



## **King's Social Justice & Peace Studies Presents *Deaf in Prison: A Documentary* and panel discussion**

London, On., March 24, 2015-The Social Justice and Peace Studies department at King's University College is proud to present *Deaf in Prison: A Documentary*, on Wednesday March 25 at 7 p.m., Kenny Theatre. This film examines the treatment of inmates in correctional facilities who are hearing impaired in order to bring awareness to the lack of support for these individuals while serving their sentences.

A panel discussion will follow the screening featuring panelists Dr. Joseph Michalski, Department Chair of Sociology at King's University College, Dr. Cathy Chovaz, Associate Professor of Psychology at King's University College, representatives from the Canadian Deaf Association in Toronto, and Michael Mickelson, a former deaf inmate.

Mickelson, who was incarcerated for nearly a decade, experienced the lack of accommodation being made for deaf prisoners. His only recourse was to file his grievances with Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) regarding failure to accommodate his deafness during the duration of his incarceration.

The film screening and panel has been coordinated by second year Social Justice and Peace Studies student Annamarie Badillo.

"I am so proud of how this young undergraduate student has organized this important event to bring attention to the challenges of deaf inmates," says Dr. Allyson Larkin, professor in Social Justice and Peace Studies at King's.

The film screening and panel discussion will take place in the Kenny Theatre, located in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre at King's University College, 266 Epworth Avenue, London, ON. All are welcome to attend this free event. Complimentary refreshments will be served in the Student Life Centre. Parking is available in lot 1 on the north side of Epworth Ave.

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