Learning Community Among 'Language Partners'." *Teaching English in the Two Year College* 40, no. 1, 2012.
- Ellis, Clifton and Rebecca Ginsburg. Introduction to *Cabin, Quarter, Plantation:*Architecture and Landscapes of North American Slavery, edited by Clifton Ellis and Rebecca Ginsburg. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Escaping through a Black Landscape," *Cabin, Quarter, Plantation*, eds. Clifton Ellis and Rebecca Ginsburg. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "The View from the Back Step: Black and White Children Learn about Race in Johannesburg's Suburban Homes." In *Designing Modern Childhoods: History, Space, and the Material Culture of Children. An International Reader*, edited by Marta Gutman and Nind de Coninck-Smith. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2008 (funded by the Danish Humanities Research Council).
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "The Fugitive Slave Landscape." *Landscape Journal* 26, no. 1, 2007.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Native Daughter: Home, Segregation, and Mental Maps." *Home Cultures* 1, no. 3, 2004.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "'Come in the Dark': The Place of Domestic Workers' Rooms in Apartheid-Era Johannesburg." *Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture*, Vol. VIII, edited by Annmarie Adams and Sally McMurry. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2000.

Book Reviews

- Ginsburg, Rebecca. Review of *Washed with Sun: Landscape and the Making of White South Africa*, by Jeremy Foster. *Buildings and Landscapes* 16, no. 2 (2011).
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. Review of *Mrs. Woolf and the Servants: The Hidden Heart of Domestic Service* by Alison Light. *Journal of Women's History*, 21, no. 3 (2009).
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. Review of *Sites of Memory: Perspectives on Architecture and Race*, by Craig E. Barton, ed. *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* 61, no. 1 (2002).

CLASSES TAUGHT

Carceral Landscapes (Landscape Architecture 587)

History of the Prison (Landscape Architecture 221/History 219/AFRO 221)

SELECT INVITED TALKS

- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "13 Years of the Education Justice Project: What We've Learned and How We've Changed." Keynote, A Symposium: Why Higher Education in Prison? University of Missouri, Columbia MO, Oct 22, 2021.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Creating a Prison to Gown Pathway." *Friday Forum*, Campus YMCA, Champaign, IL, Sept 24, 2021.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. [no title]. *Humanity Beyond Bars: Rethinking Punishment, Building Community*, American University of Paris, December 2, 2020, via zoom.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Prison Abolition." *Margret Cekada Lecture*, Rutgers University, Sept 9, 2020, via zoom.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. [no title]. *Rapid Video Response Series, Envisioning Justice*. Illinois Humanities Council, June 2020 (video recording).
- Ginsburg, Rebecca, Marsheda Ewulomi, and Larry Barrett. "Prison Censorship in Illinois." Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, Mar 6, 2020.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Education Justice Project." Regional Office of Education of Champaign and Ford Counties, IL. Feb 28, 2020.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. [no title]. Keynote. *Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service*, University of Illinois Office of Volunteer Programs, Jan 20, 2020.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "History of Higher Education in Illinois Prisons." *Convening on Higher Education in Illinois Prisons,* Springfield, IL, October 28, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Speaking Up Against Prison Censorship: How and Why We Formed the Freedom to Learn Campaign." *Friday Forum*, Campus YMCA, Champaign, IL, Oct 18, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "How (and How Not) to Teach in a Prison." *Curious and Eclectic Series*, Beckman Center, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL. Sept 10, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Education Justice Project." *Public Affairs Conference*, Principia College, IL, April 4, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Research and Evaluation of the Education Justice Project," *Prison Education Conference*, College of Education, Pennsylvania State University, March 30, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "The View from Illinois: Ten Years of the Education Justice Project." Keynote, *Prison Education Conference*, College of Education, Pennsylvania State University, March 29, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Higher Education in Prison." READY School, Champaign. March 14, 2019.

- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Prison Education and Civil Rights." Keynote, *Monmouth College's 2019 Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation*, Monmouth, IL, January 21, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Incarceration in the United States." Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center, Urbana, IL, January 25, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Why Prison Education is (Usually) Social Justice Work."

