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*In conjunction with the*  
**Symposium on the Use of Prisoners and Vulnerable  
Populations for Medical Research**

*Presents*

**William A. Trine**

*with a talk entitled*

**“Privatization of Prisons”**

**February 11<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**6:00 pm**

**Eaton Humanities 135**

**Abstract:** The United States has the highest documented incarceration rate (737 persons imprisoned per 100,000) and highest total documented prison population in the world. As of 2006, a record 2.2 million people were behind bars, and another 4.8 million were on probation or on parole. Private corporations operate 264 correctional facilities in the United States housing almost 99,000 adult offenders. The argument for privatization stresses cost reduction, whereas the arguments against it focus on standards of care, and the question of whether a market economy for prisons might not also lead to a market demand for prisoners (tougher sentencing for cheap labor).

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For more information see: <http://www.colorado.edu/philosophy/center/prisoners.shtml>