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Workshop A: Monday November 20, 2017, 12:45-1:30 PM

Standards and Accreditation for Restorative Practice Hayley MacKenzie

Hayley MacKenzie, Manager Community Services, is from the Ministry of Justice in New Zealand. She manages the team responsible for the provision of pre-sentence RJ services across New Zealand. Hayley's team manages the government's contracts with RJ providers and is responsible for the quality, continuous improvement and operational policy of these services. It also works closely with Restorative Practices Aotearoa – the national umbrella organisation for RJ, and Resolution Institute – the country's training and accreditation body for RJ providers.

Hayley has spoken about RJ, and the New Zealand government's role in the provision of RJ services, both nationally and internationally. Hayley's experience in the justice sector began when she worked as a Probation Officer for the Department of Corrections, and includes operational support roles for probation, prison and court. She gained a Master of Criminology, after studying Psychology, Maori Studies and Community and Family Studies at the undergraduate level.

Chris Straker

Christopher Straker was a teacher for 30 years. In 2007, he co-founded the Hull Centre for Restorative Practice. In 2013, Chris became one of ten Assessors and Consultants for the RJ Council's (UK) new Restorative Services Quality Mark. He also recently became a member of the RJ Council's 'Expert Group' to advise on policy and practice across the UK and is one of two assessors of the new Training Provider Quality Mark. What's more, in 2015, Chris became a Board member of Restorative Practices International.

Chris has worked on strategic, city-wide, implementation of RJ. He has been spoken nationally and internationally on RJ. Furthermore, he has written resources for the development of restorative thinking, teaching and learning in primary and secondary schools. Chris has also helped develop training on restorative working in prisons, with domestic violence, and in other innovative areas. Today Chris trains and consults with all agencies (schools, social care, prisons, children's homes) working with young people, families and communities across the UK.

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Dialogue Circle: How Do We Evaluate RJ More Effectively Diane Crocker

Diane Crocker is a Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Saint Mary's University where she teaches research methods and feminist criminology. Her research areas include restorative justice, violence against women, criminal harassment and the use of law to address social problems, particularly those that disproportionately affect women. She has completed several evaluations related to restorative justice programs in prisons. Most recently, she evaluated a domestic violence court program in Nova Scotia and is currently working with government and community agencies to expand the model and incorporate restorative approaches in other regions of the province. Dr. Crocker uses diverse methods, qualitative and quantitative, in her evaluations and is increasingly moving toward narrative and participatory approaches.

A Language of Restorative Justice For Everyday Harms Marion Little

Marion Little, MA Dispute Resolution, manages Community Mediation Peterborough at the John Howard Society of Peterborough. She is also a Certified Trainer with the international Centre for Nonviolent Communication. Until recently, she was an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the MA Dispute Resolution Program at the University of Victoria, teaching courses in Collaborative Leadership and Mediation Ethics. Marion's background in organizational leadership focuses on restorative practice, community wellness, social justice, belonging, and safe sanctuary.

Marion's academic research evaluates compassionate Nonviolent Communication (Rosenberg, 2015) training for youth as applied restorative justice principles and as a tool for developing empathy, self-empathy, and honest assertiveness. Results show reduced violence and desire to commit violence.

Marion has served as Executive Director for social services providing youth housing, affordable childcare, and peer-to-peer supports for sex workers. As a Human Resources Specialist she has also administered the Sexual Misconduct Policy for the Anglican Diocese of BC.

Restorative Justice, Emotions, and Insights from Transformative Mediation Jane Dickson

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Dr. Dickson has a B.A., M.A. (Simon Fraser), Ph.D. (London School of Economics and Political Science) Dr. Dickson's research interests relate to her twenty years of experience with First Nations and Citizenship/Membership, Criminology, Dispute Resolution/Restorative Justice, First Nations and Traditional Justice. She works with First Nations communities in addition to her academic role at Carleton, most often with the Cree Nation.

Neil Sargent

Neil C. Sargent is Associate Professor in the Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa. He obtained his LL.B. from the University of Nottingham, and his LL.M from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto. His scholarly interests focus on law and literature, detective fiction, corporate criminal liability, and alternative dispute resolution.

Rebecca Bromwich

Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich is Program Director for the Graduate Diploma in Conflict Resolution program. She is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario (ADRIO) and has a Certificate from the Program on Negotiation Master Class at Harvard University (2017).

Rebecca received her Ph.D. in 2015 from the Carleton University Department of Law and Legal Studies, and was the first ever graduate of that program. She was awarded a Carleton Senate Medal as well as the 2015 CLSA Graduate Student Essay Prize for her graduate work. Rebecca also has an LL.M. and LL.B., received from Queen's University in 2002 and 2001 respectively, and holds a Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies from the University of Cincinnati.