 Augustana College's 2019 Social Justice Symposium Day. Rock Island, IL, January
 16, 2019
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Higher Education in Prison: Human Right and Social Good." Webster University 2018 Annual Human Rights Conference. St. Louis, MO, October 10, 2018.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Why We Need to Talk about Reentry." Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, March 28, 2018.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Preentry, Rather than Reentry." *Meeting of the Minds*, Cleveland, Ohio, October 26, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Education Justice Project." *Altrusa*, Champaign, IL, October 21, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Prison Education and Other Solutions." Wesley Fall Seminar, Urbana, IL, October 8, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Education Justice Project." University of Iowa, Oakdale IMCC, Iowa, September 10, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Taking Higher Education into Prison." College of DuPage, Glyn Ellyn, IL, April 21, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Mass Incarceration and Racial Disparities." Urbana City Council, Urbana, IL, January 23, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Doing Social Justice Work in the Era of Mass Incarceration." MLK Day of Service and Celebration, Urbana, IL, January 16, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "How College-in-Prison Makes for Better Universities and Better Communities." *Sasha Conference*, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, October 15, 2016.
- Garite, Rob and Rebecca Ginsburg. "Higher Education in Prison: Future." *National Conference on Higher Education in Prison*, University of Pittsburgh, November 6, 2015.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "College in Prison?" Stetson University, Florida, October 16, 2015.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Education + Justice: How and Why Prisons and Universities Can Partner for a Better World *American Democracy Project Distinguished Lecture Series*, State University of New York, Brockport, October 9, 2015.

- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Why Universities Belong in Prison." Keynote presented at the *Annual James E. McLeod Lecture on Higher Education*, Washington University in St. Louis, September 24, 2015.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Higher Education in Prison: The View from Illinois." New York University, New York, November 17, 2014.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Traveling Pathways Already Laid." Renewing Communities: Improving Educational Access in California's Correctional Facilities and Beyond, Los Angeles, CA, May 8, 2014.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Ethics and Prison Education." Keynote presented at *Educational Justice and Appalachian Prisons Symposium*, Morgantown, WV, April 4, 2014.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Broadcasting the Voices of Incarcerated University Students." Conference on College Composition and Communication, Indianapolis, March 19, 2014.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Education Justice Project." *Global Urban Challenges: The Role of Research Universities*, Chicago, November 18, 2013.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Power and Privilege in Prison Education Programs." Keynote presented at *Third Annual Conference on Higher Education in Prison*, St. Louis University, April 27, 2013.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "The Injuries of Separation: Race and the American Carceral Landscape." *Race, Place, and Nature*, Rutgers University, NJ, March 8, 2013.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Educating on the Inside: Prison Education and Social Justice." Washington University in St. Louis, MO, October 18, 2012.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca and Hugh Bishop. "The University of Illinois' Education Justice Project." *Correctional Educational Association Region III and IV Conference*, Effingham, IL, April 24, 2012.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Creating and Sustaining a Prison Education Program."

 Conference on College Composition and Communication, St. Louis, March 21, 2012.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Education Justice Project's Evaluation Program." *National Conference on Prison Higher Education*, University of Washington, WA, November 5, 2011.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Black Women in White Johannesburg: Domestic Workers' Spatial Strategies under Apartheid." Sightlines: New Perspectives on African Architecture and Urbanism, co-sponsored by Museum for African Art and Columbia University's Institute of African Studies, Committee on Global Thought, and Center for African Education, New York City, NY, February 16, 2011.

- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "How and Why to Study Historic Vernacular Landscapes."

 Keynote presented at 12th Leisure, Recreation, and Tourism Research

 Symposium and International Forum, Taipei, Taiwan, September 18, 2010.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Struggling for Freedom: Perceptions of the Landscape by the Women, Men, and Children Escaping Bondage." *Marvin J. and Thomas Leo Likes Memorial Lecture Series*: Navigating Landscapes of Struggle and Freedom, Springfield, IL, July 6, 2010.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Black and White Landscapes at Modern Slavery Sites." *Bellamy Mansion Restoration Campaign*, Wilmington, NC, September 23, 2008.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "The View from the Woods: Plantation Landscapes from the Perspective of Fugitive Slaves." *The Landscape of Slavery*, University of Virginia, VA, March 14, 2008.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Runaway! And Other Landscapes of the Atlantic Slave Trade," Built Environment Workshop, University of Chicago, IL, May 16, 2007.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Escape! The Landscape Through the Eyes of Fugitive Slaves," inquiry:HP, Columbia University, NY, March 22, 2007.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "The Black Landscapes of White South African Homes." On the Edges of Development: Critical Interventions, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, October 15, 2004.

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Ginsburg, Rebecca. [no title] Panel presentation sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago Law School. Jan 18, 2022, via Zoom.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "A Conversation about Ethics and Carceral Higher Education." Ethics Lecture Series. Western Michigan University. Oct. 28, 2021, via Zoom.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Censorship at Danville Correctional Center." Panel presentation sponsored by the *American Constitution Society*, Chicago, Dec 18, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. [no title]. Panel presentation at the 50th Anniversary of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. New York, NY, Nov 18, 2019.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca, Katy Ryan, Jodi Lincoln, Michelle Dillon. "High Tech, Low Accountability: How Do We Fight Back Against Prison Tablets and Prison Censorship?" *National Conference on Higher Education in Prison*, St. Louis, MO, Nov 7, 2019.
- Seigel, Micol, Christopher Ryan Beasley, Garrett Felber, Rebecca Ginsburg, Michelle Jones, et al. "Critical Prison Studies Teach-In: An Organizer's Toolkit for Opening the University to Post-Incarcerated People." *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 10, 2018.

