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Education

Marquette University Law School
Juris Doctor, 2008

University of Wisconsin – Madison
Bachelor of Science, 2005

Academic Employment

University of Wisconsin Law School

Clinical Professor, Director – Restorative Justice Project	2025 - Present
Clinical Associate Professor, Director – Restorative Justice Project	2021 – 2025
Clinical Assistant Professor, Director – Restorative Justice Project	2018 – 2021
Clinical Instructor, Director – Restorative Justice Project	2013 – 2018

Concordia University

Adjunct Faculty – Procedural Criminal Law, Juvenile Justice	2011 – 2013
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Legal Experience

Jonathan Scharrer, Attorney at Law 2008 – 2013

Marquette University Law School Mediation Clinic

Volunteer Mediation Supervisor	2010 – 2011
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Activities & Service

Project for Integrating Spirituality, Law, & Politics Advisory Board Feb. 2023 - Present

Center for Children's Law and Policy - Madison Police Department: Juvenile Standard Operating Procedures Review & Development Work Group Apr. 2019 – Dec. 2019

Wisconsin Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Policy Advisory Council Dec. 2018

Restorative Justice Practitioner

National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Advisory Council	2017 – 2024
Higher Education Subcommittee – RJ Policy Statement / Implementation Guide (2019-22)	
Law & Policy Subcommittee – RJ Policy Statement on Criminal Legal Systems (2021-22) & Implementation and Management Resources (2022-23)	
Madison Police Department Restorative Justice Subcommittee	2016 – 2018
Dane County Community Restorative Court Advisory Board	2015 – Present
Dane Restorative Justice Coalition	2015 – 2021, 2024
Youth Social Justice Forum – Restorative Circles on Race and Racism	Nov. 2011
Restoring Communities – Metcalfe Park Neighborhood	Aug. 2011
Milwaukee County First Time Juvenile Burglary Offender Restorative Justice Project (Circles of Accountability) – Planning Committee Member	2010 – 2011
Milwaukee Co. DA's Office Community Conferencing Program – Facilitator	2007 – 2013

Publications

“Reimagining and Restoring Justice: Toward a Truth and Reconciliation Process to Transform Violence Against African-Americans in the United States,” in *Transforming Justice, Lawyers and the Practice of Law* (Fania Davis & Jonathan Scharrer), Marjorie A. Silver, ed., (2017) Carolina Academic Press.

Selected Presentations, Conferences, & Workshops

“Victim-Offender Dialogue: Program and Operation,” *Presenter*, Restorative Justice; The National Judicial College; San Diego, CA, June 5, 2025.

“Intentional System Design,” *Presenter*, Restorative Justice; The National Judicial College; San Diego, CA, June 4, 2025.

“Introduction to Restorative Justice,” *Presenter*, Restorative Justice; The National Judicial College; San Diego, CA, June 3, 2025.

“From Blame and Shame to Transformation: Lessons from Restorative Justice,” *Panelist*, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution 2025 Spring Conference; Chicago, IL, April 25, 2025.

“Theory Meets Practice: Empirical Evaluations of Restorative Justice,” *Panelist*, Restorative Pathways: Reimagining Justice Reform for a Better Tomorrow; Fordham Urban Law Journal's 2025 Symposium; Fordham Law School, New York, NY, February 14, 2025.

“Restorative Justice as a Holistic, Humanistic Legal Practice,” *Presenter*, Practicing Holistic, Humanistic Law CLE (via Zoom); TRTCLE, January 14, 2025.

“Foundational Elements of Restorative Practices in Youth Justice,” *Presenter*, Dane County Department of Human Services Webinar series (via Zoom); DCDHS, June 18, 2024 & July 23, 2024.

“Implementing Restorative Justice as Diversion Workshop,” *Presenter*, From Paradigm to Policy: Transforming Accountability and Public Safety with Restorative Justice (via Zoom); Vera Institute of Justice, January 26, 2024.

“Brass Tacks: Implementing Restorative Justice as Diversion Policy,” *Panelist*, From Paradigm to Policy: Transforming Accountability and Public Safety with Restorative Justice (via Zoom); Vera Institute of Justice, January 25, 2024.

“Systems Design in the Field,” *Presenter*, Restorative Justice (via Zoom); The National Judicial College, Seattle, WA, July 19, 2023.

