

July 29, 2009

Michael Santos
c/o Carole Santos

Dear Michael,

I am writing to extend an invitation to have you speak to my class at Stanford Law School in the 2009-2010 academic year. I am hopeful and optimistic that you will have been released by then. If the criminal justice system makes any sense at this point, you will have been pardoned.

I can think of no guest speaker that will have so much to offer students enrolled in my class on "Sentencing and Corrections Policy." I look for class speakers who are intellectually engaged, balanced in their approach to crime policy, want to give back to the community, and care about reforming our justice system. I also watched your presentation several years ago at the annual American Society of Criminology meetings and also realize you are an excellent public speaker. I am very familiar with your writings and use them in my classroom teachings, and so having you speak to my class will be a tremendous advantage to my students.

We all look forward to your release and having you join our classroom discussion as soon as you are able. Please do keep in touch and I look forward to hosting your visit at Stanford Law School.

Sincerely,



Joan Petersilia
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