- Ginsburg, Rebecca, Larry Barrett, Bryan Dean, Christopher Guy, Raphel Jackson, et al. "Humanity in Captivity: The Ethics of Carceral Representation." Workshop at *Imagining America National Gathering*, Chicago, IL, Oct. 20, 2018.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Building and Supporting an Inclusive College-in-Prison Program." *Conference on Higher Ed in Prison*, Greenwich, CT, Sept. 29, 2018.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca, ed. "Humanities in Prison: Voices of Education Justice Project Students from Danville Correctional Center in Danville, IL" featuring Cragg Hardaway, Michael Harrell, Pablo Mendoza, Karl Eric Ezekial Simmons, and James Wood. *Humanities in Prison Education Workshop*, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, April 27, 2018.
- Alexander, Patrick, Garrett Felber, Rebecca Ginsburg, Anoop Mirpuri, Georgia Roberts, and Megan Sweeney. "Pedagogy of the Prison: Theorizing and Practising Prison Education as Dissent." Panel at *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, Nov 12, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca, Annette Taylor, and Jobie Taylor. "Reaching Inside Prisons with Purpose and Love." Presentation at the *International Prisoners Family Conference*, Dallas, TX, May 4, 2017.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca, Ellen Lagemann, chair, Daniel Karpowitz, and Jed Tucker. "College in Prison: A Necessity in Moving 'Toward Justice'." Panel presentation at *American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 17, 2015.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca, Brady Heiner, Rob Scott, and Kyes Stevens. "Starting and Sustaining a Prison Higher Education Program." Roundtable presented at *First UM Conference on Rethinking Mass Incarceration in the South*, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, April 15, 2014.
- Castro, Erin, Simone Davis, Rebecca Ginsburg, and Rob Scott. "A Critical Look at Funding For Prison Education Programs." Panel presented at *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C., November 22, 2013.
- Castro, Erin, Rebecca Ginsburg, and Rob Scott. "Higher Education in an Era of Mass Incarceration: Considerations for Policy, Practice, and the Future of Democracy." Panel presented at Association for the Study of Higher Education Annual Meeting, St. Louis, November 16, 2013.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "The American Carceral Landscape." *Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Meeting*, Madison, WI, June 9, 2012.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "The Education Justice Project's Chicago Youth Violence Initiative." Paper presented at *Association of Black Sociologists' Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV, August 19, 2011.

- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Prison Education and the Reasonable Person Model: Peer Instructors Bringing out their Best." *Environmental Design Research Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, June 26, 2011.
- Dace, Tracy, Rebecca Ginsburg, Anna Kurhajec, and Kathleen Ryan. "Roundtable on the Value of Higher Education in Prisons." Roundtable presented at *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, November 2010.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Education Justice Project: Family and Community Engagement." Paper presented at *Education in Prison: Strategies for Action*, Champaign, IL, October 9, 2010.
- Dearborn, Lynn, Rebecca Ginsburg, and Laura Lawson. "History, Heritage, and Human Use: Reflections on Interdisciplinary, International Service Learning." Paper presented at *Environmental Design Research Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C., June 5, 2010.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Deconstructing the Triangle Trade Map." Paper presented at Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March 24, 2009.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Secrets in the Landscape: The Role of Geographic Knowledge in Antebellum Slave Escapes." Paper presented at *Annual Meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians*, Savannah, GA, April 27 2006.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Expanding the Repertoire: Oral History as a Means for Understanding Historic Landscapes." Invited paper presented at *Changing Boundaries—Architectural History in Transition: Second Society of Architectural Historians International Symposium*, Paris, France, September 2005.
- Ginsburg, Rebecca. "Indian Apartheid? The Geographies of Caste in an Urban Chennai (Madras) Home." Paper presented at *Vernacular Architecture Forum Annual Meeting, Harrisburg*, PA, May 9, 2004.

SELECT ACADEMIC SESSIONS CHAIRED AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

- "Carceral Biopolitics." Session chaired at *American Studies Association*, Denver, CO, November 17, 2016.
- Symposium on Higher Education in Prison. Symposium organized by the Education Justice Project, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 9 12, 2014.
- "City Streets and Social History." Session chaired at *Annual Meeting of the Vernacular Architecture Forum*, Falmouth, Jamaica, June 5, 2011.

