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## ***“Toward a Radical Togetherness: African American Literature, Abolition Pedagogy, and the Prison-to-College Pipeline Program”***



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Dr. Patrick Elliot Alexander is Associate Professor of English and African American Studies at the University of Mississippi and co-founder of the Prison-to-College Pipeline Program. Dr. Alexander holds a Ph.D. in English from Duke University. A specialist in African American literature, 19<sup>th</sup>-century American literature, and critical prison studies, Dr. Alexander published his first book, *From Slave Ship to Supermax: Mass Incarceration, Prisoner Abuse, and the New Neo-Slave Novel*, with Temple University Press (2018). Dr. Alexander’s articles on teaching African American literature in prison are published in the *Journal of African American History*, *South: A Scholarly Journal*, and *Reflections: A Journal of Writing, Service-Learning, and Community Literacy*. He has also published several reviews, which appear in *American Literature* and *Obsidian*.

Before joining the faculty at the University of Mississippi, Dr. Alexander co-founded and directed Stepping Stones, an award-winning academic enrichment program for imprisoned students based in North Carolina. As a faculty member at the University of Mississippi, Dr. Alexander has co-founded the Prison-to-College Pipeline Program (PTCPP) with Otis W. Pickett, Assistant Professor of History at Mississippi College. The PTCPP is a university-community engagement initiative that promotes higher education in prison in response to the ongoing need for increased access to educational opportunities in the state of Mississippi. The PTCPP, winner of the 2018 Humanities Educator Award from the Mississippi Humanities Council, currently offers on-site, humanities-based, for-credit college courses for imprisoned men at Parchman/Mississippi State Penitentiary and for imprisoned women at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Student Union (Ballrooms C & D)**

**Lunch served on a first come, first served basis**

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