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Community-driven change: Teaching math in San Quentin Rehabilitation Center

This talk will explore the unique challenges of teaching mathematics in a carceral setting and share best practices developed through decades of community-driven work. Mount Tamalpais College at San Quentin Rehabilitation Center in California has offered a free liberal arts Associate of Arts degree and an intensive college preparatory program for nearly 30 years. Its mathematics program addresses the specific challenges of educational trauma, math anxiety, and gaps in prior math knowledge through high-touch, student-centered approaches supported by a dynamic and passionate community of volunteers, staff, and students.