Inuit Culture and Restorative Justice Zippora Nochasak

Zippora Nochasak was born and raised in Nain Labrador (Nunatsiavut). Her parents are originally from Hebron/Ramah Nunastiavut but were relocated to Nain in 1959. Despite relocation, she was raised by her grandparents. She comes from a family of bear hunters and has five daughters and three grandchildren. Zippora has been in Ottawa for six years and works as the Cultural Coordinator at Tungasuvvingat Inuit implementing cultural activities and programming. She delivers cultural awareness workshops to schools and organizations to present Inuit History from an Inuit perspective.

Joshua Payer

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Joshua Payer is the Restorative Justice Coordinator at Tungasuvvingat Inuit (T.I.) in Ottawa, Ontario. T.I. is an Inuit-specific provincial service provider that delivers social support, cultural activities, counselling, and crisis intervention as a one-stop resource centre to meet the rapidly growing, complex and evolving needs of Inuit in Ontario. Previously, Joshua worked as a Counsellor at T.I. and has over five years of experience supporting the economically disenfranchised population in Ottawa as a shelter worker and manager. He graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in Social Sciences with a specialization in Criminology and Psychology.

Restoring Justice Through Problem Solving Courts Edward Kelly

Graduate of Queen's University (Honours B.A. 1984) and Osgoode Hall Law School (L.L.B. 1988). Called to the Ontario Bar in 1990. Practiced as Duty Counsel on behalf of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan from 1990 to 1992 and then as a sole practitioner from 1993 to 2013. While in private practice represented persons with mental health disabilities who were subject to criminal prosecution in the Ontario Court of Justice and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and also represented persons found to be unfit and not criminally responsible before the Ontario Review Board.

In 2013 appointed as a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice. Presiding since 2014 at the Toronto West Ontario Court of Justice Courthouse. Judicial duties include management of the Youth Community Reconciliation Court.

Past member of the Criminal Lawyers' Association, the Canadian Bar Association, the Toronto Lawyers' Association, the Toronto (Old City Hall) Mental Health Court Committee, the Toronto (Downtown) Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee.

Participant as a panelist and speaker at legal education programs sponsored by the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Advocate's Society, the Criminal Lawyers Association, the Toronto Lawyer's Association,

the Ontario Court of Justice, the National Judicial Institute, Osgoode Hall Law School, the Ontario Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee and Legal Aid Ontario.

Carl Lem

A member of the Ottawa Crown Attorney's office since his call to the bar in 2006, Carl Lem has been serving as the Assistant Crown Attorney in Ottawa's Mental Health and

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Drug Treatment Courts since early 2017. He is also one of three provincial Crowns staffing the new Indigenous Peoples Court.

He received his law degree from the University of Victoria, which comprised co-op terms in the private sector and at what is now the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, as well as an academic term at the University's legal clinic.

Carl is passionate about both the theoretical and practical aspects of his job as a prosecutor. He is a designated wiretap agent and enjoys presenting to students, police officers and other justice system participants on a range of legal issues.

After a decade of conducting criminal prosecutions of all types, Carl feels privileged to be working in his current roles and striving to engage the administration of justice with the broader community in creative and evolving ways.

Gracie Froese

Grace is the Program Manager for the Edmonton Drug Treatment Court Service program. Grace has a 25-year history working in the field of corrections and addictions. During that time, her employment has included working for Alberta Justice & Solicitor General with adult and youth offenders, FASD initiatives and employee wellness and engagement. Grace has also worked with Alberta Health Services as an addictions counselor. She has most recently been with the Edmonton John Howard Society for over 3 years and is responsible for the program service delivery of the Edmonton Drug Treatment Court. Grace is on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals and also on the board of the International Drug Court Professionals.

Sharon Lockhart

Sharon is the Director of Integrated Programs in Vancouver. Sharon has extensive experience working in the field of Justice and her current portfolio includes the Vancouver Downtown Community Court, the Drug Treatment Court of Vancouver and the Vancouver Intensive Supervision Unit. Sharon is on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals.

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The Blueprint project: Increasing RCMP Detachment referrals to community based restorative justice programs Jordan Diplock

Jordan Diplock provides research support to study the effectiveness of the RCMP's crime prevention activities in British Colombia. He conducted a three-year review of the role of the RCMP in restorative justice in BC, which now guides the RCMP's direction in restorative justice. Jordan is also an instructor for the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Fraser Valley, and for the Justice Institute of BC.

Darren Munroe

Cpl. Darren Munroe is the Director of Restorative Justice for 'E' Division RCMP, within the Crime Prevention Services unit, where he provides education and advice to frontline police and community programs across the Province of British Colombia. He has 20 years of service with the RCMP, serving in three BC detachments before joining Crime Prevention Services in 2014. During his career, Cpl. Munroe was exposed to restorative justice and found it matched his personal beliefs and policing philosophy.

