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Webinar
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR JUDGES

Robert Sand
Faculty
Vermont Law & Graduate School

Judge Patricia S. Spratt
Cook County Circuit Court

Judge Wesley Saint Clair
King County Superior Court

Judge Timothy P. Connors
Washtenaw County Trial Court

Judge Leo T. Sorokin
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

August 30, 2023
3-4:30 PM ET

Read Panelist Bios & Register at
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Webinar: Restorative Justice for Judges

Please join us for our next webinar in the *Restorative Justice in the Criminal Legal System* series: **"Restorative Justice for Judges" on August 30 from 3-4:30pm ET**. This webinar is intended for justice system actors and others looking to learn about restorative justice principles and their relevant applications for judges. Current and former seated judges will share their experiences implementing restorative justice practices in their role and the effectiveness within the criminal legal system. Panelists will also share challenges and recommendations for system implementation. Featured panelists include moderator Robert Sand, faculty at Vermont Law & Graduate School, Judge Patricia S. Spratt of the Cook County Circuit Court, Judge Wesley Saint Clair, formerly of the King County Superior Court, Judge Timothy P. Connors of the Washtenaw County Trial Court, and Judge Leo T. Sorokin of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

To read more about our panelists, register for this event, learn about upcoming webinars, and watch recordings of past offerings, please visit ncorj.org/webinars or click the button below.

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**August 22nd, 2023
1:00pm-2:00pm PST**

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Please join us for an informational webinar on the NCORJ's National Restorative Coaching Program (NRCP) on **Tuesday August 22 from 1:00pm-2:00pm PST.**

The NRCP provides restorative justice practitioners with individualized support in restorative skills, frameworks, and programmatic implementation. One-on-one coaching is delivered by restorative justice leaders who have a depth of experience from a wide range of restorative justice contexts. Coaching aims to deepen the innate capabilities and confidence of practitioners nationwide.

Individuals currently involved in implementing, participating, or supporting restorative justice programming are eligible to receive coaching. Each practitioner will receive up to 10 hours of coaching, scheduled over a six-month period in collaboration with their assigned coach. Thanks to funding provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), practitioners can benefit from coaching sessions at no cost.

To register for this webinar, click the button below. For more information about eligibility and the application process to receive coaching ncorj.org/coaching.

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Restorative Justice in Legal Education

Virtual Symposium

The National Center on Restorative Justice will host a virtual symposium on restorative justice and legal education on **September 15, 2023**. To register for this event and read panelist bios, visit ncorj.org/RJinLegal or click the button below.

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.

