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The graphic is a blue rectangular banner with a white border. In the top left corner is the BJA logo (Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice) and the Department of Justice seal. The word 'Webinar' is written in a white script font. The main title 'RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR REINTEGRATION & REENTRY' is in bold yellow and white capital letters. Below the title are five circular headshots of the panelists. Under each headshot is the name and title of the panelist. At the bottom left, the date and time 'May 31, 2023 3-4:30 PM ET' are in white text on a blue oval. At the bottom center, 'Register Here: ncorj.org/webinars' is in white text on a white oval. At the bottom right is the logo for the National Center on Restorative Justice, which includes logos for Vermont, The University of Vermont, and the University of San Diego.

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Webinar

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR REINTEGRATION & REENTRY

Kimberly Kras
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Annie E. Casey Foundation

**May 31, 2023
3-4:30 PM ET**

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Webinar Recording: Restorative Justice for Reintegration & Reentry

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for our recent webinar, "Restorative Justice for Reintegration & Reentry"!

This webinar, a part of our *Restorative Justice in the Criminal Legal System* series, introduced participants to restorative justice strategies to support reintegration following incarceration. The panelists discussed what specifically characterizes a restorative approach to reintegration support and the possibilities and challenges in expanding these models. This webinar corresponded with the publication of a white paper on Restorative Reintegration by the National Center on Restorative Justice, which will be made publicly available soon. You can watch the recording [here](#) or on our website by clicking the button below.

Save the date for the next entry in this webinar series, "Restorative Justice for Prosecutors," happening June 28 from 3:00pm-4:30pm ET. Register and find out more about the webinar series below. If you have any questions about this or any other webinars in the series, do not hesitate to reach out to Avery Arrington at aarrington@vermontlaw.edu.



Webinar Series RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM

- November 16, 2022:** Restorative Justice in the Criminal Legal System
- February 22, 2023:** Restorative Justice for Violence Prevention and Intervention
- April 26, 2023:** Restorative Justice for Police
- May 31, 2023:** Restorative Justice for Reintegration and Reentry
- June 28, 2023:** Restorative Justice for Prosecutors
- August 30, 2023:** Restorative Justice for Judges
- October 25, 2023:** Restorative Justice in the Carceral System
- November 15, 2023:** Victim-Offender Dialogue in the Criminal Legal System

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Restorative Justice Professional Certificate Scholarships

The Vermont Law & Graduate School Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice

- For recent college graduates and early to mid-career professionals
- Consists of **a foundational course & a wide selection of elective courses** tailored to individual professional interests
- Available online, on campus, or hybrid

The University of San Diego Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice Facilitation & Leadership

- For mid-career professionals
- Consists of **three online courses, a skill building intensive, & a practicum experience**
- Connect with a community of practice and be paired with a restorative mentor

As a part of its mission to expand access to Restorative Justice Education, the National Center on Restorative Justice provides scholarships to the University of San Diego and Vermont Law & Graduate School Professional Certificates in Restorative Justice programs.

Apply and learn more about each program at ncorj.org/CertificatePrograms



As a part of its mission to expand access to Restorative Justice Education, the National Center on Restorative Justice currently provides scholarships to the University of San Diego's Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice Facilitation and Leadership and the Vermont Law & Graduate School Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice (PCRJ) programs.

[The Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice Facilitation and](#)

Leadership at the University of San Diego is for mid-career professionals wishing to deepen their understanding of restorative justice, become skillful restorative facilitators, and lead efforts to implement restorative justice programs and policies in their work. This three-course program provides a comprehensive introduction to restorative justice facilitation and leadership through asynchronous online coursework, a skill building intensive, and a practicum experience where you will be connected to a community of practice and paired with a restorative mentor in your field of interest. **The next scholarship application deadline for the USD certificate program is June 30, 2023 (for the Fall 2023 cohort). [Apply here!](#)**

The Vermont Law and Graduate School Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice allows recent college graduates and early to mid-career professionals to learn about restorative justice and its relevance to their current or intended career. Students in the program take a foundational course and then select from a wide range of elective courses, depending on their professional interests. Courses include: *RJ in Education, New Approaches to Domestic and Sexual Violence, RJ in Indigenous Communities, Global Restorative Justice, Race/Crimes/and Restorative Justice, Environmental Restorative Justice, Pleas Sentencing and Accountability, and many more.* Courses are available to take online, on campus, or in a hybrid of both. After applying for admission to the PCRJ program, apply for a scholarship [here!](#)

Restorative Justice Professional Certificate Scholarship Awardee Highlight

As a part of its mission to expand access to Restorative Justice Education, the National Center on Restorative Justice provides scholarships to the **University of San Diego** and **Vermont Law & Graduate School** Professional Certificates in Restorative Justice programs.

Learn more about each program at ncorj.org/CertificatePrograms and read about Jason below!



Jason Samuel
University of San Diego



Jason Samuel, a recent recipient of the scholarship for USD's certificate program, is a community activist who finds his passion in supporting and mentoring opportunity youth through restorative justice practices. After growing up in an environment plagued by gangs he found himself joining a gang at the young age of 14. At 17 he was arrested and sentenced to life in prison for the attempted murder of a police officer. Within the 22 years served in prison Jason immersed himself into countless mentorship and self help programs to better understand his childhood and his decisions that led up to his incarceration. While finding himself he found his calling to give back to a generation of young people who have shared similar life experiences as him. Since coming home in 2019, he has continued to mentor, teach and lead workshops in schools, churches, and community meet ups. His mission is to help others gain healing from the trauma that can lead to a life altering decision. He hopes that his story can be used as a preventive solution and help provide insight to the power of empathy and accountability.