Dialogue Circle: How to Instill Public Confidence in RJ Practices through the Meaningful Accountability of Offenders Stacey Alderwick

Stacey Alderwick is a restorative justice facilitator, educator and mediator. Her work in Correctional Service Canada's Restorative Opportunities Program supports people who have been affected by serious and violent crime to work through the impacts, articulate their needs and communicate with others involved in the matter. Stacey works with both victims and offenders on a difficult journey with compassion, empathy and a desire to leave people feeling whole.

Stacey's role as an educator at the University of Guelph enhances the capacity of students, staff and faculty to work with principles of equity, diversity and inclusion in an intercultural environment.

As Principal of Alderwick & Associates, Stacey provides education, facilitation and conflict management services to clients in academic, non-profit and government sectors in ways that encourage collaboration, mutual respect and teamwork.

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Dialogue Circle: Moving Toward a New Paradigm: Conversations about RJ Bruce Schenk

For over 20 years Bruce has worked as a restorative practice developer, trainer and practitioner in schools and other settings across Canada. This includes professional development, planning and restorative practice facilitation with schools and districts, youth and adult justice, community services, Indigenous groups, workplaces and faith communities. He served for many years as the chaplain at Brookside Youth Centre in Cobourg, Ontario, a young offender secure custody facility, as well as lead for restorative justice in a policy analyst role with the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Currently, he is Director of the International Institute – Canada.

The Social Construction of RJ in Brazil Joao Salm

Joao is an Assistant Professor at the Criminal Justice Department at Governors State University (GSU), in Chicago. He taught the Simon Fraser University online restorative justice courses from 2010 to 2015. Joao is involved in the international cooperation between Canada, the United States and Brazil in restorative justice. Since February 2017, Joao has worked as a consultant to the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund in Guinea Bissau, Africa, where he introduced the concept of restorative justice.

Additionally, from 2014 to 2016 Joao worked as a consultant for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Fiji and the Solomon Islands, providing tailored technical support to government and non-profit organizations in the area of social and restorative justice. Since 2010, he has worked as a consultant to the Supreme Courts of several states in Brazil: Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Santa Catarina, Minas Gerais and Rio Grande do Sul. Since 2010, he has organized the main international symposiums on restorative justice in Brazil with the support of the Canadian Foreign Ministry. Joao was one of the main guest speakers on restorative justice at the World Juvenile Justice Congress, in Geneva, Switzerland in January of 2015, an event supported by the Swiss government.

Joao has also collaborated with regional, national, and international organizations, including the Organization of the American States (OAS), the Association for Conflict Resolution, San Francisco Community Boards and the School of Judges and Supreme Courts of Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Minas Gerais and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Healing the Heart of Education – A Restorative Approach Brenda Reinkeluers

Brenda has worked within the educational system for 20 years in a position that explores and addresses student behaviour. Because of her experience in the

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educational system, she has witnessed first-hand the challenges of a punitive disciplinary approach. After having completed the Restorative Justice Certificate program at Simon Fraser University as well as a Master's degree with research based on the efficacy of restorative principles, she is even more encouraged by the potential of restorative work as a means to greatly enhance the learning experiences for students, staff, and administrators.

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Restorative Justice as a Trauma Informed Approach Judah Oudshoorn

Judah Oudshoorn is a Professor in Community & Criminal Justice at Conestoga College. He has many years of experience as a restorative justice mediator and trainer. His work centres on making justice systems more trauma informed and working toward ending male violence. Judah is the author of Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice in the United States, Trauma-Informed Youth Justice in Canada, and The Little Book of Restorative Justice for Sexual Abuse. Significantly, Judah likes hot coffee, cold beer, warm sunshine, and comfortable chairs, but most importantly, he is a proud dad and husband.

Exploring the Dimensionality of Community in Restorative Justice Alana Abramson

Alana Abramson has been involved in the field of restorative justice (RJ) as an academic, practitioner, and trainer since 1999. Alana has extensive experience implementing RJ in community, prison, and school contexts. Her research has discussed the role of police and community in RJ. Alana has also explored the role of post-secondary education in advancing the RJ paradigm. Her work makes linkages between transformative learning theory and restorative justice, and provides insight with respect to the impact that learning about RJ has on students' beliefs, relationships, and actions. Alana is a full-time Criminology instructor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, BC. She also co-coordinates the Alternatives to Violence Project for the Fraser Valley.

Tania Arvanitidis

Tania Arvanitidis is a PhD Candidate within the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University. She obtained her B.A. in Sociology and Social Psychology at the University of Guelph in 2009, and her M.A. in Criminology at Simon Fraser University in 2013. Her M.A. thesis, "From Revenge to Restoration: Evaluating General Deterrence as a Primary Sentencing Purpose for Rioters in Vancouver, British Columbia," examined the sentencing of adult rioters convicted of participating in the hockey riot that took place in Vancouver, Canada, on June 15, 2011. In this thesis, she argued for the use of restorative justice for rioters in place of custody sentences. Tania has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Vancouver Association for Restorative Justice.

