



# RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS

**October 30, 2023**

**1-2 P.M. CDT**

**Zoom Link:**

<https://unomaha.zoom.us/j/93022891349>

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**FREE to Attend**

## DR. SHANNON SLIVA

is an associate professor at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work, serves as the Restorative Justice Policy Expert to the Vermont Law and Graduate School, and holds a Research Fellowship with the National Center on Restorative Justice.

Dr. Sliva works extensively with community members, crime survivors, incarcerated people, and system partners in Colorado and nationally to examine the impacts of restorative justice practices and policies and to develop recommendations for improving justice outcomes. In 2017, she was funded by the National Institute of Justice to measure the impact of victim offender dialogue on victims of serious, violent crimes in Colorado.

In 2020, Dr. Sliva's interdisciplinary research team joined with the Urban Institute's Prison Research Innovation Initiative to conduct participatory action research at Sterling Correctional Facility in Colorado, where she has worked closely with incarcerated people and corrections to understand their experiences and needs. Her research and teaching is focused on promoting justice and peace in communities across Colorado and beyond.

**Ted Talk: How Restorative Justice Could End Mass Incarceration**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPA-p6UUDI4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPA-p6UUDI4)

Dr. Sliva has spent the past 10 years working to understand the transfer of restorative justice practices and policies within institutions, including district attorney's offices, courts, probation departments, and prisons. She will share with us her view of the sticky problems of implementing restorative justice in institutional settings, ranging from institutional inertia and bureaucratic ritualism to misappropriation and co-optation of restorative justice initiatives. We will discuss the costs and benefits of bringing restorative justice to institutions, and possible ways to manage risks.