

UO Psychology 607 Graduate Seminar

Winter 2015

Trauma and Justice: The Case of Campus Sexual Violence

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Syllabus

CRN: 25262

Grading option: Optional

Credits: 2-4

Mondays 1:00-2:50

Straub 383

Course Home Page <http://dynamic.uoregon.edu/~jjf/courses/psy607-win15/>

Clinical Elective: We will request this status if anyone in class needs it.

Overview (under construction): We will explore theory and research on justice approaches to trauma prevention and healing. Topics will include punitive, deterrence, restorative, and transformative justice approaches. To a large extent we will focus on the particular case of college sexual assault. We will search for an approach that supports well-being, growth, justice, social equity, and peace.

Course Work: Students will be expected to attend all class meetings, do all assigned readings, and to participate actively in seminar discussion. In addition, each participant will lead a class discussion and, in advance of the class meeting, email to the class discussion questions by the Wednesday at noon before the Monday morning class. By the Wednesday at noon following the class, the student(s) leading discussion will email to the class a document including the discussion questions, any other presentation material, and capturing important discussion points from class.

Recommended Background Preparation: In a number of important ways this seminar builds upon some of the topics we considered in [last year's trauma seminar. It would be good to review those materials.](#)

Books for the course:

Zehr, H. (2002) *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*. Good Books.

Karp, D.R. (2013). *The Little Book of Restorative Justice for Colleges and Universities*. Good Books.

Weekly Reading Assignments

Week 1, January 5, Foundations: Theories of Justice

Discussion Leader: Marina Rosenthal

Readings:

- Pomerleau, W.P. (2013) Western Theories of Justice, *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://www.iep.utm.edu/justwest/>
- Zehr, H. (2002) *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*. Good Books.
- [Also see this sort glossary of justice theory terms](#)

Week 2, January 12, Foundations: The Impact of Trauma on Justice

Discussion Leader: Jen Gomez

Readings:

- Burstow, B. (2003). Toward a radical understanding of trauma and trauma work. *Violence against women*, 9(11), 1293-1317.
- Herman, J. L. (2005). "Justice from the victim's perspective." *Violence against women* 11(5): 571-602.
- Gomez, J.M. & Freyd, J.J. (2014). Institutional betrayal makes violence more toxic. [Op-Ed] *The Register-Guard* (Eugene, Oregon), August 22, 2014, p A9.

Week 3, January 19: MLK day, no class

Week 4, January 26, Institutional Betrayal and Restoration

Discussion Leaders: Alec Smidt

Readings:

- Koss, M. (2003). "Restorative justice for sexual violence: Repairing victims, building community, and holding offenders accountable." *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 989: 384-396.

- Johnson-Freyd, S. & Freyd, J.J. (2013). Revenge and forgiveness or betrayal blindness? [Commentary]. *The Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, **36**, 23-24.
- Smith, C. P., Gómez, J. M., & Freyd, J. J. (2014). The psychology of judicial betrayal. *Roger Williams University Law Review* 19: 451-475.
- Smith, C. P. F., J.J. (2014). Institutional betrayal. *American Psychologist* (69): 575-587.

Week 5, February 2, Controversies in Approaches to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses

Discussion Leader: Brianna Delker

Readings:

- Association for Student Conduct Administration (2014). Student Conduct Administration & Title IX: Gold Standard Practices for Resolution of Allegations of Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses.
- Binkley, C., Wagner, M., Riepenhoff, J., & Gregory, S. (2014, November 23). College disciplinary boards impose slight penalties for serious crimes. *The Columbus Dispatch*. Retrieved November 25, 2014, from <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/11/23/campus-injustice.html>
- Cantalupo, N. (2012). 'Decriminalizing' Campus Institutional Responses to Peer Sexual Violence, *Journal of College and University Law*, 38, 483-526.
- Kingkade, T. (2014). Yale Law Students: Professor's Campus Rape Op-Ed Gets It Wrong. *Huffington Post: Politics*, 17 November 2014.
- Rubenfeld, J. (2014). Mishandling Rape. *The New York Times*, 15 November 2014.

Week 6, February 9, Deterrence or Restorative Approaches?

Discussion Leaders: Lili McEntire and Ekaterina Vasileva

Readings: (under construction)

- Bachman, R. (1992). "The Rationality of Sexual Offending: Testing a Deterrence/Rational Choice Conception of Sexual Assault." *Law & Society Review* 26(2): 343-372.
- Brenner, A. (2013). "Transforming campus culture to prevent rape: The possibility and promise of restorative justice as a response to campus sexual violence." *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*.
- TBD

Week 7, February 16, Implementing Restorative Approaches on College Campuses

Discussion Leader: Carly Smith

Readings: (under construction)

- Kaba, M., Bazant, M., Dee, B., Russo, A. (2013). Transformative justice: A curriculum guide. P. NIA.
- Karp, D.R. (2013). *The Little Book of Restorative Justice for Colleges and Universities*. Good Books.
- TBD

Week 8, February 23: STARR and RESTORE

Discussion Leaders: Katherine Lubiani and Devin Howington

Readings: (under construction)

- Karp, D. (2014). "Student conduct, restorative justice, and student development: Findings from the STARR project: A student accountability and restorative research project." *Contemporary Justice Review* 17(2): 154-172.
- Koss, M. (2014). "The RESTORE Program of Restorative Justice for Sex Crimes Vision, Process, and Outcomes." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 29(9): 1623-1660.
- Koss, M. P., Wilgus, J. K., & Williamsen, K. M. (2014). Campus Sexual Misconduct Restorative Justice Approaches to Enhance Compliance With Title IX Guidance. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 15(3), 242-257.

Week 9, March 2: Restorative or Transformative Approaches?

Discussion Leader: Rosemary Bernstein

Readings: (under construction)

- Braithwaite, J. (1999) Restorative Justice: Assessing Optimistic and Pessimistic Accounts. *Crime and Justice*, 25, 1-127. Article Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1147608>
- [Smith, C. \(2013\) Restorative Justice and Transformative Justice: Definitions and Debates.](#)
- [Zehr, H. \(2011\) Restorative or transformative justice?](#)
- TBD

Week 10, March 9: Trauma, Justice, and Healing

Discussion Leaders: Kadie Johnson and Naomi Wright

Readings: (under construction)

- Comstock, D.L., Hammer, T.R., Strentzsch, J., Cannon, K., Parsons, J., & Salazar, G. (2008). Relational-Cultural Theory: A Framework for Bridging Relational, Multicultural and Social Justice Competencies. *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 86, 279-287.
- Freyd, J. J., & Birrell, P. (2013). Chapter 12: The healing power of telling. From *Blind to Betrayal*. Hoboken, N.J., Wiley.
- TBD

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