Brenda Morrison

Brenda Morrison is the Director of the Centre for Restorative Justice and an Associate Professor in the School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University. She is a social

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psychologist with field experience in outdoor education, government administration, and justice. She has developed a range of restorative justice courses within the School of Criminology and Faculty of Education. Internationally, she has presented papers at the House of Lords and UNESCO. She serves on the Board of Smart Justice Canada, and on the justice reform initiatives for the federal Department, and provincial Ministry, of Justice. In her home community, she is an active board member for the North Shore Restorative Justice Society.

Krystal Glowatski

Krystal Glowatski is a fourth-year PhD student at Simon Fraser University. She has been personally interested in restorative justice since childhood, and professionally engaged in the study and practice throughout her academic career. Her past research has focused on public and police perceptions of restorative justice. Her PhD research focuses on understanding the lived experiences of those related to an offender using a relational lens, and how restorative practices can impact those experiences. She also engages in volunteer mediation work, as she has a passion for helping others and for seeing restorative justice in practice.

Tamara Pearl

Tamara Pearl is a Registered Clinical Counsellor and an adjunct faculty member in Adler University's Master's of Counseling, Psychology and Art Therapy program. She is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University. She has volunteered as a restorative justice facilitator and has worked in cross-cultural bridge building with Peace it Together, Reconciliation Canada, and The Daniel Pearl Foundation.

Dialogue Circle: What are the next Steps for the Values, Principles and Guidelines for RJ in Canada?

Barbara Tomporowski

Barbara Tomporowski co-chairs the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Working Group on Restorative Justice. She is a Senior Policy Analyst with Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and has taught classes on restorative justice, mediation, and community-based justice approaches at the Department of Justice Studies, University of Regina. She publishes articles on restorative justice, is a member of the Steering Committee for Circles of Support and Accountability South Saskatchewan, and participated on the Steering Committee that developed the Canadian Restorative Justice Consortium. She served on the Provincial Board of the John Howard Society of Saskatchewan for many years, and in 2013 she received the John Howard Society of Canada National Award for Community Service.

Sarah Jackman

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Sarah Jackman is the Executive Director of the Punky Lake Wilderness Camp Society, a non-profit organization which provides Restorative Justice/Peacemaking services to the First Nations' communities in the central BC area through the Tsilhqot'in Restorative Justice Program. The Society also provides life skills and cultural programming to at-risk aboriginal youth in the Chilcotin area through wilderness camps, sports camps, and workshops as well as youth supervision and adult probation clients.

Sarah has training in both Community Justice Forums and Peacemaking Circles, and provides training opportunities in the area. Sarah is a Board Member for the Canadian Restorative Justice Consortium (CRJC). Sarah also serves as Board President of the local Big Brothers & Big Sisters agency, and is a member of the Williams Lake Community Council for Restorative Justice. Sarah was born and raised in west Chilcotin, the area in which she now works and provides services.

Family Group Conferencing: Deeper than Decision Making;

Gayle Desmeules

Gayle Desmeules, M.A., QMed, Board of Governor for Portage College. Being a Métis grandmother and child of a residential school survivor has influenced Gayle's practice and understanding of intergenerational trauma and recovery. Using narrative inquiry, Gayle researched the intention of Family Group Conferencing (FGC) "A Sacred Circle" from an Indigenous (Cree) worldview. This was published by The Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare, FGC Chapter 8, "Putting a Human Face on Child Welfare" www.cecwcepb.ca. Since 2003, Gayle has facilitated FGC's, mediated talking circles, writes Gladue Reports and provides Family Mediation. She's trained social-justice-education personnel and community facilitators across Canada. With a passion for community development, Gayle assisted Blue Quills University among others, such as Dakota Ojibway CFS, to develop internal FGC training capacity. As a Licensed Trainer for the International Institute for Restorative Practices – Canada www.iirp.edu, Gayle enjoys assisting others to promote an empowering climate in any setting through her company True Dialogue, www.truedialogue.ca.

Experiencing Restorative Opportunities First Hand - Our Story Carole Eldridge

Carole has almost 45 years of practice as a program administrator and conflict management practitioner. In 2004, she was invited to join the Restorative Opportunities

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program and began taking cases in 2007. For her, it has been the most fulfilling and engaging experience to date.

Cynicism and frustration are sometimes Carole's reality in working as a Mediator in RJ. People who have offended and want to be in touch with the victims they harmed are not given that opportunity. Victims who have moved past the crime and want to meet with those who offended are not encouraged to do so. Pam and Patrick remind her to believe in the power of restorative justice.

Pam

I will never forget the day I was told that my brother Brian was dead; it was September 13, 2008. We were close in age, always together and he was one of my favourite people. He was an amazing person who did not always make good choices. He was 35. His death hit my family and me hard.

