

The Ethics of Right-Relations
Healing the Harm, Using Restorative Justice.

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[An introduction to Restorative Justice - One 60 minute class.

Altercations causing a harm - whether they be from criminal activity, disputes, or “neighbors not being neighborly” - need to be resolved before that harm escalates in severity. Restorative Justice is an ancient method of resolving such conflicts by involving participation from all parties related to that harm. Restorative Justice methods have been continually used by indigenous societies to maintain community harmony, before and after an altercation occurs. RJ is now a growing world-wide concept being used as an alternate to the courts and penal systems. This class offers an introduction to the origins and philosophy of RJ, and a preview of how it is being used today.

The Practice of Restorative Justice.

[Three 90 minute sessions each to a specific practicum.

Restorative Justice is a method of dealing with the effects of criminal activity, person to person conflict, and unacceptable social behavior. Restorative Justice methods bring the harmed party and the offending party, as well as secondary parties, into the process. This gives the victimized party a voice, the offending party an accountable responsibility, and the community an ability to participate. Together, they all find an appropriate, agreeable and fair choice in what needs to be done to heal the harm caused. This course exhibits and practices the RJ techniques being used as an alternative method for: criminal justice; incarceration and, personal disputes and conflicts.