Visit the [NCORJ Website](https://ncorj.org) for Updates Regarding Scholarships



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MAP & DIRECTORY BY GOING TO
WWW.NACRJ.ORG

This project is a collaborative effort to create an easily accessible map & directory of restorative justice entities in the U.S.



Map of RJ Programs and Services

The National Association of Community and Restorative Justice (NACRJ), in collaboration with National Center on Restorative Justice (NCORJ), has created an online map and directory of organizations, education institutions, and other entities across the United States that offer restorative justice services. Individuals and organizations who are interested in being listed on the map and directory should review eligibility requirements and sign up using the button below.

Sign Up



NOW SEEKING SUBMISSIONS

**Restorative Justice
in Legal Education:
A Virtual Symposium
for Law Students**

Deadline:
July 14, 2023

Submit Here:
[ncorj.org/event/
RJinLegalEdCFP](https://ncorj.org/event/RJinLegalEdCFP)

Save the Date:
September 15, 2023
12pm-5pm ET

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Call for Proposals: Restorative Justice in Legal Education

The National Center on Restorative Justice will host a virtual symposium on restorative justice and legal education on September 15, 2023. We are currently soliciting panelist proposals from *current law students, prospective law students, and recent law school graduates*. **The deadline to submit a proposal is July 14, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. ET. You can submit a proposal [here](#) or by clicking the image above.** Information for how to register for the symposium will be shared later.

You may contact the event organizer, Leah Wilborn-Neese, at LWilbornNeese@vermontlaw.edu with questions.

About the Symposium

The aim of this one-day, virtual, gathering is to explore the applicability of restorative justice content and practices in the law school context and what restorative approaches have to offer the field of legal education. The gathering will focus on the perspectives of law students.

The existing criminal legal system replenishes itself regularly with newly minted graduates and other professionals educated and trained in an adversarial model. This classical education teaches criminal justice leaders to use the law, rules, and procedures to maximize the strength of their own position, while highlighting and exploiting the weaknesses of the adversary.

Educating undergraduate, graduate, and law students in the adversarial model perpetuates the use of the adversarial model.

Bringing restorative justice to the law school context interrupts this cycle and equips the next generation of criminal justice professionals to bring the restorative justice approach to bear in reforming the current system.

This event is an opportunity to learn more about restorative justice and to explore as a community of law students how restorative justice might be brought into law school classrooms and communities. The event is open to current law students, aspiring law students, and recent graduates from any law school in the United States. There is no requirement of previous knowledge of restorative justice to attend and the event is free of charge, though advanced registration is required.

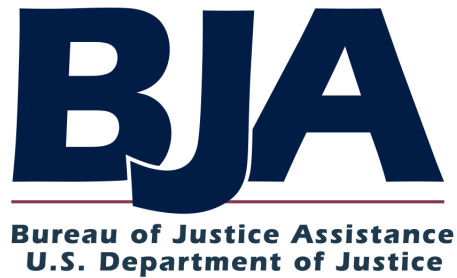


NCORJ Virtual Resource Library: The Gathering

Do you teach a higher education course in restorative justice, or train new practitioners? The National Center on Restorative Justice invites you to help with the creation of a virtual resource library to support restorative justice education. We envision a resource library for higher education that is inclusive, helpful, accessible and continuously improved. We invite you to take a few minutes to share the teaching resources that have been most beneficial to your work with students – readings, videos, podcasts and more. Thank you for participating!

Share Resources Here





FY 2023 Visiting Fellows Program (Opportunity ID O-BJA-2023-171742)

Grants.gov Deadline June 13, 2023, 8:59 pm Eastern

Application JustGrants Deadline June 20, 2023, 8:59 pm Eastern

Link: [FY 2023 Visiting Fellows Program | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#).

Direct link to Grants.gov page: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=347661>

Description: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks to invest in current and future leaders in the criminal justice field to advance priority national policy issues and offer cross-developmental opportunities for Department of Justice (DOJ) staff and criminal justice practitioners and researchers. The purpose of each fellowship is to make important policy and programmatic contributions in a criminal justice focus area. Fellows will collaborate with BJA and DOJ staff members to provide critical outreach, data, research, and subject matter expertise to inform the development of new BJA strategies, policies, and programs to benefit the field.

BJA will host up to eight fellows in the following focus areas to build capacity to address gaps and emerging issues in the criminal justice field:

- Supporting enhanced research partnership efforts to assist in the reduction of substance use-related crime and overdose.
- Enhancing support of and reducing stigma for persons with criminal justice involvement who are in recovery (seeking up to three fellows).
- Improving corrections and reintegration under the Second Chance Act.

- Enhancing the Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Conviction Program.
- Advancing strategies to prevent and respond to hate crimes.
- Enhancing strategies for addressing violent crime in tribal communities.

Awards made under the BJA Visiting Fellows Program will fund fellowships for a period of 24 months, including a “residency” period of 9 to 12 months when the fellow will be expected to commit a significant portion of their time to the fellowship and have an opportunity to work closely with BJA staff members both virtually and with some portion of their time working onsite at BJA in Washington, D.C. BJA offers a flexible work environment that supports both virtual and in-person work options.

Eligible Applicants:

- City or township governments
- County governments
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- State governments

See the [Successful Applications](#) page for samples of application narratives previously submitted for this and other BJA programs.



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With gratitude,
The National Center on Restorative Justice team

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