I will never forget the first time I heard Patrick's name. It was the morning of my brother's wake. The police came to tell us that they had arrested Patrick and charged him with 1st degree murder. At first I was happy; then the sadness, rage, and horror set in, followed by exhausting and self destructive grief. How was I going to survive? I also had my three children to think of - were they going to be ok? I can tell you that hating Patrick was not the answer either, because I did that and it took me to the darkest places in my life. Eventually I knew I had to try to forgive him to allow me to again see brightness in the lives of me and my children.

I now have proof that good, even great, things can come out of a horrible situation.

Renee Laframboise

Renée Laframboise has worked in the Public Service of Canada since 1997. Ten years ago she joined the Restorative Justice Unit of the Correctional Service of Canada, where she dedicates her time to the coordination of the Restorative Opportunities Program that offers victims, offenders, and community members the opportunity to communicate directly or indirectly with the offender that caused the harm. Renée holds a degree in Criminology from the University of Ottawa. During her studies, she had the opportunity to learn about, and participate in, victim-offender mediation processes in Belgium. She also worked with an alternative justice organisation in Quebec where she administered extrajudicial sanctions under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Renée is grateful for every opportunity to share and promote the positive impacts of applying restorative justice practices within corrections.

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A Principle-based Approach: Building a Framework for Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Jennifer Furlong

Jennifer Furlong is Executive Director of Cumberland Restorative Justice Society in Amherst, Nova Scotia. She entered the world of restorative justice as a volunteer in 1999 and worked as a Community Educator and Caseworker before taking on the role of Director in 2009. Jennifer considers her collaborative relationship with other local, community-based organizations and service providers as the key to successful delivery of the Restorative Justice Program in her region.

Through Jennifer's participation as a partner in the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice – Community University Research Alliance, she has gained knowledge of the application of a Restorative Approach beyond Restorative Justice as a response to conflict and harm. Jennifer is passionate about sharing her knowledge of restorative approaches with organizations and service providers in her community.

Jennifer Llewelyn

Jennifer Llewellyn is the Viscount Bennett Professor of Law at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She has written and published extensively on the theory and practice of a restorative approach in both transitional contexts and established democracies. Professor Llewellyn was the Director of the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Alliance (NSRJ-CURA) a collaborative research partnership between university and community partners focused on the institutionalization of restorative justice. She is currently Director of the International Learning Community on a Restorative Approach involving seven jurisdictions internationally. Professor Llewellyn advises and supports a number of projects and programs using a restorative approach in Nova Scotia and internationally. She was awarded the Ron Wiebe National Award for Restorative Justice from Correction Services Canada in 2015.

Heather McNeil

Heather McNeil is Executive Director of Island Community Justice Society in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Her agency is one of the nine community partners with the NS Restorative Justice program. She works collaboratively with government and community agencies to deliver the Restorative Justice program to offenders, victims, families, and their communities. Her agency is also one of the two pilot sites to deliver the Integrated Adult Restorative Justice program. In more recent years, Heather and ICJS have expanded beyond the traditional Restorative Justice program and has become an important contributor to society by creating opportunities for others outside of a criminal context.

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Bringing Restorative Justice into Schools and the CATCH program (Children at the Critical Hour) have been successful in providing an opportunity for community members to create relationships and have meaningful conversations, thus decreasing the impact on the criminal justice system. As part of Island Community Justice Society over the last 17 years, Heather has seen firsthand as both staff and director, the importance of providing a relational approach through a different lens of justice.

Indigenizing Justice to Renew Relationships between Indigenous People and Canada

Allen Benson

Dr. Allen Benson, LLD (Hon.) is a member of the Beaver Lake First Nation. His life experience has fostered the development of strong family and community values: sharing, generosity and compassion for others which he has transformed into innovative service delivery, community-based action and a strong vision for the future of Aboriginal people. Dr. Benson has dedicated his life to advocating for the poor and disenfranchised and the actualization of healthy Aboriginal individuals, families and communities, both in Canada and internationally.

As Chief Executive Officer of Native Counselling Services of Alberta and President and CEO of BearPaw Communications Limited, he has spearheaded the development of many ground breaking programs for Aboriginal people, particularly in the areas of corrections and employment, restorative and social justice, health, housing and employment.

Allen has received the following recognition: the Alberta Centennial Medal, the Alberta Aboriginal Role Model Award in Justice, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Alberta and the International Community Corrections Association's highest honour: the Margaret Mead Award. In 2013, Allen was appointed Chair of the Alberta Family Violence Death Review Committee. He is currently Past President of the National Association Active in Criminal Justice (NAACJ).

