Friday, 4/3/20

8:15 Check in, Networking and Continental Breakfast

8:45 Welcome and Introduction

Craig Boise, JD, Dean, Syracuse University College of Law

Maria Brown, Ph.D., LMSW, Assistant Research Professor, David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics

Mary Helen McNeal, JD, Professor of Law and Director, Elder and Health Law Clinic, Syracuse University College of Law

9:00 Opening Keynote - What is Restorative Justice?

Chris Marshall, The Diana Unwin Chair in Restorative Justice, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Restorative justice is a significant innovation in the administration of justice and involves a different way of thinking and responding to crimes and other harms. In this keynote, Professor Marshall will explore the origins, historical development and theories of restorative practice and share how lessons learned from past implementation might inform future use in the field of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

9:45 Panel on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Elder Abuse

Dr. Tony Rosen, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine / New York Presbyterian Hospital

Dr. Shelly Jackson, Ph.D, Assistant Research Professor, Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy, University of Virginia

Lisa Nerenberg, MSW, MPH; Executive Director, California Elder Justice Coalition

Moderator: Deborah J. Monahan, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., Associate Dean for Research, Professor, School of Social Work, Research Center, Falk College, Syracuse University
The issue of elder abuse is complex. Research is increasingly available, and new interventions are being evaluated. In this session, expert panelists will share their perspectives about current practices in the field from their particular disciplines, what has worked and what is problematic, suggestions for alternative interventions, and how they measure success.

11:00  
**Break**

11:15  
**Second Keynote - What is Justice?**

Jennifer Llewellyn, Yogis and Keddy Chair in Human Rights Law, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

How and what do we measure when evaluating programs designed to achieve “justice?” Professor Llewellyn will challenge us to reconsider how we think about success, moving away from individualistic notions embedded in mainstream justice systems, to consider evaluative tools and approaches that take into account the relational aspects of restorative models.

12:00  
**Lunch**

1:00  
**Panel on Existing Projects – Brief Description, Successes and Challenges**

Coleta Walker, Associate Director, Red Hook Peacemaking Program, Red Hook Community Justice Center, Brooklyn, NY

John Williams, Emeritus Professor of Law, Aberystwyth University, Wales

Sharon Elliot, Senior Safety Coordinator, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, Canada

Jocelyn Yerxa, Co-Lead NS GovLab, Nova Scotia Department of Seniors

Jacqueline S. Gray, Ph.D., Director, National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NEIJI)

Moderator: Nina Kohn, David M. Levy Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research, Syracuse University College of Law

In this session, panelists will briefly describe their current projects and their use of restorative principles to address elder abuse. They will discuss how these projects have been successful, explore the challenges they have encountered, and discuss how they are addressing these challenges.

2:00  
**Emerging Restorative Approaches Addressing Elder Abuse**

Sarah Reckess, Esq., Director Upstate New York Office, Center for Court Innovation

Chris Marshall – The Diana Unwin Chair in Restorative Justice, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Patricia Kimball, Executive Director, Elder Abuse Institute of Maine (EAIME)
John P.J. Dussich, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Criminology, California State University, Fresno; Founder of Elder Abuse Services, Inc.

Marie Therese Connolly, University of Southern California, Davis School of Gerontology

Moderator: Scott Landes, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Aging Studies Institute, Syracuse University

In this session, panelists will explore how issues of elder abuse have challenged and informed their restorative practice work. Attendees will learn how restorative practices are being incorporated to address social isolation and prevention of elder abuse as well as creating accountability for those who harm older adults.

3:00 Break

3:15 Break Out Sessions Discussing Best Practices

Facilitator, Jenny Ackley, MSW, Abuse in Later Life Project Coordinator, Vera House Inc.

In this session, attendees will have time in small groups to discuss challenges that might arise in the use of Restorative Justice in cases of elder abuse and what best practices might alleviate those concerns. Challenge areas will include which types of abuse are appropriate for restorative practices; how capacity issues of the older adult may impact its use; and how to measure success, as well as other topics.

4:00 Groups Report Back

4:30 Implementation of Best Practices and Next Steps

Erika Sasson, BCL, LLB, LLM, Director of Restorative Practices, Center for Court Innovation

In this session, attendees will learn strategies for incorporating best practices into a restorative practice project. Ms. Sasson will explore the lessons she has learned in the planning and development of criminal justice and education projects that use restorative practices and identify how needs assessments, research, and evidence-based practices can inform project design. She will conclude with suggestions for addressing challenges identified in the group discussions, and recommended best practices for moving forward with restorative projects addressing elder abuse.

5:00 Closing and Reception