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**Healing Our Justice System:
Restorative Justice and the Law**

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CHECK-IN

9:30-10:00 a.m. \ Levy Mayer Hall

WELCOME

10:00-10:25 a.m. \ Lincoln Hall

RJ Story, featuring International Indigenous Youth Council

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE 101

10:30-11:30 a.m. \ Lowden Hall

Featured Presenter:

Annalise Buth, M.R. Bauer Foundation Fellow, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

TRAUMA-INFORMED RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

10:30-11:30 a.m. \ Lincoln Hall

Featured Presenter:

Mark Umbreit, PhD, Professor and Director,
Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking,
University of Minnesota, School of Social Work

LUNCH (*Generously provided by our sponsors*)

11:30-12:00 p.m. \ Lincoln Hall

RJ Story, featuring Curt's Café

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: A RELATIONAL, HEALING, AND RADICAL JUSTICE

12:00-1:15 p.m. \ Lincoln Hall

Introduction by

Bernardine Dohrn (ret.), Founding Director, Children and Family Justice Center,
Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Featured Presenter:

Dr. Fania Davis, JD, PhD, Founder & Director, Restorative Justice of Oakland Youth

BREAK

1:15-1:30 p.m.

EXPANDING OUR CONCEPTION OF JUSTICE

1:30-2:30 p.m. \ Lincoln Hall

Introduction by

Judge Sophia H. Hall, Administrative Presiding Judge,
Resource Section, Juvenile Justice and Child Protection
Department, Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois

Moderator

Julia Prochazka, Northwestern Law Student (JD '17)

Panelists

Emmanuel Andre, Lead Attorney & Executive Director, Northside Transformative
Law Center, and Executive Director, Circles & Ciphers

Kathy Bankhead, Ombudsman, Department of Juvenile Justice

Emily Cole, Deputy Supervisor, Alternative Prosecution and Sentencing Courts,
Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Ethan/Ethos, Poet, Organizer, Abolitionist

RJ Story, featuring Ahkea Stewart

BREAK

2:35-2:45 p.m.

TRANSFORMING TRAUMA & INJUSTICE THROUGH MOVEMENT & MINDFULNESS

2:45-3:00 p.m. \ Lincoln Hall

Featuring

Catherine Ashton, E-RYT 500, LNHA, CCHt., Diplomate and BCETS, and
Founder & Director of Yoga To Transform Trauma

A VISION OF RESTORATIVE HEALING AND COMMUNITY

3:00-4:00 p.m. \ Lincoln Hall

Lynn Cohn, Director, Center on Negotiation and Mediation,
Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Christine Agaiby, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Chicago Public Schools

Marisa Fenn, Northwestern Law Student (JD '17)

Quentin Mables, Co-Executive Director, I Grow Chicago

Eha Luta Hoksila Yolotecutli (Rev. Tomás Ramirez), Executive Director,
Semillas y Raíces

Robin Robinson, Veteran Chicago Journalist and Director of Community Affairs,
Chicago Police Department

Rep. Juliana Stratton, Illinois House of Representatives, 5th District

RJ Story, featuring Patricia Boone (JD '16), Co-Founder, CompassBlu

CLOSING

4:00-4:30 p.m. \ Lincoln Hall

RECEPTION

4:30-5:30 p.m. \ Levy Mayer Hall

SPEAKERS



Dr. Fania E. Davis, JD, PhD

Founder & Director of Restorative Justice of Oakland Youth

Co-founder and Director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY), a national thought leader in the field, Fania Davis is a long-time social justice activist, a restorative justice scholar and professor, and a civil rights attorney with a Ph.D. in indigenous knowledge. Coming of age in Birmingham, Alabama during the social ferment of the civil rights era, the murder of two close childhood friends in the 1963 Sunday School bombing crystallized within Dr. Davis a passionate commitment to social transformation.

For the next decades, she was active in the civil rights, Black liberation, women's, prisoners', peace, socialist, anti-imperialist, anti-racial violence and antiapartheid movements. After receiving her law degree from University of California, Berkeley in 1979, Dr. Davis practiced almost 27 years as a civil rights trial lawyer with a subspecialty in academic discrimination. During the late 1990's, she entered a Ph.D. program in indigenous studies at the California Institute of Integral Studies, and apprenticed with traditional healers around the globe, particularly in Africa. Dr. Davis has since taught Restorative Justice and Indigenous Peacemaking at graduate and undergraduate levels. She has also served as counsel to the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers. Dr. Davis speaks and writes on the subjects of School-Based Restorative Justice, Race and Restorative Justice, the Indigenous Roots of Restorative Justice, Social Justice and Restorative Justice, Truth and Reconciliation, Youth-based Restorative Justice, the School-to-Prison Pipeline, Mass Incarceration, and other topics.

Numerous honors include the Ubuntu Service to Humanity award, the Maloney award recognizing exceptional contributions in youth-based restorative justice, World Trust's Healing Justice award, the Tikkun (Repair the World) Award, the Bioneer's Changemaker Award, and the LaFarge Social Justice Award. She is also a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. The Los Angeles Times named Dr. Davis a "New Civil Rights Leader of the 21st Century". She is a mother, grandmother, dancer, and yoga and qigong practitioner.

"Learning about restorative justice was an epiphany, integrating the warrior, lawyer and healer in me. I have since embraced RJ as part of my own continuing movement into wholeness and healing. Healing and spirituality are today a radical part of social justice."