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The First Nations Courts and the Impact of a Restorative Justice Process in a Sentencing Court

Yvon Dandurand

Yvon Dandurand is a criminologist, member of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Fraser Valley, as well as a Fellow and Senior Associate of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy, a United Nations affiliated institute. He specializes in comparative criminal law and criminal justice research and has been extensively involved in numerous justice reform and policy development projects in Canada, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Annette Vogt

Annette Vogt is an Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and recognized for her expertise in building collaborative social justice partnerships. Her specialty has been largely applied to the context of K-12 schools and in community settings where she also serves as a board member, advisory member, and consultant for a variety of initiatives.

Co-Creative Circle: The Canadian (R)Evolution: What Does Tomorrow Look Like, and How Do We Get There?

Christine Peringer

Christine is a facilitator, mediator and communications trainer consulting to non-profit organizations in Canada and internationally. She specializes in leading multistakeholder planning and problem-solving processes in justice, health, the environment and other fields. Since graduating from law school, she has held a number of positions as staff or board member of peace and community-building organizations locally and nationally. Christine has been involved as a board member, facilitator and community volunteer of the Lanark County Community Justice Program since its founding in 2001. When not attending meetings, she can be found gardening, dancing or walking in woods and fields.

Dialogue Circle: What Are the Challenges of Working from A Victim Centred Approach in Restorative Justice? Lara Rooney

Lara Rooney is a policy analyst with the Policy Centre for Victim issues at the Department of Justice. She is a member of the Federal-Provincial Territorial Working Group on Restorative Justice and chairs a joint sub-committee on victim issues and restorative justice. Lara has had an interest restorative justice for a number of years and was involved in the initial development of the first set of Principles and Guidelines

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for Restorative Justice in Criminal Matters documents. She is also married and the proud mother of two terrific kids.

Work to Give: A Prison – Community Partnership Laura Leask

Laura Leask is an Aboriginal Correctional Program Officer for the Correctional Service of Canada, she has been with the Service since 2001. Laura was born and raised in British Columbia but her family comes from the Manitoba Cree Nation, her Spiritual name is Medicine Star Woman.

Laura has worked all ranks as a uniformed Correctional Officer and in 2015 took a permanent position facilitating Correctional Programs to Aboriginal men in a multi level security institution. In addition to this she is also the Correctional Service of Canada Regional Coordinator for the Work to Give Project in British Columbia.

Sarah Jackman

Sarah Jackman is the Executive Director of the Punky Lake Wilderness Camp Society, a non-profit organization which provides Restorative Justice/Peacemaking services to the First Nations' communities in the central BC area through the Tsilhqot'in Restorative Justice Program. The Society also provides life skills and cultural programming to at-risk aboriginal youth in the Chilcotin area through wilderness camps, sports camps, and workshops as well as youth supervision and adult probation clients.

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Worker Coops and Offender Restoration: A Story of the Transformational Power of Community Ralph Lawrence Gutkin

Ralph Gutkin practiced law until his licence was revoked for professional misconduct. He subsequently trained and worked as a mediator and college instructor.

In 2012, he violently assaulted his partner and spent 32 months in jail. Time in custody afforded Ralph the opportunity to reflect on his past, a process which continued upon his release. With the assistance of a psychologist, his own research and the support of family and community, Ralph has come to an understanding of the roots of his past behaviour and has found the path to wholeness.

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Upon his release from jail, Ralph moved to Peterborough where he has become actively engaged in community activities including volunteering in a community mediation program, Sidewalk Talk (an empathetic listening initiative), and Peterborough Dialogues, a vehicle for community engagement. He has spearheaded two community projects including an effort to launch a multi-stakeholder worker coop for former inmates.

Restorative Justice, Narrative Therapy and Domestic Violence

Tod Augusta-Scott

Tod Augusta-Scott, MSW is known internationally for his work with domestic violence, restorative justice and narrative therapy. He has spent the last twenty years as the coordinator of Bridges Institute – a domestic violence counselling, research and training institute in Nova Scotia, Canada. His work is primarily influenced by feminism, post-modernism and narrative therapy. He has taught at Dalhousie University. He also works for the Department of National Defense. He had conducted restorative justice training with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission and worked closely with the shelter movement in Nova Scotia to develop these ideas and practices.

Tod has presented his work in every province in Canada. His group facilitator manual for working with men has been officially adopted by two provinces and one territory in Canada. Tod has also presented his work internationally in China, USA, Europe and the British Isles. He is a reviewer for numerous academic journals. He has published widely and is the co-editor of and contributor to the critically acclaimed books Narrative Therapy: Making Meaning, Making Lives (Sage Publications, 2007) and Innovations in Interventions with Intimate Partner Violence (Routledge, 2017). His work is highlighted in the documentary A Better Man (2017).

