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This week, journalist Keri Blakinger joined us on campus to share reflections from her memoir, Corrections in Ink. Corrections is the title of her book, which shares her journey—from the ice rink to addiction and a prison sentence, to the narrative—how she emerged with a fierce determination to expose the broken system she experienced. Keri is an investigative reporter based in Texas, covering criminal justice and law enforcement. The event was organized by Andrea Armstrong, Distinguished Professor of Law at Loyola who recently testified to the United States Senate on the reasons that revealed that the Department of Justice is failing to install air conditioning on death row, that would have cost approximately $225,000 to provide. Corrections in Ink is available for purchase at Loyola’s book store or online.

Prof. Armstrong led a conversation with Keri about her book, starting with a section that highlighted the creativity of people on death row and their efforts to improve conditions. Keri shared that the panopticon is an inadmissible system in all cases. “It’s not all or nothing. Sometimes you need to build a new prison...Otherwise we are preferencing our ideals over the suffering of people that are incarcerated.”

JSRI has long worked to end the death penalty in Louisiana. This year, JSRI and Catholic leaders across the state will call on Governor John Bel Edwards to put a moratorium on the death penalty in Louisiana and dismantle the machinery of death at Angola.

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