Class #7: Mass Incarceration
Discussion Questions for September 16
Reading: Rotman

Because writing assignments are meant to prepare you for class discussions, you must post a draft question on the Moodle Forum for this date if you want your submission to count. After posting a draft, you must revise and resubmit your final response for a grade by the following Sunday night. In the case of questions posted below, the final draft of your question is due by the end of the day on Sunday, **September 22**. Include your name, the full question number, and the text of the question on both your draft and final submissions.

**Discussion Questions**

7-1. In practice, punishment and rehabilitation often are opposed philosophies for treating criminal offenders. Why might that be the case and why might it matter?

7-2. According to Rotman, punishment has certain limitations and the nature of punishment should be known in advance to potential offenders. What is the logic behind these claims? Does that logic apply to offenders who are habitually abusing victims (a situation that has justified relaxing restrictions on police powers with respect to offenders)?

*Rotman’s article is rather old. Thus the question is whether the rules have changed, or should be changed, given the new sensitivity to the situations and the needs of victims.*