Lindsey Pointer, Assistant Director

National Center on Restorative Justice at Vermont Law School
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Restorative Justice December 2019
Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand
Dissertation: *Justice Performed: The Normative, Transformative, and Proleptic Dimensions of the Restorative Justice Ritual*

Bachelor of Arts (*cum laude* and with distinction), **Religious Studies** May 2013
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO
Minor: Nonviolence

COMPETATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

2017 Rotary Global Grant Scholar ($30,000)
2017 Quaker Peace and Service Aotearoa New Zealand Grant ($1,000)
2016 Fulbright US Graduate Student Award (all living, travel, and research expenses for one year)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2018 Research Excellence Award, Victoria University
2017 International Prize, Postgraduate Students' Association Three Minute Thesis Competition, Victoria University
2016 First Place, Postgraduate Students' Association Three Minute Thesis Competition, Victoria University
2013 Phi Beta Kappa
2013 Abel J. and Lucy Phinney Gregg Award
2012 Benjamin A. Gilman Scholar

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director for the National Center on Restorative Justice and Assistant Professor August 2020-Present
Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT

- Advance restorative justice implementation in the United States through education, training, and research.

Research

Research Assistant January 2017-March 2019
The Diana Unwin Chair in Restorative Justice, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

- Designed and implemented a Restorative University model, which has been replicated internationally
- Researched the impact of Restorative University developments on student wellbeing and published papers in peer-reviewed journals
- Developed, implemented, and researched the Sustained Restorative Dialogue for Preventing Sexual Harm pilot
- Assisted in the development and implementation of a pilot using Restorative Justice for elder harm issues

Fulbright Fellow January 2016-December 2016
U.S. Department of State, Wellington, New Zealand

- Researched restorative justice implementation in New Zealand and presented findings at academic conferences
- Built understanding and diplomacy between New Zealand and USA by sharing experiences and research findings through an online blog (LindseyPointer.com) and at international conferences
- Prepared and submitted papers for publication in academic journals

Teaching

Invited Lectures
2020 "Restorative Justice." SOC 359 Green Criminology and SOC 372 Sociology of Deviance, Colorado State University

2020 "Restorative Justice in New Zealand." Restorative Justice: Global Perspectives, International Institute for Restorative Practices.
2018 "Justice Performed: The Normative, Transformative, and Proleptic Dimensions of the Restorative Justice Ritual." Restorative Justice Graduate Certificate Course, Victoria University of Wellington
2017 "Restorative Circles." Restorative Justice Graduate Certificate Course, Victoria University of Wellington

Adjunct Professor July 2019-Present
Boise State University, Boise, Idaho
- Designed and teach a Master's level course on Restorative Justice

Restorative Practices Trainer and Consultant April 2019-Present
Lindsey Pointer Restorative Practices Consulting, Fort Collins, Colorado
- Offer bespoke restorative practices training and consulting services for schools, universities, businesses, and community groups
- Facilitate restorative responses to community conflicts and harms
- Developed online course on Restorative Practices for University Residence Halls

Co-Founder and Creative Director September 2016-October 2019
Aspen Restorative Consulting, Wellington, New Zealand
- Designed and delivered training in Restorative Practices for universities, workplaces, schools, government organizations, prisons, and community groups
- Hired, trained, and managed a team of three contracted trainers
- Managed a budget and negotiated contracts with clients

Training Development Contractor January 2016- September 2019
Longmont Community Justice Partnership, Longmont, Colorado
- Develop training curriculum and materials for LCJP's Restorative Practices in Schools and Community Restorative Justice programs including Introduction to Restorative Practices, Restorative Justice Facilitator Training, Advanced Facilitator Training, Restorative Conversations, Connection Circles, and Restorative Tools for the Classroom

Tutor January 2017-December 2018
The Diana Unwin Chair in Restorative Justice, Wellington, New Zealand
- Tutored students and marked assignments for Restorative Justice Graduate Certificate Course
- Tutor and content contributor for online EdX Course *Restorative Justice and Practice: Emergence of a Social Movement*

Facilitation and Program Management

Restorative Justice Facilitator January 2016-March 2019
Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand
- Facilitated Restorative Justice conferences for student and staff misconduct
- Managed Restorative Justice Facilitator Team and coached new facilitators
- Facilitated the Sustained Restorative Dialogue for Preventing Sexual Harm

Community Restorative Justice Bilingual Program Manager July 2015-December 2015
Community Restorative Justice Senior Bilingual Case Coordinator August 2014-July 2015
Longmont Community Justice Partnership, Longmont, Colorado, United States
- Oversaw case coordination of 200 criminal cases per year from point of referral through contract completion
- Developed partnership with Longmont Police officers and command staff through training and effective communication
- Led introductory and advanced-level facilitation training and provided ongoing mentorship and coaching
- Facilitated Community Group Conferences for criminal justice cases and school-based Restorative Justice processes
- Hired, trained, and managed Community Restorative Justice program staff
- Maintained, audited, and completed monthly and annual reports for internal program and grant evaluation

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Pointer, L. *The Restorative Justice Ritual.* Accepted for publication by Routledge, 2021.

