

SOUTH CAROLINA
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



FUNDAMENTALS OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:
EXPLORING THE CONCEPT AND ITS APPLICATION
A Virtual Series

****CONTENT WARNING: Please note that in this series, we will be discussing responses to harm. As a result, during the webinars there may be some explicit mention or discussion of harms such as interpersonal violence, abuse, sexism, racism, and white supremacy.****

Program Overview

Restorative justice offers an alternative approach to state-run criminal and civil justice methods, accounting for the needs of not only those who been subject to and committed harm, but also the needs of the community. This approach has broad applicability within the arena of legal services, victim services, social work, and other areas of practice that serve individuals who have been subjected to harm or who have caused harm to others. Transformative justice, a related field, emphasizes not just accountability, but also transforming the social structures that facilitate the commission of harm.

This 8-week course was developed by the South Carolina Restorative Justice Initiative to provide a theoretical understanding of restorative and transformative justice as well as practical knowledge about the shape these practices can take and how they can be implemented. Participants in this course will be instructed in these practices by leading practitioners and experts from around North America.

Films are incorporated into the curriculum to enhance the learning experience. Visual storytelling offers additional opportunity for participants to develop understanding of other forms of justice and why people choose them. Films will be made available for a week in advance of the related webinar for participants to view on their own time.

By the end of the 8 webinars, participants will have developed an understanding of what restorative and transformative justice are, how they can be practiced, and how restorative approaches may be effectively integrated into their own work with parties who have been harmed or have committed harm, their families, and communities at large.

The target audience for the course are victim service providers, legal service providers, and any other person providing direct services to persons who have been subjected to harm or caused harm to others and are seeking alternative approaches to justice from the criminal justice system. This course is suitable for those learning about restorative justice for the first time, as well as those seeking to deepen their understanding of restorative practices and how they are implemented.

WEEK 1 | INTRODUCTION TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Sept. 22 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EST)

Film screening | ***Another Justice***

Panel | **Professor Donna Coker** and **Professor Aparna Polavarapu**

Moderator | **Dr. Ahjané D. Billingsley**

WEEK 2 | RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Sept. 29 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EST)

Panel | **sujatha baliga** and **Chris Godsey**

Moderator | **Professor Aparna Polavarapu**

WEEK 3 | RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE: THERAPEUTIC PERSPECTIVE

Oct. 6 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EST)

Film screening | ***A Better Man***

Speaker | **Tod Augusta-Scott, MSW**

Moderator | **Professor Aparna Polavarapu**

WEEK 4 | RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & SEXUAL HARM

Oct. 13 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EST)

Panel | **sonya shah** and **Dr. Mary Koss**

Moderator | **Professor Aparna Polavarapu**

WEEK 5 | RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, RACIAL JUSTICE, & HATE/BIAS

Oct. 20 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EST)

Panel | **Dr. Teiahsha Bankhead, Kat Culberg,** and **Jodie Geddes**

Moderator | **Professor Aparna Polavarapu**

WEEK 6 | TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE: WHAT IS IT AND HOW IS IT PRACTICED?

Oct. 27 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EST)

Speaker | **Dr. Mimi Kim**

Moderator | **Professor Aparna Polavarapu**

[No session Nov. 3rd due to Election Day]

WEEK 7 | ADDRESSING THE STRUCTURES FACILITATING VIOLENCE AND HARM

Nov. 10 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM (EST)

Film screening | ***Feminist on Cellblock Y***

Panel | **Amy Barch, Brian Heilman, and Lester Young, Jr.**

Moderator | **Professor Aparna Polavarapu**

WEEK 8 | TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCING

Nov. 17 | 2:30 – 4:00 PM (EST)

Speaker | **Dr. David Anderson Hooker**

Moderator | **Professor Aparna Polavarapu**