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Career Positions:

- Prison Professors Charitable Corporation, Principal (2021-Present)
 - Provide digital content and educational content to assist institutions and justice-impacted people
 - Keynote Speaking / Training
- Earning Freedom, Inc. Principal (2017-2024)
 - Create digital courses to improve outcomes for justice-impacted people and stakeholders.
 - Create mitigation strategies.
- MGS Group, LLC, Principal (2013-2017)
 - Create programs and offer services to help people understand prisons, the people hold, and strategies for growing through confinement.
 - Keynote speaking. Host Earning Freedom / Prison Professors podcasts and webinars.
- San Francisco State University, Adjunct Professor (2013-2014)
 - Designed and taught Architecture of Incarceration for two semesters.

Panel Contributions:

- Parole Release and Revocation Advisory Council: Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, University of Minnesota Law School (2014-2016)

Educational Background:

- **Hofstra University.** Hempstead, New York. 1992-1995. Master of Arts. Completed at the New College through independent study in May 1995. Began studies while confined in USP Atlanta. MA in Inter-Disciplinary Studies.
- **Mercer University.** Atlanta, GA. 1989-1992. Completed Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, in Human Resources Management. Received my degree in May 1992. Enrolled in program while confined in USP Atlanta in 1989.

Books Published

- Earning Freedom: Conquering a 45-Year Prison Term (Prison Professors)
- Prison! My 8,344th Day (Prison Professors)
- Success after Prison (Prison Professors)
- Preparing for Success after Prison (Prison Professors)
- Inside: Life Behind Bars in America (St. Martin's Press: 2006)
- About Prison (Wadsworth / Thompson Publishers: 2003)
- Profiles from Prison (Greenwood/Praeger Publishers: 2003)
- What If I Go to Prison? (Prison Professors Publishers)

Other Selected Publications

- Santos, M “Incentivizing Excellence: A Suggestion for Merit-based Reductions From a 26-year Federal Prison Insider.” (UC Hasting’s Law Journal. Volume 67, Summer of 2015.
- Santos, M “Living Life Behind Bars in America” for the Oxford Handbook on Sentencing and Corrections with Joan Petersilia, PhD and Kevin Reitz, PhD. Oxford University Press. 2012.
- Santos, M. “Going In on the Chain” for American Corrections Michael Reisig’s American Corrections. Belmont, CA: Cengage. 2011.
- Santos, M. with Mary Bosworth, Debi Campbell, Bonita Demby, and Seth M. Ferranti. “Doing Prison Research: Views from Inside.” Qualitative Inquiry. Vol. 10(1). 2004.
- Santos, M. “Inmate Volunteers” in M. Bosworth. (Ed.). Encyclopedia of US Prisons and Corrections, Volume One and Two. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Reference. 2004.
- Santos, M. “Contraband” in M. Bosworth.(Ed.). Encyclopedia of US Prisons and Corrections, Volume One and Two. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Reference. 2004.
- Santos, M. “Maintaining Community Ties While in Prison” in M. Bosworth. The US Federal Prison System. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. 2002.
- "Prisoner Education Programs" in Todd Clear and George F. Cole's American Corrections. 4th Edition, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. 1997
- "One Man's Walk Through Atlanta's Jungle" in George Cole and Christopher Smith's Criminal Justice in America. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. 1995.
- "Prison Commissaries" in Marilyn McShane and F.P. Williams (eds.) Encyclopedia of American Prisons. New York: Garland Press. 1995.
- "Positive Programs Instead of Chain Gangs" Bradford Era, May 22, 1995.
- "Transcending the Wall", Journal of Criminal Justice Education, Volume 6, Number 1. Spring, 1995.
- "Facing Long-Term Incarceration" in Tim Flanagan's (ed.) Long-Term Imprisonment: Issues of Policy, Science and Correctional Practice, pp. 33-36. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. 1995.
- “Fighting Crime from Behind Bars” in Atlanta Journal Constitution. Friday, February 11, 1994.

Conference Presentations

- “Ninth Circuit Corrections Summit: Collaborating on Common Concerns.” November 4, 2015: Sacramento, CA.
- “Federal Sentencing Reform” UC Hastings Law Symposium, February 13, 2015.
- "The Crusonian Prisoner" Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science. Chicago, March 15, 1994.
- "Prisoner Perceptions in a Maximum-Security Prison" Video and paper presented at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology. Miami, 1994.

Prison Presentations

- United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth (2023)
- Federal Correctional Institution, Englewood (2023)
- Federal Correctional Institution, Sandstone (2023)
- Federal Prison Camp, Duluth (2023)
- Federal Prison Camp, Yankton (2023)
- United States Penitentiary, Florence (2023)
- United States Penitentiary, Marion (2023)
- Federal Correctional Institution, Waseca (2023)
- Federal Correctional Institution, Oxford (2023)
- Federal Correctional Institution, Pekin (2023)
- Federal Medical Center, Springfield (2023)
- Federal Correctional Institution, Greenville (2022)
- United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute (2022)
- Federal Medical Center, Rochester (2022)
- United States Penitentiary, Florence (2018)
- Federal Correctional Institution, Victorville (2018)
- United States Penitentiary, Atwater (2016)

Professional References

- Andre Matevousian, Regional Director, North Central Region, Bureau of Prisons
- Matika Rawls, Rehabilitation Services, California Department of Corrections
- Hugh Hurwitz, Retired Director, Bureau of Prisons
- Rabbi Zvi Boyarski, Aleph Institute