



Restorative Justice (RJ) Training Workshop August 12th – 31st, 2024



The 50-hour training will hold August 12-31st 2024, and will include some virtual, and face-to-face sessions on the campus of the California State University, Sacramento [CSUS], and will be presented by a diverse team of restorative justice scholars and practitioners. Trainings will cover theoretical views and practical applications or practices of restorative justice, e.g.s. Victim offender dialogues, victim impact panels, circles, and conferencing. Topics will be covered related to victim centered and offender sensitive practices, trauma/harm, empathy, accountability, apology, restitution, peacemaking and nonviolence, victimology, prison education/rehabilitation, school/college disciplinary procedures, justice system and criminal sentencing, and forgiveness.

Fee: \$1,950 (USD)/person. Limited space! First come, first served basis until full.

You'll be provided with relevant information upon registration and prior to commencement of the training workshop, including the required course materials and detailed schedule.

Requirements for Participation

In addition to the requirements below, interested individuals should also be willing and committed to seeing the humanity in all people, holding/making space, and nonjudgmental, doing no further harm, demonstrating empathy, and cultivating relationships based on mutual respect, trust, and confidentiality.

- Participate fully in a 50-hour training between August 12-31st 2024, including virtual (synchronous, and face-to-face sessions (2 days); see below.
- Approximately 25 hrs. of the instruction will be live (virtual and in person as stated below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Delivery Modality</i>
August 12-15	TBA/(15 hrs).	Virtual/ Asynchronous
August 17	9am-4pm	Virtual (Synchronous)
August 19-23	TBA(10hrs)	Virtual/Asynchronous

August 24	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Virtual (Synchronous)
August 30	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	In person
August 31	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	In person

Note: The listed times are based on the US Pacific Standard Time Zone

As a participant/trainee, You will join a network of restorative justice professionals and enhance your skills. You will also:

- **Receive a Certificate of completion from the CSUS-CAPCR.**
- **Become educated about the theories and practices of restorative justice at local, national, and international levels.**
- **Learn/apply new/critical skills in victim-offender mediation/dialogues.**
- **Join a network of restorative justice practitioners.**
- **Make positive impact in community.**
- **Practice as restorative justice facilitator or advocate.**
- **Be able to facilitate reconciliation and transformation of relationships.**
- **Be equipped to support victims/survivors in their journey for healing and restoration, along with offender’s goals for rehabilitation and accountability.**

The training leaders reserve the right to make any necessary changes to the program, including other requirements of trainees and all related health and safety protocols.

If you have any questions, please contact the training leaders, Ernest Uwazie, PhD (uwaziee@csus.edu) or Alexa Sardina, PhD (alexa.sardina@csus.edu).

About the Lead Trainers:

Ernest Uwazie is a professor and immediate past chair of criminal justice as well as director of the Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution at California State University, Sacramento. He is a restorative trainer, scholar, practitioner/facilitator, system designer, and project director. He is currently directing (with Dr. Sardina) a restorative justice grant project with the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation with emphasis on victim offender dialogue/mediation

and prison inmate circles, and he serves as a restorative justice and victim offender dialogue/ mediator facilitator for inmates at the California State Prison- Sacramento.

Dr. Uwazie has over 30 years of experience in restorative justice university teaching in restorative justice and alternative dispute resolution (ADR), with extensive experience in training and research for diverse justice professionals, community/traditional leaders, educators and civil society organizations in Africa and US. He has conducted over 500 training workshops and seminars in the US and Africa, plus many publications and conferences, on peace and conflict resolution theories and practices, including restorative justice, domestic violence, indigenous justice, alternative dispute resolution, mediation, and negotiation, etc. He is also an experienced mediator, including civil, family, and commercial and violent victim offender mediation cases.

Alexa Sardina, PhD is an Associate Professor at California State University, Sacramento in the Division of Criminal Justice. She is also a co-founder of Ampersands Restorative Justice and cohosts the popular podcast Beyond Fear: The Sex Crimes Podcast. Alexa is a 'survivor scholar' and uses her experience as a rape survivor and her scholarly expertise on sexual harm to offer a critical perspective within the broader field of criminology.

Dr. Sardina's scholarship focuses on the consequences of victimization, community mobilization efforts, and how restorative processes can be used to address sexual harm. She has presented her original research on various topics related to sexual harm at over 30 academic conferences across the US and Canada. Dr. Sardina is a sought-after content expert on topics related to the implementation of restorative justice processes for sexual harm and has advised community non-profits, as well as state and federal criminal justice agencies. She has also trained community members, students, and others on how to facilitate restorative processes. Additionally, Dr. Sardina has facilitated restorative processes for survivors and surviving family members of other acts of extreme violence, including murder and attempted murder.

In addition to the lead trainers, there will be guest presentations on effective communication techniques, trauma healing practices, diversity and inclusion, culture and identity, and mental health.