Initiative Overview:
This initiative approaches sex work and the sex industry broadly, including unconventional perspectives, and sparks conversations about the wide range of social, cultural, and economic issues that shape sex workers’ lived experiences.

October Events

Opening Event

**Book Talk:** “Sex Work Politics: From Protest to Service Provision”
Presenter: Samantha Majic, Political Science Professor at John Jay College
**Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 4:15pm—5:30pm**
6.68 Moot Court Room, New Building

**Panel Discussion:** *System Responses to the Sex Work Industry*
Moderator: Crystal Jackson, Sociology Professor at John Jay College
Panelists: Mitchy Mora, Streetwise & Safe; Kate Mogulescu, Legal Aid Society; Sienna Baskin, Sex Work Project
**Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 4:15pm—5:30pm**
6.68 Moot Court Room, New Building

**Panel Discussion:** *In Their Own Words: Sex Worker Narratives*
In the United States, criminalization and stigma make it very difficult for many sex workers to speak publicly about their experiences. To challenge these trends and highlight sex workers’ complex and diverse experiences, this panel gathers sex workers and puts their stories first.
Speakers: Audacia Ray & colleagues from the Red Umbrella Project
**Wednesday, October 29, 2014, 4:15pm—5:30pm**
L61 Conference Room, New Building

November Events

**Panel Discussion:** *Sex Worker Health and Safety*
Moderator: Megan McLemore, Attorney at Human Rights Watch
Panelists: Stephany Ashley, Executive Director at the St. James Infirmary; Gloria Lockett, Founder of the California Prostitutes Education Project; Kate D’Adamo, Sex Workers Outreach Project-New York City and Sex Workers Action New York; Sarah Patterson, Persist Health Project
**Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 4:15pm—5:30pm**
6.68 Moot Court Room, New Building

**Faculty Event:** *Funding Opportunities for Sex Work Related Research*
A conversation between members of the JJC and CUNY faculty and representatives from selected foundations regarding sex work related research and future funding opportunities.
**Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 1:30pm—3:00pm**
610 T-Building

**Film Screening & Debate:** *Sex Workers - Criminals or Entrepreneurs?*
Screening of the film “Buying Sex” followed by a student debate on the legality of the sex work industry.
**Monday, November 24, 2014, 1:30pm-3:00pm**
Student Dining Hall East, New Building

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