Register and Read Panelist Bios

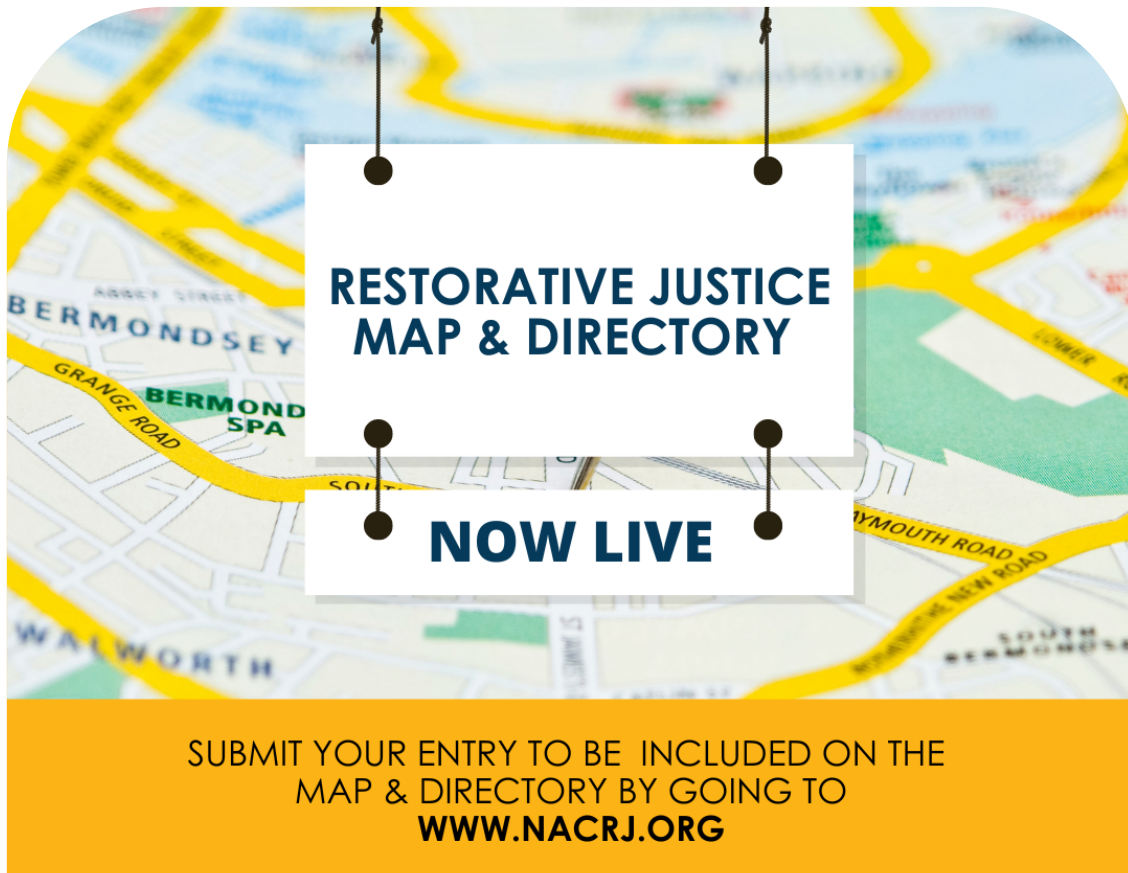




Re-Cap: Restorative Justice Research Community Gathering

The first RJ Research Community Gathering and Working Session was held on June 20-21, 2023, in Burlington, VT, and was attended by 22 people from across 17 organizations. The event was focused on “Growing the field of RJ research” and aimed to build and strengthen relationships among RJ researchers, reflect the pressing needs in the field, and discuss the directions of future RJ research. Participants had a connection circle where they were invited to form and foster bonds and relationships. They also engaged in discussions on the current state of RJ research and what has shaped the field to date through various activities such as case studies and group discussions. During the event, participants collectively reflected to identify gaps and needs in RJ research hoping to inform future directions to advance the field. For instance, several strategies were discussed to bridge the gaps between research and practice in the field, including opportunities for advancing community-based participatory research approaches. Overall, participants’ feedback was immensely positive. One of the participants shared “It was an exceptional event. I appreciated the opportunities to both discuss substantive issues and build relationships that will support our future work on RJ.” The event was organized in partnership with the University of Vermont.

Learn More About the RJRC



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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.

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Restorative Justice Professional Certificate Faculty 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 Professor Inga N. Laurent below!



Inga N. Laurent
Vermont Law &
Graduate School



Inga N. Laurent teaches "Reimagining Youth Justice" at Vermont Law & Graduate School. She is a legal educator and a Fulbright scholar. She is deeply curious about the world and its constructs and delights in uncovering common points of connection that unite our shared but unique human experiences. Her main area of focus centers on analyzing, re-imagining, and improving structures for justice that better address the shifting needs present in our evolving societies. In the classroom, Inga's goal is to prepare students for the same challenges and opportunities, equipping them with tools for honest – systems and self – assessment and critique.

Learn More about the Professional Certificate Programs

Thank you for being part of our community! If you know someone who would like to receive updates on the activities of the NCORJ, please encourage them to

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With gratitude,
The National Center on Restorative Justice team

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