Shuttle Restorative Practices: Overcoming the Challenges by Design Maureen Gauci

Since 1990, Maureen Gauci has mediated extensively in the areas of human rights, workplace, corporate-commercial, community, criminal and civil. Maureen was the Chief, ADR, at the Canadian Human Rights Commission where she mediated complex and high profile human rights complaints and co-ordinated their Informal Conflict Management System. Currently, she is a Senior Consultant (Conflict Management) with Correctional Service Canada and teaches Alternate Dispute Resolution at Queen's University (Faculty of Law). She is a member of the Steering Committee of Community Mediation Ottawa.

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Maureen holds a Masters Degree in Law (ADR), a Graduate Certificate in Regulatory Law Administration, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Law and Sociology, with a concentration in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Developing Victim Sensitive Standards for the Practice of Restorative Justice in Community—A BC Project Catherine Bargen

Catherine Bargen (MA) has studied and worked within the field of restorative justice since 1995. She is experienced across Canada and internationally as a consultant, trainer and practitioner in restorative justice and conflict transformation strategies, having practiced at both the Mediation and Restorative Justice Centre in Edmonton, and at Community Justice Initiatives in Langley, BC. Catherine is currently Program Manager and Restorative Justice Coordinator for B.C.'s Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. In this role, she serves as a resource and liaison for government and over fifty community-based restorative justice programs throughout the region

Alana Abramson

Alana Abramson has been involved in the field of restorative justice (RJ) as an academic, practitioner, and trainer since 1999. Alana has extensive experience implementing RJ in community, prison, and school contexts. Her research has discussed the role of police and community in RJ. Alana has also explored the role of post-secondary education in advancing the RJ paradigm. Her work makes linkages between transformative learning theory and restorative justice, and provides insight with respect to the impact that learning about RJ has on students' beliefs, relationships, and actions. Alana is a full-time Criminology instructor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, BC. She also co-coordinates the Alternatives to Violence Project for the Fraser Valley.

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Training Sessions: Tuesday November 21, 2017, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Indigenous Ways of Knowing: "Sacred Circles"

Gayle Desmeules

Gayle Desmeules, M.A., QMed, Board of Governors for Portage College. Being a Métis grandmother and child of a residential school survivor has influenced Gayle's practice and understanding of intergenerational trauma and recovery. Using narrative inquiry, Gayle researched the intention of Family Group Conferencing (FGC) "A Sacred Circle" from an Indigenous (Cree) worldview. Her work was published as Chapter 8, "A Sacred Family Circle: A Family Group Conferencing Model", in Putting a Human Face on Child Welfare: Voices from the Prairie (http://cwrp.ca/publications/907). Gayle facilitates FGC's, mediates talking circles, writes Gladue Reports and provides family mediation. She has trained social-justice-education personnel and community facilitators across Canada. With a passion for community development, Gayle has assisted Blue Quills University, Dakota Ojibway CFS (among others) to develop internal FGC training capacity. As a Licensed Trainer for the International Institute for Restorative Practices – Canada www.iirp.edu, Gayle enjoys assisting others to promote an empowering climate in any setting through her company True Dialogue, www.truedialogue.ca

Chief Kirby Whiteduck

Kirby earned an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Anthropology from York University and has partially completed a Masters of Social Work from Carleton University. He holds a Native Counsellors Certificate from the Ministry of Education of Ontario.

Outside of his educational pursuits, Kirby has spent all of his employment working for and with Pikwakanagan and First Nation Organizations. After university, he was employed for two years with the Union of Ontario Indians researching the Algonquin land claim. Kirby has also worked as a Social and Education Counsellor at the Ottawa Native Counselling Unit operated by Pikwakanagan. Other employment and commitments have all been with and in support of Pikwakanagan in varying capacities such as Manager of Education Services, Manager of Fish and Wildlife Commission, Researcher, Advisor and Land Claim Negotiator. Kirby is now in his ninth consecutive year as Chief and he currently holds the portfolios for Communications, Finance, Administration and Personnel, Child and Family Services, Negotiations and is the supervisor of the Executive Director of Operations.

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He is the author of 'Algonquin Traditional Culture', published in 2002. His book details the traditional culture of the Algonquins of the Kitchissippi Valley at the early period of European contact.

Working from a Victim-Centred Perspective: What, Why, and How?

Alan Edwards

Alan Edwards has been working in the field of restorative justice for 20 years, and is based in Edmonton, Alberta. He has co-facilitated countless encounters between victims and offenders, mostly in cases involving violence. Since 2004, he has been working exclusively on cases of serious and violent crime, in the Restorative Opportunities Program of Correctional Service Canada. Alan has co-authored five papers on restorative justice and violence and has delivered workshops throughout Canada and the United States. He is also an instructor with the Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute(CTRI), Achieve Centre for Leadership & Workplace Performance, and Guest Trainer for Community Justice Initiatives of Fraser Valley, BC (CJI). Alan is the recipient of the 2016 National Ron Wiebe Restorative Justice Award, which recognizes leadership in the service of justice and peace

The F Word: Exploring Forgiveness

Katy Hutchison is a best-selling author, professional public speaker and restorative justice advocate. What she describes as her "accidental career", one that has taken her around the world and touched the lives of thousands, began in 1998 following the murder of her husband Bob McIntosh. A passionate spokesperson for victim and offender issues, Katy also works with youth to understand social responsibility and develop their emotional literacy. Her book, entitled Walking After Midnight: One Woman's Journey Through Murder, Justice and Forgiveness is published in Canada and the US. Her 2013 TEDx talk has been viewed over 100,000 times.

