



Corrections and Criminal Justice Speakers' Series 2009

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the Université de Montréal International Centre of Comparative Criminology*

Corrections and criminal justice issues get a lot of press. This speaker series examines the complexities that surround these issues. Join the discussion with experts in the field about issues that matter to you and your community.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND FEMALE OFFENDERS: Is it different for women?

Supported by encouraging scientific observation and positive first-hand experiences, restorative justice (RJ) is increasingly being applied in Canada. But within that context, what has been the experience of restorative justice and women offenders? Does it work? The panel will ask:

- Is the RJ model equipped to address the experiences of women in the criminal justice system?
- Does the RJ model need to be altered to meet the specific needs of women offenders?

This seminar focuses on the specific issues that come into play when RJ and women offenders intersect. Each highly-noted speaker brings a wealth of experience in working with female offenders and will provide their perspective on the practicalities and pitfalls of applying RJ to this specific population of offenders. Presentations will be followed by questions from the audience.

Speakers:

Ms. KIM PATE

Executive Director, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS)

Ms. SHARON KLYNE

Child and Family Services, Hollow Water First Nation, Hollow Water, Manitoba

Ms. CHRISTINE LECOMPTE

Correctional Service of Canada, Restorative Justice Division

The seminar will be chaired by **Professor Jo-Anne Wemmers**, Head of the Research Group, Victimology and Restorative Justice at the International Centre for Comparative Criminology, Université de Montréal

The presentations will be immediately translated into English and French

When:

Friday, February 27, 2009 16:00 – 18:00

Location:

Université de Montréal – Pavillon Roger-Gaudry, Room P-310
Light refreshments will be served at 15:45