“Bias, Equity, and Restorative Justice,” *Presenter*, ABA Criminal Justice Section and Dispute Resolution Section Webinar (via Zoom); American Bar Association, June 13, 2023.

“Breaking the Cycle with Restorative Justice,” *Panelist*, Reentry Lunch & Learn Program (via Zoom), Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership and Development, June 8, 2023.

“Equitable Systems Design for Restorative Justice,” *Presenter*, Equitable Systems Design for Restorative Justice Institute, National Center on Restorative Justice & UC-San Francisco College of Law; San Francisco, CA, March 31, 2023.

“Restorative Justice in Action,” *Panelist*, National Benevolent Association Webinar (via Zoom), November 15, 2022.

“Restorative Justice in Corrections,” *Presenter*, 2022 WCA Annual Conference, Wisconsin County Association; Wisconsin Dells, WI, September 19, 2022.

“Encountering the “No”: Finding Our Way Back and Fighting “No-mentum”,” *Presenter*, National Association for Community and Restorative Justice 2022 National Conference – The Gathering: Real Transformation. The Time is NOW. How do we get there Together?; Chicago, IL, July 7, 2022.

“Bias and Discretionary Decision-Making in RJ Diversion,” *Presenter*, European Forum for Restorative Justice 11th International Conference, Justice Beyond Borders: Restorative Connections Through Space and Language; Sassari, Italy, June 24, 2022.

“Restorative Justice and the Justice System: Fairness, Accountability and the Administration of Justice,” *Panelist*, Juvenile Justice Webinar Series (via WebEx), Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Washington D.C., December 7, 2021.

“Restorative Justice and the Legal Academy,” *Panelist*, Restorative Justice Origins, Applications, & Futures Symposium Series (via Zoom), UCLA School of Law’s Criminal Justice Law Review and Criminal Justice Program, November 10, 2021.

“Restorative Justice in the Criminal Justice System,” *Presenter*, 2021 WCA Annual Conference, Wisconsin County Association; La Crosse, WI, September 27, 2021.

“Victim-Offender Dialogue & Restorative Justice,” *Presenter*, Victims of Crime Conference: Wisconsin 2021; (via Zoom), August 25, 2021.

“Understanding Post-Sentencing Restorative Justice,” *Panelist*, Reentry Lunch & Learn Program (via Zoom), Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership and Development, August 19, 2021.

“Restorative Justice and Criminal Law,” *Presenter*, Lunch & Learn Program (via Zoom), University of Denver Sturm College of Law, April 22, 2021.

“Restorative Justice Applications to the Criminal Justice System,” *Presenter*, CLE Zoom Webinar, La Crosse County Bar Association; La Crosse, WI, April 19, 2021.

“Beyond Burnout: Resiliency, Self-Care, Moral Injury & Vicarious Trauma,” *Presenter*, (via Zoom), University of Denver College of Law, March 23, 2021.

“Making Youth Courts More Restorative,” *Keynote Speaker*, 2020 Restorative Justice Summit: Justice for All, Wisconsin Teen Court Association (via Zoom), November 13, 2020.

“Overcoming Obstacles to Effective Implementation,” *Presenter*, 2020 Restorative Justice Summit: Justice for All, Wisconsin Teen Court Association (via Zoom), November 13, 2020.

“Restorative Justice and the High Holidays,” *Presenter*, CLE Zoom Webinar, The Institute for Jewish Ethics (via Zoom), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 23, 2020.

“CRC Repair Harm, Rebuild Community,” *Presenter*, Social Workers Confronting Racial Injustice Conference; University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Social Work, Madison, WI, January 24, 2020.

“Restorative Justice: Reducing Recidivism & Transforming Lives,” *Keynote Speaker*, Criminal Justice and Rehabilitation Conference: Reducing Recidivism: Evidence Based Practices and Interventions; University of Wisconsin—Stout, Menomonie, WI, October 29, 2019.

“Restorative Justice in Serious Crimes,” *Presenter*, WI Serving Victims of Crime Conference; WI Dells, WI, August 21, 2019.

