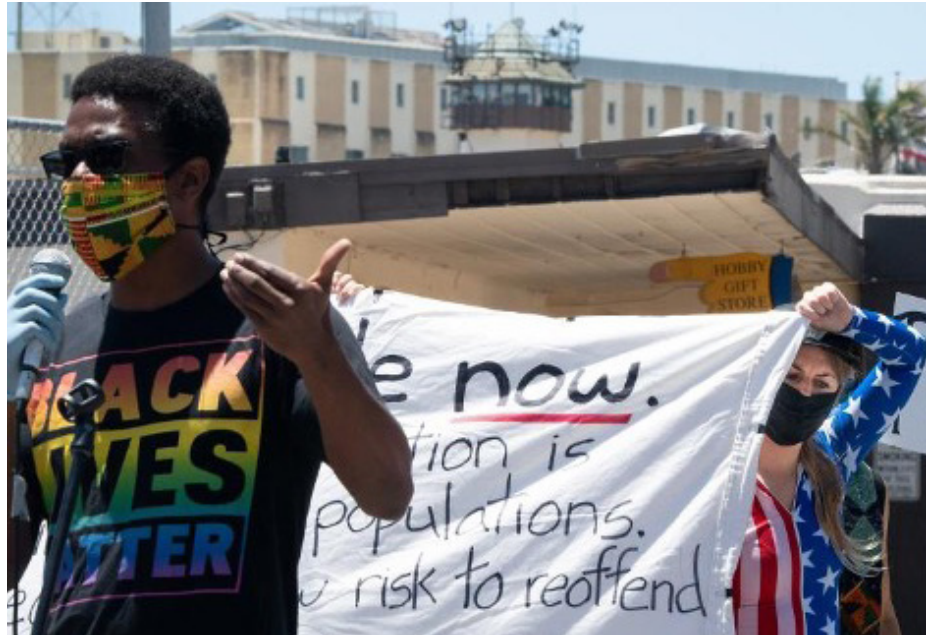


Emile DeWeaver

When I was 18 years old, a judge sentenced me to 67 years to life for murder. I'd never finished junior high school, but I decided to write my way out of prison. 21 years later, I did just that. In the process, I became an expert on media and communications, advocacy in the criminal legal system, prison abolition, transformative justice, and strategies for racial justice. What I accomplished has been described as a miracle. It was actually the result of simple principles that are accessible to everyone. Using these principles, I offer practical tools and analytical frameworks to help professionals, organizations, and artists change policy, develop transformative programs, and shift culture.



Speaking & Workshop Topics

- Power in the criminal legal system
- Media in the criminal legal system
- Three Principles of Creating Miracles

Previous Clients

FWD.us, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, PressOn, Migrant Roots Media, The Brennen Center, PEN America, Uncommon Law, Prison Law Office, University of San Francisco, UC Berkley, UC Santa Cruz, American Friends Committee, California Change Lawyers, Sisters of St. Joseph, Southern Exposure, & more.

“ Emile was such a dynamically amazing guest speaker for our panel on storytelling, media and representation. His perspective was **rich, thought-provoking and necessary** as we continue the conversation around reporting on system impacted people within the criminal justice and immigration system.

*LaGloria Wheatfall,
Communications Manager at
FWD.us*

“ Emile is an exceptional speaker. [He] has a brilliant mind, he speaks insightfully and vividly about his point of view, and he does a fantastic job engaging with his audience. It's **always a joy to hear him speak** and engage in conversation with him.

*Kyle Robertson, Managing
Director for the Center for
Public Philosophy at UC Santa
Cruz*

“ Working with Emile has been **transformative**. The impact of his leadership and **his words continue to reverberate** at USF.

*Glori Simmons, Director of
Thacher Gallery at USF*