C&I Day Program: Restorative Practices in the Classroom

October 3, 2022, 2-5 p.m.

Location: McGregor Memorial Conference Center

Overview: Restorative practices are proactive steps that are used to build relationships in diverse settings and steps used to restore relationships that have been harmed. Restorative practices offer ways to strengthen relationships between individuals and social connections within communities. Under the leadership of the School of Social Work’s Committee on Antiracism, Diversity, and Social Justice (previously known as the Antiracism Committee), the SSW has committed to the integration of restorative practices in the School. Restorative practices offer a way to build relationships within diverse classrooms and to address tensions and challenges that may arise when discussing sensitive or controversial topics, or when the words or actions of faculty or students harm these relationships. This C&I Day program introduces the concepts and processes of Restorative Practices and will help participants think about ways in which these approaches can be used in the classroom.

Objectives

1. Familiarize faculty with Restorative Practices concepts and processes
2. Experience what it is like to participate in circles
3. Identify ways in which the concept/approach could be used in the classroom

Agenda

I. Welcome
   Dean Sheryl Kubiak
   Associate Dean Debra Patterson

II. Introduction to Restorative Practices
   Assistant Professor Megan Hicks

III. Circle Simulations
    Small Groups

IV. Debrief and Discussion: Using Circles in the Classroom
    All Faculty