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## Issue 1: May 2022

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## NCORJ Team Members at the RJ World Conference

The RJ World 2022 Conference ran from April 23-30, 2022, and brought together restorative justice practitioners and scholars from over 40 different countries across the world. Presenters recorded sessions that went live throughout the duration of the week and can still be viewed from the eConference website.

NCORJ Team members Marilyn Armour, Abigail Crocker, David Karp, Alanna Ojibway, and Lindsey Pointer all took part in the event. For more information about the conference, or to watch their presentations, visit the RJ World website at: [rjworld.org](http://rjworld.org).

RJ World

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## Restorative Reintegration Institute Series

This year our institute series is focused on restorative reintegration. The series began in February with a think tank of about 20 experts who met in restorative dialogue to consider the many facets of restorative reintegration. This discussion will be summarized in a white paper that can be used to persuade criminal justice practitioners that a restorative approach would be helpful. These findings will also inform a public institute to follow later this year.

Additionally, in June we're partnering with Amplify Voices and the San Diego Diocese for a live storytelling event (currently planned to be both in-person and livestream), featuring speakers sharing stories of successful reintegration after incarceration. More information on that, including how to register, to come!

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**THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
RESEARCH COMMUNITY (RJRC)  
IS LOOKING FOR FELLOWS!**

# RJRC Is Looking for Research Fellows

The Restorative Justice Research Community (RJRC) is requesting applications for its inaugural cohort of Research Fellows. Fellows are US scholars who will serve as thought leaders and help shape the research agenda of the RJRC.

RJRC Fellows will engage in a two-year “think-tank” designed to explore foundational questions, build community, and advance the field of restorative justice research. The RJRC aims to contribute to the advancement of restorative justice research, including equity in the research process, by intentionally supporting the diversity of voices, perspectives, and models of inquiry.

**Applications close May 15th.** For more information, and to apply:

[Apply Here](#)

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## MARJ Curriculum Mapping Process

During fall 2020, we held a series of circles with students, faculty, community partners, Advisory Board members, and restorative justice practitioners to reflect on the learning outcomes of the Master of Arts in Restorative Justice (MARJ) Program. Circle participants were asked to reflect on what MARJ students need to know, do, and value as they prepare to take on leadership roles in the restorative justice movement. This process generated a new set of Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for the MARJ. The new PLOs were used in a course mapping process, which endeavored to understand, through engagement with program faculty and students, the extent to which our current course offerings fulfil the PLOs. The insights from this process are guiding our curriculum development moving forward. A report on this process to date can be viewed here:

[Read the Report](#)

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## ***The Restorative Lens* Podcast**

Our podcast, *The Restorative Lens*, launched last fall. Each series of *The Restorative Lens* will highlight different topics within the field of restorative justice and provide space to hear from those who are directly impacted or involved in the work. This first series features hosts LTomay Douglas and Alanna Ojibway interviewing several authors from the book *Colorizing Restorative Justice*, a collection of 18 different essays by 20 practitioners and scholars of color, exploring the issues of racism and colonization within the field of restorative justice and restorative practices. You can find it wherever you listen to podcasts.