- Higher Education in Prison: Strategies for Action. Symposium organized by the Education Justice Project, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 8 10, 2010.
- "Working Women and The Built Environment." Session chaired at *Annual Meeting* of the Vernacular Architecture Forum, Butte, MO, June 13, 2009.
- Why Preserve? Presidential Plenary organized and presented by VAF president Rebecca Ginsburg, *Annual Meeting of the Vernacular Architecture Forum*, Savannah, GA, March 31, 2007.
- Vernacular Architecture and Public History. Presidential Plenary organized and presented by VAF president Rebecca Ginsburg, *Annual Meeting of the Vernacular Architecture Forum*, New York, NY, June 17, 2006.
- African Architectural History and the Undergraduate Curriculum. Symposium organized by Rebecca Ginsburg, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, December 1-3, 2005.
- "Recent Developments in African Architectural History." Session chaired at *College Art Association Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA, February 19, 2005.
- "'What a Lovely Place. Do You Think They Had Any Help?' Restoring Slaves and Slavery to Historic American Landscapes." Session chaired at *Annual Meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians*, Providence, RI, April 17, 2004.

SELECT FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Chicago Beyond Rapid Response Grant, 2022

Support for EJP's Pathways Initiative.

IL Humanities Council, 2021

Support for EJP communications.

Joyce Foundation, 2021

Multi-year support for EJP's policy and post-release programming.

Mellon Future of Prison Education Grant, 2020

Multi-year support for EJP's reentry guide program.

Mellon Foundation Prison Foundation Emergency Grant, 2020

Support to allow EJP to produce and distribute instructional videos during the pandemic.

Community Foundation of Central East Illinois, 2019

Support for capital equipment for EJP.

Mellon Foundation Grant, 2017, 2020

Multi-year support for EJP's college-in-prison program and assorted initiatives.

[Anonymous] Foundation, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Support for EJP's community-based work in Chicago.

Community Foundation of Central East Illinois, 2016, 2019

Support for capital equipment for EJP.

Laughing Gull Foundation, 2016

Support to build EJP's fundraising capacity.

Mansfield Family Foundation, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Support for EJP's community-based work in Chicago.

ReDirect Award, 2015

To explore some of the theoretical bases of EJP's work.

Institute of International Education, 2014

Support for national symposium on prison education.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Grant for Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development, 2012

To build a model prison computer lab.

National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association,

Support for prison library collection through the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf.

Marajen Stevek Foundation Award, 2010

Support for prison English as a Second Language program.

Illinois Humanities Council Grant, 2008, 2009

Support for a speakers series at Danville Correctional Center.

Illinois Humanities Council Grant, 2008

Assistance for humanities-related materials for the Education Justice Project.

Graham Foundation Grant, 2006

Subvention for Cabin, Quarter, Plantation (Yale University Press, 2010).

SELECT RECOGNITIONS

John Philip Immroth Memorial Award, ALA, 2020

Awarded by the American Library Association to Rebecca Ginsburg for efforts to protect access to books for incarcerated individuals.

Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award, 2020

Awarded by the iSchool of the University of Illinois to the Education Justice Project for its defense of the First Amendment rights of incarcerated individuals.

Adler University Social Justice Visionary Award, 2019

Awarded to Rebecca Ginsburg in recognition of leadership of EJP.

Community Impact Award, 2019

Awarded by Junior League of Champaign Urbana to Rebecca Ginsburg in recognition of the work of EJP.

Jean Cramer-Heuerman Peace with Justice Award, 2018

Awarded by Wesley United Methodist Church, Urbana to the Education Justice Project.

Muslim American Society, U-C Chapter, Social Justice and Community Service Award, 2017

Recognizing the work of the Education Justice Project's Ripple Effect program.

Campus Award for Public Engagement, 2016

Awarded to the Education Justice Project.

NAACP Freedom Fighter Award, 2015

For outstanding service with the Education Justice Project.

YWCA Leadership in Education Award, 2015

For leadership of the Education Justice Project.

Kalamazoo College Global Prize for Collaborative Social Justice Leadership, 2013 Awarded to the Education Justice Project's Language Partners program.

J. Frederick Miller Award, 2013

Presented by the University YMCA to Rebecca Ginsburg for public service.

Illinois Department of Corrections Volunteer of the Year, 2011

For work on behalf of the Education Justice Project.

Danville Correctional Center Volunteer of the Year, 2009, 2010

For work on behalf of the Education Justice Project.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Campus Award for Excellence in Public Engagement, 2009

Recognizing Rebecca Ginsburg's leadership of the Education Justice Project.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign John Lee Johnson Excellence in Community Engagement and Activism Award, 2009

Awarded by the University of Illinois' Department of African American Studies.

College of Fine and Applied Art Faculty Award for Excellence, 2008-9

Awarded by the College of Fine and Applied Arts, UIUC, for leadership of the Education Justice Project.

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