

## Recovering the Vision: Conversations on Restorative Justice

Restorative justice is a simple, intuitive concept. However, when implemented in practice, challenges and complexities arise. This course is intended for those who have some background in restorative justice, and through reading, discussion, and real-time conversations with leading practitioners and thinkers, participants will explore the principles and values of restorative justice along with challenges, dangers and pitfalls of it when put into practice.

The course will meet online each Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 pm EST beginning Feb. 1, 2012 and ending April 25, 2012 and will require completion of assignments between class meetings. *Critical Issues in Restorative Justice* (Ed. Barb Toews and Howard Zehr) will be a primary text of the course.

*About the teachers:* **Howard Zehr**, professor of restorative justice at Eastern Mennonite University, began as a practitioner and theorist in restorative justice in the late 1970s at the foundational stage of the field. Zehr was an early advocate of making the needs of victims central to the practice of restorative justice. A core theme in his work is respect for the dignity of all peoples. He has led hundreds of events in some 25 countries and 35 states, including trainings and consultations on restorative justice, victim-offender conferencing, judicial reform and other criminal justice matters. Zehr is the author of *Changing Lenses: A New Focus for Crime and Justice*; *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*; *The Little Book of Contemplative Photography*; *Doing Life: Reflections of Men and Women Serving Life Sentences* and more.

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*Technology requirements:* Although there will be some off-line assignments, the majority of this course will be conducted synchronously. Participants must have high-speed internet and a laptop or desktop of recent make and model, as well as a microphone and headphones (to minimize background and echo noise); a webcam is encouraged.

*Cost and payment:* Tuition for this two-credit graduate course is \$1120. Eastern Mennonite University accepts cash, personal checks, cashier's checks and money orders. Payments by credit card can be done at [www.afford.com/emu](http://www.afford.com/emu); there is a convenience fee for this service. Please note that no scholarships are available for this course, and it cannot be taken for training or audit.

You may also make direct payments from your checking account for no charge through this service.

To apply for the course, please contact Janelle Myers-Benner at [bennerj@emu.edu](mailto:bennerj@emu.edu) or 540-432-4986.