

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: REPAIRING THE HARM, Fe University, Winter Session

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SCHEDULE: Tues. Jan. 14, Thurs. Jan. 16, Tues. Jan. 21, and Thurs. Jan. 23 1-5 p.m., Mercer Public Library

INTRODUCTION: Restorative Justice borrows from indigenous, traditional cultures around the world as well as from conflict resolution, post-conflict justice (truth and reconciliation) and community justice studies. Restorative Justice attends to repairing the harm among all parties involved in situations where harm is experienced. The restorative approach relies on communication, accountability, and providing varied resources to go forward more positively.

We will be melding the experience of Restorative Justice practice and discussions of social issues and relatedness; This approach reinforces the pertinence of Restorative Justice to our lives and to the betterment of our social relations each day. Our discussions will establish a foundation of understanding as well as the confidence to be increasingly engaged in justice issues.

TUESDAY, Jan. 14 (Read "Indian Restorative Healing")

- Forming the Circle Community: introductions, experiencing the talking piece,
- Confidentiality of shared experiences for personal safety
- First Circle Conversation
- Roots of Restorative Justice; Current Uses in the U.S. and around the world
- Brainstorm Justice; Injustice
- Second Circle Conversation
- Small group work: a conflict you regularly observe or you consider at this point to be likely to be resolved more meaningfully by RJ

THURSDAY, Jan. 16 (Read Class Notes, Day 1 and from DEEP DEMOCRACY)

*Continuing Circle Conversation

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- Deepening our Understanding of Restorative Justice
- Brainstorming Accountability and why it is a flexible restorative concept
- Communication and Resources
- Community work and Team work
- Small group work: How to build restorative community
- Beginning the Process of Repairing Harm
- Conflict: Violence

TUESDAY, January 21 (Read Class Notes, Day 2 and “Why Justice is Not an Ideal”)

- * Reconnecting the Circle
- * Team Work: Misunderstanding and Conflict (Stakeholders, Bystanders)
- * What we Need to Begin
- * Breaking down the Process

What Happened?

Why Does It Matter?

How Do we Feel About It?

What Do We Need?

Who will Repair and Restore?

THURSDAY, January 23. (Read Class Notes, Day 3 and from DEEP DEMOCRACY)

- Reconnecting the Circle
- Brainstorm the Importance of Resources
- Groupwork: Full Circle Restorative Process (team-conceived, team-led)
- REVIEW: review our time together
- Closing Circle: Intentions and Appreciation