

**2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference on Restorative Justice**  
***“Mainstreaming Restorative Justice: Empowering Communities, Restoring Responsibility”***

**May 13-15, 2008**  
**University of Texas at San Antonio**  
**San Antonio, TX**

**Call for Proposals - Program Overviews or Papers**  
**“Justice System Applications Track”**

We invite you to participate in the 2nd National Conference on Restorative Justice held on the campus of The University of Texas at San Antonio within close proximity to the San Antonio International Airport. Historic San Antonio offers a blend of charm, vibrancy and color through its fusion of cultures, magical River Walk below street level, and its popular attractions and festivals. The conference will bring together academicians, educators, community leaders, politicians, practitioners, judges, policymakers, faith leaders and concerned citizens to explore the application of restorative justice principles and practices within communities to meet local needs. Featured speakers for the conference will include some of the leading scholars and practitioners in the field –Dan Van Ness, Paul McCold, Janine Geske, Robert Yazzie, Michael Hadley, Kathleen Daly, Mark Umbreit, Gordon Bazemore and Jennifer Llewellyn.

This is a unique opportunity to meet and learn from leading researchers, educators and practitioners of restorative justice. Detailed information may be obtained at [www.restorativejusticenow.org](http://www.restorativejusticenow.org).

The *Justice System Applications* track focuses on effective integration, application, and critique of restorative justice principles both within and beyond the criminal justice system. Practitioners are welcome to submit a proposal for a 15-20 minute presentation of an ongoing program that reflects some or all the core principles of restorative justice. Program overview or demonstrations of the program and processes are of particular interest.

Presentations about programs/services or action research should be related to one of the following themes:

- Incorporating the Faith Community in Secular Programs
- Redemptive Rituals and Restoration of Citizenship
- Victim-Offender Dialogues – Widening the Circle
- Community Justice – Judicial Shift from the Traditional Justice Model
- Restorative Justice and Youth Gangs
- Restorative Justice and the Intersection of Race, Gender, and/or Class
- Spiritual Dimensions of Restorative Justice
- Restorative Justice in Educational Institutions (Pre-K – 12 Schools, undergraduate and graduate schools)

Specific panels will be developed based on those proposals selected for presentation at the conference.

Proposal submissions must include the following information: author(s) or presenters, contact information (mail address, phone, e-mail address), working title, and an abstract of 150 words or less. An additional one page electronic attachment may also be submitted for consideration. Proposals must be submitted electronically to Karen Crozier, Coordinator of the Justice System Applications track at [karencr80@hotmail.com](mailto:karencr80@hotmail.com). She may also be contacted at (559) 453-2020 or (909) 215-8722.

**Key Dates:**

Proposal Due Date:	December 15, 2008 ( <i>Extended to Jan. 15, 2009</i> )
Final Selection Decision Date:	February 1, 2009
Paper Submission Date (as relevant):	April 15, 2009

Note: All academic papers presented at the conference must be submitted as “working papers” by April 15, 2008 so that they may be provided to panel chairs. Working papers may be published in a proceedings document or other outlet. Authors retain the right to publish these or variations of working papers in other outlets.