“From Campus to Community: Restorative Responses to Sexual Harm and Factors that Impact Participation,” *Panelist*, National Association for Community and Restorative Justice 2019 National Conference – Elevating Justice: Widening the Circle; Denver, CO, June 15, 2019.

“Restorative Justice, Racial Harm, and Healing,” *Plenary Speaker*, Project for Integrating Spirituality, Law and Politics 2018 National Conference; American University Washington College of Law, Washington DC, October 13, 2018.

“Restorative, Transformative, and Community Accountability Responses to Sexual Harm,” *Panelist*, Project for Integrating Spirituality, Law and Politics 2018 National Conference – Fostering Human Connection in An Era of Alienation; American University Washington College of Law, Washington DC, October 12, 2018.

“Restorative Justice Applications in the Criminal Justice System,” *Presenter*, La Crosse County Bar Association; La Crosse, WI, October 1, 2018.

“Advancing Social Justice Through ADR,” *Presenter*, ABA Section on Dispute Resolution Annual Spring Conference; Washington DC, April 7, 2018.

“Restorative Resolution Pathway for Non-Academic Misconduct,” *Trainer*, Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison WI, January 17 & 19, 2018.

“Peacemaker Training – 2018 Restorative Justice Workshop Series,” *Trainer*, Dane County Community Restorative Court; DCDHS, Multiple Locations & Multiple Dates.

“Where Do We Go From Here? Restorative Justice and Healing in the Aftermath of Crime,” *Presenter*, Wisconsin Alumni Association; University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI, October 30, 2017.

“Restorative Justice and the Law,” *Presenter*, Restorative Justice Program – New Lisbon Correctional Institution; The Prison Ministry Project – First Congregational UCC, New Lisbon, WI, October 11, 2017.

“Peacemaker Training – Restorative Justice Workshop,” *Trainer*, Dane County Community Restorative Court; DCHS, Madison, WI, Multiple Dates.

“All Roads Lead to Rome: Paths to Advancing and Teaching Social Justice,” *Presenter*, 40th AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education – Serving the Client in Tumultuous Times: Fostering Responsibility to Individuals, Communities, and Society in Clinical Legal Education; AALS, Denver, CO, May 7, 2017.

“What the World Needs Now: Restorative Practices,” *Panelist*, ABA Section on Dispute Resolution Annual Spring Conference; San Francisco, CA, April 22, 2017.

“Peacemaker & Facilitator Restorative Justice Workshop,” *Trainer*, Dane County Community Restorative Court; DCHS, Madison, WI, October–November 2016.

“Restorative Justice Applications in the Criminal Justice System,” *Presenter*, Dane County District Attorney’s Office; Madison, WI, September 19, 2016.

“Hate Crimes and Restorative Justice,” *Panelist*, Wisconsin Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights: Civil Rights and Hate Crime in Wisconsin; West Allis, WI, August 29, 2016.

“Restorative Justice Workshop,” *Presenter*, Young African Leaders Initiative – Mandela Washington Fellowship Academic and Leadership Institute; University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI, July 18, 2016 & July 17, 2017.

“A Humanistic Dialogue Approach to Interviewing: Developing Narrative and Shared Understanding,” *Presenter*, 2016 PISLAP Conference – Beloved Community: Law and Social Activism to Realize MLK’s Enduring Vision; Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, June 4, 2016.

“Restorative Justice Workshop,” *Presenter*, 2016 PISLAP Conference – Beloved Community: Law and Social Activism to Realize MLK’s Enduring Vision; Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, June 4, 2016.

"Restorative Justice: Accountability and Community," *Panelist*, Caucus of Religious Leaders, MOSES; Madison, WI, May 17, 2016.

"Restorative Approaches in Clinics and Communities," *Presenter*, 39th AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education – Clinics and Communities: Exploring Community Engagement Through Clinical Education; AALS, Baltimore, MD, May 2, 2016.

"STREETS Restorative Justice Survivor Panel," *Facilitator*, Wellbeing and Empowerment: Wisconsin and the World, 2016 4W Summit on Women, Gender, and Wellbeing, UW-Madison; Madison, WI, April 16, 2016.

"Working with Victims and Offenders: Panel of Experts," *Panelist*, 3rd Annual Restorative Justice Conference, UW-Platteville; Platteville, WI, March 7, 2016.

