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## Can Worker Co-operatives Reduce Recidivism? Italian Worker Co-operatives and Offender Rehabilitation

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Alarmed by the high cost of Wisconsin's criminal justice system, the University of Wisconsin-Extension has established a Criminal Justice Working Team to explore potential opportunities to improve the system and reduce its cost. As part of that effort, Professor Hoyt spent much of November 2009 in northern Italy studying Italian worker-owned co-operatives that include current and/or released prisoners in their membership.

Professor Hoyt will explore the feasibility and transferability of the Italian model and the infrastructure that supports them. The presentation includes the potential of co-operatives for reducing recidivism, the legal and tax structure that supports them, operational practices, and specific examples of successful co-operatives.

Diefenbaker Canada Centre Theatre Room  
Wednesday, 7 April 2010  
3:00 – 4:30 PM

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