COMPUTERIZING CARCERAL POWER

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While US media have placed China's digitized system of monitoring and punishing minorities under increasing scrutiny, similar systems cropping up in US cities have received far less attention. In addressing this deficiency, this talk explores the rise and expansion of real time crime data centers in US cities over the past two decades. Focusing on New York City, the talk highlights how these centers incorporate logics of computer networking, carceral governance, and homeland security to manage criminalized populations in ways that increasingly resemble correctional supervision. This presentation will also explore the limitations implicit to city efforts to carceralize urban space, and how these efforts constitute a unique terrain for resisting racial criminalization.

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