"2-Day Restorative Justice Workshop," *Trainer*, Dane County Department of Human Services; Madison, WI, December 8-9, 2015 & March 17-18, 2016.

"Restorative Justice and the Criminal Justice System," *Presenter*, Dismas Ministry – Correctional Ministry Regional Gathering; Milwaukee, WI, October 16, 2015.

"Restorative Justice and ADR after Law School," *Panelist*, Speakers from Practice Event, Marquette University Law School; Milwaukee, WI, September 29, 2015.

"The Role of the Victim in the Criminal Justice System," *Panelist*, Public Interest Law Foundation; University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI, February 18, 2015.

"Facilitating Community Conferences & Restorative Justice Circles," *Trainer*, Dane County Community Restorative Court; DCHS, Madison, WI, November – December 2014 & July 2015.

"Restorative Justice as a Vehicle for Social Transformation," *Panelist*, 2014 PISLAP Conference – Law in the 21st Century: Creating a Legal System that Fosters Empathy Compassion, & Mutual Understanding Conference; CUNY Law School, New York, NY, September 13, 2014.

"Service Learning and Community-Based Research," *Panelist*, UW Teaching Academy Summer Institute 2014: The Four I's of Teaching: Intend-Inspire-Innovate-Invest; University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, June 3, 2014.

"Picking Cotton: "A Victim's Perspective on Wrongful Convictions," *Panelist*, Wisconsin Innocence Project and Institute for Legal Studies; University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI, April 1, 2014.

"Restorative Justice in Wisconsin: Applying the Lessons Learned to Illinois," *Presenter*, Lunch & Learn Series; Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL, February 22, 2014.

"Restorative Justice: Healing Victims, Communities, and Offenders," *Presenter*, Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership and Development: Center for Justice and Reconciliation, Madison, WI, February 11, 2014.

"Restorative Justice Program," *Presenter/Facilitator*, Challenges & Possibilities Program – Green Bay Correctional Institution, Green Bay, WI, Multiple Dates.

Academic Service

Badger Talks (formerly UW-Madison Speakers Bureau), Speaker (Jan. 2018 – Present)

Guest speaker in subject matter expertise as part of an initiative to engage with Wisconsin residents on topics of interest around the state.

Campus Connect, Policy Fellow (Mar. 2017 – Present)

Initiative of the Wisconsin Family Impact Seminars in partnership with the UW-Madison Chancellor's Office and La Follette School of Public Affairs to connect legislators and researchers to build better public policy in Wisconsin.

Honors & Awards

Dane County Department of Human Services – Service Award (2017)

Selected Media Interviews

Restorative Justice

(Wisconsin Public Radio – University of the Air – December 3, 2023)

Interview by Norman Gilliland

Defining Equitable Systems

(The Restorative Lens podcast, Season 2 Episode 1 – November 21, 2023)

The National Center on Restorative Justice

Interview by Alanna Ojibway & DeMointe Wesley

Wisconsin Law School's Restorative Justice Project

(Restorative Justice International podcast – August 21, 2019)

Interview by Lisa Rea

The Redemption Project Discussion Series: Small Town Reckoning

(Restorative Justice on the Rise podcast – live broadcast on May 28, 2019)

Interview by Molly Rowan Leach

The Redemption Project, Season 1 Episode 5: *Small Town Reckoning*

(CNN television broadcast May 26, 2019)

Interview by Van Jones

60 Minutes: The Most Unlikely Meeting (CBS television broadcast May 12, 2019)

Interview by Scott Pelley

His daughter was murdered. This is why he sat down feet from her killer and forgave him.

CNN.com (April 27, 2019)

Interview by Drew Kann

'We don't live in that day and age anymore:' Behavior that sent you to detention now likely send your children to court

Fox 6 News (January 24, 2019)

Interview by Amanda St. Hillaire

How Restorative Justice Can Shift Wisconsin's Criminal Justice System

Central Time, Wisconsin Public Radio (December 13, 2018)

Interview by Rob Ferrett

Dane County Community Court to Offer Restorative Justice to More Victims, Young Offenders

Wisconsin State Journal (July 31, 2016)

Interview by Karen Rivendal

15 years after fatal shooting, an embrace of forgiveness

Journal Sentinel (November 18, 2014)

Interview by Annysa Johnson