**Listen to The Restorative Lens**

### **Restorative Justice Class in Prison**

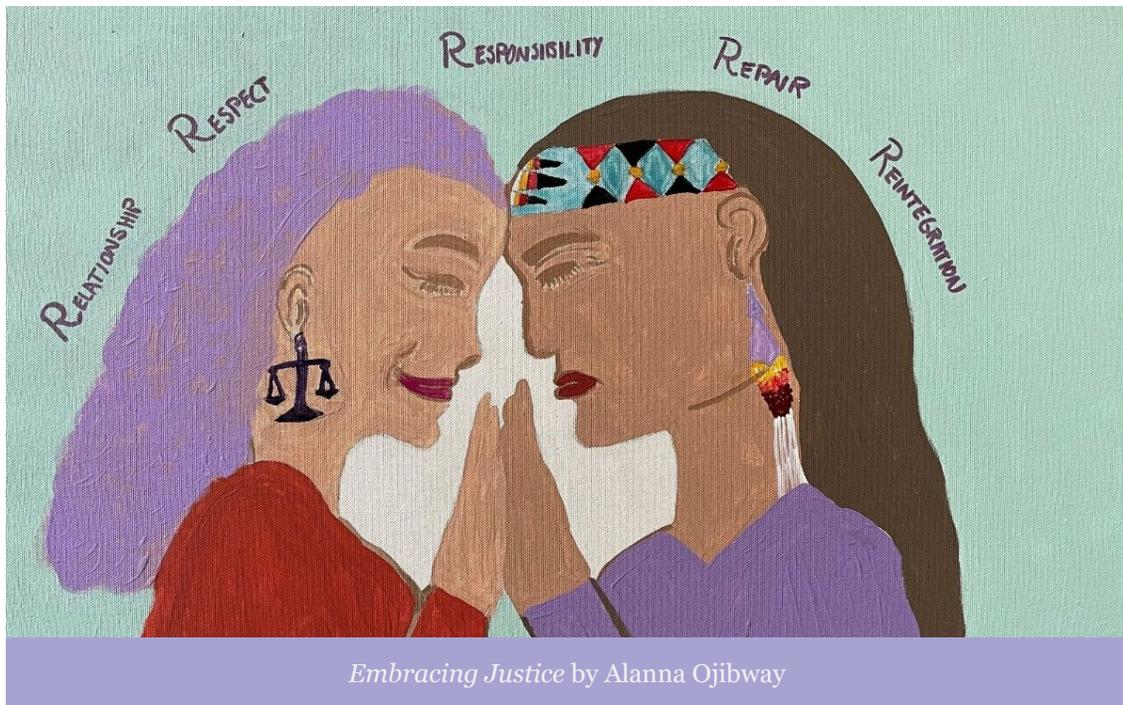
Professors Kathy Fox (UVM) and Lindsey Pointer (VLS) delivered a restorative justice course at Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility (CRCF) last fall for women incarcerated in the facility. The course introduced the philosophy

### **Restorative Approaches to Policing Institute**

The recordings of the keynote addresses and presentations that were part of our Restorative Approaches to Policing Institute last year are now live on [the NCORJ YouTube channel](#) and [restorativepolicing.com](#).

and practice of restorative justice and explored how restorative justice could be implemented in the prison setting. It was well-received, with 100% of participants indicating that they agreed or strongly agreed that the course positively impacted their thinking about relationships and how they will resolve harms and conflict in the future. Professor Fox continues to meet with participants to collaborate on a proposal for integrating restorative approaches in CRCF. The course will be offered again this coming fall.

During the two-day institute, Mike Butler delivered a keynote, "On the Qualities of Effective Policing," William T. Jackson, Kathleen McGoey, Staci Stallings, and Raymond Wilkes formed a panel on "The Role of Restorative Justice in Policing," Dr. Micah Johnson delivered a keynote on "Police Youth Dialogues: A Restorative Path Toward Justice," and William T. Jackson and Captain Tysheika L. Shaw-Williams lead a presentation on Police Youth Dialogues.



## ***Reimagining Justice: A Restorative Art Gallery***

For last year's International RJ Week, we issued a call to artists and restorative justice advocates to creatively represent a restorative approach to justice-making or to advance public understanding and implementation of restorative justice through art. We accepted art in all mediums.

As part of the leadup to the debut of the gallery, we hosted a two-part workshop with the Center for Artistic Activism. [You can view these on the NCORJ YouTube channel.](#)

You can see all of the submissions, along with submissions from the 2020 gallery, at [ncorj.art](http://ncorj.art).

## Visit the Gallery

### The NCORJ @ ASC's 76th Annual Meeting

Three members of the NCORJ team presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC)'s 76th Annual Meeting in Chicago last fall.

Professors Fox and Crocker (UVM) gave three presentations titled "Covid restrictions: correctional staff and incarcerated persons' perceptions," "Rules and Rehab," and "Health impacts of incarceration." Professor Pointer also presented at the ASC annual meeting as part of a panel on restorative justice theory and research.

### First Visiting Scholar, Dr. Brunilda Pali

The NCORJ and the Center for Justice Reform at Vermont Law School hosted our first Visiting Scholar, Dr. Brunilda Pali from Belgium.

Dr. Pali is a Senior Researcher at KU Leuven (Belgium) and a Lecturer at the University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands). During her visit, [Dr. Pali gave a public seminar titled "Restorative Responses to Environmental Harms, Conflicts, and Crimes,"](#) and met with VLS students, as well as members of the VLS environmental law faculty.

That's it for our first issue! We plan to have a new newsletter for you every other month, with occasional bonus updates about NCORJ events.

Restoratively,

*The National Center on Restorative Justice team*



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