The UCSB MultiCultural Center, Center for the Global Study of Race, Inequality and Justice, MCC/SOSC Activist Scholar in Residence Program, Underground Scholars, Literature and Mind program, English Department, The Global Latinidades Project, Department of Feminist Studies, Department of Asian American Studies, Healing Justice, and the Fund for Santa Barbara present

UNBREAKABLE RESOLVE:

Race Matters Series

Building Free-Dem Foundations in New Orleans

Jerome Morgan and Robert Jones

Jerome Morgan and Robert Jones will make a powerful presentation about mass incarceration in New Orleans and their efforts to rescue young people from its grasp through mentoring and community development projects. Morgan and Jones spent more than 40 years combined in the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola before they were exonerated and released. Today they run the Free-Dem Foundations, a nonprofit community-based youth organization in New Orleans providing a mentoring program to serve young people in danger of being swept into jails and prisons. Their presentation will cover their own personal experiences with incarceration that they have delineated in their co-authored book (with Daniel Rideau), *Unbreakable Resolve*, as well as a report on the curriculum, mentoring, business start-up, and apprenticeship programs they are implementing. Morgan will also speak about the collectively written book *Go To Jail*, an archive of twenty years of writing by public school students and teachers, people incarcerated in prisons, academics, attorneys, and their community allies. Jerome Morgan is a native New Orleanian wrongfully incarcerated at 17 in Angola State Penitentiary for 20 years. Morgan is a pioneer in Formerly Incarcerated Person (FIP) entrepreneurship, community-based business models, FIP peer mentoring, FIP youth advocacy, and FIP literary works. Students can pick up the book, *Unbreakable Resolve*, at the MCC.

Thursday Oct 20, 2022, 6pm, MCC Theater

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