Shannon Maroney was a high school teacher and counsellor in 2005 when violence tore her life apart. Her husband was in custody after confessing to the sexual assault and kidnapping of two women. Shannon faced difficult choices as she searched for a path that would lead her out of trauma and toward a positive future. After personally discovering the lack of help available for families of criminals, she became a restorative justice advocate who speaks internationally on the ripple-effect of crime. In detailing her heartbreaking story of grief, violence, judgment and stigma, she also tells the story of a journey filled with compassion, forgiveness and hope. Her memoir, Through the Glass was nominated for several awards including the Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction (2012) and was a Canada Reads Top 40.

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Understanding Deep-Rooted Conflict, Structures of Violence & Power Imbalances Carole Soucis

Carole Soucis is a lawyer, mediator and trainer, specialising in the field of dispute resolution. Over the past 25 years, Carole has held various positions in the field of dispute resolution including adjudicator, mediator, negotiator, facilitator, advisor, coach and trainer. Carole has worked in Canada and abroad and she is fluent in French, English and Spanish. She is a former board member of the Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution.

Iman Ibrahim

Iman Ibrahim is presently the Executive Director of the Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution (CICR). Prior to working with the Institute, she worked in conflict resolution at the Ombudsperson Office at the University of Ottawa. Iman lived and worked in Kuwait, Egypt and Canada. She holds a Third Party Neutral certificate from the Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution, a Master's degree in International Affairs and Conflict Resolution from Carleton University, a bachelor's degree in Humanities and Religion from Carleton University, a professional certificate in International Conflict Management, a certificate of Essentials for Ombuds from Osgoode Law School/ Forum of Canadian Ombudsman, and a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Kuwait University.

Iman has been involved in the community in managing projects related to peacebuilding, multiculturalism, and interfaith dialogue to address various political issues, constructive integration of minorities, promotion of democratic values, and prevention of extremism. She has been a member of the Christian/Muslim Dialogue since 2005 and has been for 9 years the co-Chair of Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Peace Initiative calling to establish a Federal Department of Peace, a Canadian movement connected to similar campaigns in 40 countries. She authored several papers on the compatibility between Islam and democracy, nonviolent revolutions, police-crowd relations, and the reconciliation between Muslims and the West. In 2014, Iman was selected as one of four Canadians to participate in the International Visitor Leadership Program in six US states under the theme of Human Rights and Interfaith Dialogue.

Circle Up! Using Circles and other Restorative Practices with Youth in Community and Educational Settings

Katie LeMay has worked in Ottawa with various community agencies as a staff, volunteer and board member. She holds a degree in International Development and Globalization from the University of Ottawa, a certificate in Trauma and Addiction Studies from Algonquin College, a Bachelor of Education and is an OCT certified teacher. In her roles at YOUCAN and other not-for-profit agencies, she has worked extensively in elementary

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and secondary schools in Ottawa, with a focus on teaching youth the skills to manage conflict in their lives and to foster healthy relationships. She has also developed and delivered workshops for educators and youth workers on how to use restorative approaches in their work with young people. Katie is a co-founder and co-director of InCircle.

Restorative Parenting: It's Complicated

Meredith Egan is an author and executive coach (Wild Goat Executive Coaching: wildgoatcoaching.ca) who has worked with crime victims and prisoners for more than twenty-five years. She has been trained in restorative justice mediation and peacemaking circles, and has been honoured to learn from many First Nations people. Meredith has taught and spoken in schools, universities, prisons and communities on restorative justice, creative writing, victim empathy, and restorative parenting, throughout Canada and internationally. She holds a Doctorate in Pharmacy from the University of Alberta.

In 2016, Just Living: A Novel was published, Meredith's first work of fiction. It characterizes the complicated relationships that exist in the aftermath of crime, and has received critical acclaim.

Beyond kale and yoga: strategies to reduce compassion fatigue and burnout as teams and individuals

Meaghan Welfare is the manager of a complaint and conflict resolution program with the Department of National Defence at CFB Kingston. She has many years of experience working in the field of conflict management in workplaces, communities, families and the criminal justice system. Meaghan has experience working in many government departments, with non-profit organisations and with public companies.

Meaghan develops and delivers training in fields including conflict management, communication, workplace bullying, decision-making for boards of directors, compassion fatigue and vicarious trauma. She is currently the Vice-President of the Board of Directors for Kingston Interval House, a shelter for abused women and children.