Mark S. Umbreit, PhD
Professor and Director
Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking
University of Minnesota, School of Social Work

Dr. Mark Umbreit is a Professor and founding Director of the Center for Restorative Justice & Peacemaking at the University of Minnesota, School of Social Work. He is an internationally recognized practitioner and scholar with more than 40 years of experience as a program administrator, mediator, peacemaker, trainer, teacher, researcher, and author of ten books and more than 200 other publications. Mark has conducted training seminars and lectures throughout the world, in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Mideast, and North/South America. Dr. Umbreit also serves on the faculty of the Center for Spirituality & Healing at the University of Minnesota, teaching courses on Peacemaking, Spirituality, and Forgiveness. He serves as a Visiting Professor at the Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee. For the past 30 years Dr. Umbreit has served as a consultant/trainer for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mark initiated the first Muslim Restorative Justice Engagement Project in the Twin Cities and beyond. He has helped establish restorative justice programs in nearly every state of the U.S. and numerous other countries. Dr. Umbreit's research has contributed significantly to restorative justice policy development in the U.S. and other countries. Mark recently completed work as a Senior International Consultant with the United Nations Development Program and the Ministry of Justice in Turkey in support of their legislative efforts to implement victim offender mediation throughout the country. Dr. Umbreit and colleagues are currently engaged in a contract with the Nebraska Office of Dispute Resolution, under the Supreme Court. They are developing statewide protocols, training materials, providing frequent consultation, trainings, and evaluation services as Nebraska moves toward statewide implementation of victim offender mediation. At the National Restorative Justice Conference in June of 2013 Mark was elected the founding President of the new National Association for Community and Restorative Justice and at the 2015 National Conference he was re-elected President of the National Association for Community and Restorative Justice.

“Trauma informed restorative practices go far beyond technique and protocol. It requires facilitators to work with the energy of conflict and trauma, to be fully present with the involved parties in an authentic, caring manner that empowers the parties through giving choices, being flexible, adapting process to the culture of the involved parties, and having the process being truly voluntary with the choice to end the process at any point.”

Speakers have provided a quote in lieu of a traditional biography.

Christine Agaiby, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Chicago Public Schools

“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.” – Nelson Mandela

Emmanuel Andre, Lead Attorney and Executive Director, Northside Transformative Law Center, and Executive Director of Circles & Ciphers

“For the master’s tools will never dismantle the master’s house. They may allow us to temporarily beat him at his own game, but they will never enable us to bring about genuine change.” – Audre Lorde

Kathy Bankhead, Ombudsman, Department of Juvenile Justice

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt

Annalise Buth, M.R. Bauer Foundation Fellow, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

“Community is not an ideal; it is people. It is you and I. In community we are called to love people just as they are with their wounds and their gifts, not as we want them to be.” – Jean Vanier

Lynn Cohn, Director, Center on Negotiation and Mediation, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

“If you have come to help me you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.”
– Aboriginal Activists Group, Queensland, 1970s

Emily Cole, Deputy Supervisor, Alternative Prosecution and Sentencing Courts, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office

“In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same.”
– Albert Einstein

Bernardine Dohrn, Founding Director of the Children and Family Justice Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

“I’d like to say that when I say ‘white’ I’m not talking about the color of anybody’s skin. I’m not talking about race. It’s a curious country, a curious civilization, that thinks of it as race. I don’t believe any of that. White people are imagined. White people are white only because they want to be white.” – James Baldwin

Ethan/Ethos, Poet, Organizer, Abolitionist

“[A] wall is just a wall and nothing more at all. It can be broken down.”
– Assata Shakur

Marisa Fenn, Northwestern Law Student (JD '17)

"Those who have the privilege to know have the duty to act." – Albert Einstein

Judge Sophia H. Hall, Administrative Presiding Judge Resource Section,
Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Department Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois

"Restorative Justice is often seen as restoring right relationships, a healing process. Relationships can be defined by law, contracts or the tenets of a particular kind of relationship. When laws are violated, contracts breached, tenets trampled, lawyers are called in. Restorative principles provide lawyers with an additional perspective to the usual punishment or make them pay goals. Where the clients' relationship with a person or life changing event will continue, a lawyers' ability to offer a healing option may be a much needed additional service."

Quentin Mables, Co-Executive Director, I Grow Chicago

"If you don't stand for anything, you'll fall for anything."

Julia Prochazka, Northwestern Law Student (JD '17)

"Only the development of compassion and understanding for others can bring us the tranquility and happiness we all seek." – Dalai Lama XIV

Eha Luta Hoksila Yolotecutli (Rev. Tomás Ramirez),

Executive Director, Semillas y Raíces

"To that which is close and far

small and large

related to

I am" – Ancient Lakota statement of affirmation and balance

Robin Robinson, Veteran Chicago Journalist, Director of Community Affairs,
Chicago Police Department

"While is it much to my surprise that I find myself working with the Chicago Police Department, after so many years telling stories on television about violence and law enforcement, I've come to realize that this is not a career choice, but an assignment I cannot refuse. What I am discovering is the capacity for change fueled by an urgent need and the steadfast march of passionate people both within and outside law enforcement toward solutions that make sense and, if successful, can make us whole. Did I say "if" successful? As an African American mother, failure is not an option."

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