Pointer, L., McGoey, K. & Farrar, H. *The Little Book of Restorative Teaching Tools: Games, Activities and Simulations for Understanding Restorative Practices.* New York: Skyhorse, 2020.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Scott, M., Jones, B., Cavanagh, T. Vigil, P. & Pointer, L. "The Future of Social Work: Providing Leadership through Restorative Justice Coordination." *Educational Research: Theory & Practice* (in press).

Pointer, L. & Giles-Mitson, A. "Sustained Restorative Dialogue as a Means of Understanding and Preventing Sexually Harmful Behavior on University Campuses." *Contemporary Justice Review: Issues in Criminal, Social, and Restorative Justice* Vol. 23 Issue 1. 2020.

Pointer, L. & McGoey, K. "Teaching Restorative Practices through Games: An Experiential Restorative Pedagogy." *The International Journal of Restorative Justice* Vol. 2 Issue 1. 2019.

Pointer, L. "Restorative Practices in Residence Halls at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand." *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* Vol. 36 Issue 3. 2018.

Pointer, L. "Building a Restorative University." *Journal of the Australian and New Zealand Student Services Association* Vol. 49 Issue 2. 2017.

Pointer, L. "Understanding Transformational Space: An Analysis of Restorative Justice Conferences through Religious Studies Theoretical Lenses." *Restorative Justice: An International Journal* Vol. 4 Issue 2. 2016.

Other Publications

Pointer, L. "Restorative Circles: A Powerful Tool for Community Healing." *The Blue Review.* 2020.

Pointer, L. "Talking Sticks, Restorative Practices Build Cooperation." *Rotary Voices.* 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2020 Panelist, "Restorative Approaches to Teaching Criminal Justice." Webinar hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Education for Justice initiative (E4J) and Maynooth University Department of Law.

2020 Pointer, L. and Kathleen McGoey. "Teaching Restorative Practices through Games and Activities." RJ World Conference (online).

2020 Panelist, "Teaching Restorative Justice Restoratively: Towards a Restorative Pedagogy." Webinar hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Education for Justice initiative (E4J) and Maynooth University Department of Law.

2020 Pointer, L. and Kathleen McGoey. "The Little Book of Restorative Teaching Tools: A Virtual Book Launch." Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice webinar.

2019 Pointer, L. **"**Keynote: Restorative Practices: A Transformative Way to Respond to Harm." Administrators in Medicine Conference. Fort Worth, TX .

2018 Pointer, L. "An Introduction to Restorative Justice." Wellington Rotary Club.

2017 Pointer, L. "An Introduction to Restorative Justice." Fort Collins and Loveland Rotary Clubs.

Conference Presentations

2020 Pointer, L., Emily Gaarder, and Thalia Gonzalez. "Panel: Restorative Justice Research and Theory." American Society of Criminology Meeting. Washington, D.C. Accepted for presentation.

2018 Pointer, L. and Chris Marshall. "Restorative Justice." The Justice Conference. Auckland, New Zealand.

2018 Pointer, L. and Sam Seiniger. "Exploring the Potential of Restorative Circle Practice in Prisons." Restorative and Māori Justice Approaches to the Prison Crisis. Wellington, New Zealand.

2018 Pointer, L. "Creating Transformational Space: Ritual and Restorative Justice" and "Teaching Restorative Practices through Games." European Forum for Restorative Justice Conference. Tirana, Albania

2017 Pointer, L. "The Role of Ritual in Conflict Resolution" and "Teaching Restorative Practices through Games." Conflict Resolution Conference. Wellington, New Zealand.

2017 Pointer, L. "Creating Transformational Space: Ritual and Restorative Justice." Pointer, L., Chris Marshall and Haley Farrar. "Building a Restorative University." National Association of Community Restorative Justice Conference. Oakland, CA.

2016 Pointer, L. and Chris Marshall. "Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices in Higher Education." Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association Conference. Auckland, New Zealand.

2016 Pointer, L. "Building Restorative Communities." Social Movements, Resistance and Social Change Conference. Wellington, New Zealand.

2015 Pointer, L. and Kathleen McGoey. "Restorative Conversations for Resolving One-on-One Conflict." Colorado Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference. Denver, CO.

2015 Pointer, L. and Kathleen McGoey. "Restorative Justice in Colorado." Front Range Bioneers Conference. Boulder, CO.

2015 Pointer, L and Kathleen McGoey. "Partnering with Police in Restorative Justice Organizations" and "Teaching Restorative Practices through Games." Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Symposium. Colorado Springs, CO.

2015 Pointer, L. and Kathleen McGoey. "Partnering with Police in Restorative Justice Organizations," "Incorporating Assets and Strengths in Restorative Conversations," and "Teaching Restorative Practices through Games." National Association of Community Restorative Justice Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Center for Restorative Justice at University of San Diego Advisory Board Member August 2020-Present

- Monthly meetings to provide guidance and direction for the Center for Restorative Justice at USD

National Association of Community Restorative Justice Advisory Council Member June 2017-Present

- Monthly meetings to provide guidance and direction to NACRJ
- Editor of the Restorative Well, the NACRJ member newsletter

Rotary District 5450 Committee on Peace and Conflict Resolution June 2017-Present

- Provide education about Restorative Justice to district clubs
- Contribute to monthly Rotary Peacebuilder newsletter

Restorative Justice State Council Legislative Committee Member January 2015-January 2016

Colorado Restorative Justice State Council

- Assisted with development of new juvenile justice reform legislation to be considered by the Colorado House of Representatives