

About the Michigan Restorative Justice Summit

Mission

The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) is hosting a statewide 2025 Michigan Restorative Justice Summit, as an opportunity to invite, meet, and collaborate with practitioners, partners, and stakeholders of restorative practice in all its forms.

The Summit strives to create spaces of dialogue, explore and expand how we practice this work, as well as disrupting systems of colonization and oppression, building more restorative spaces, advocating for criminal legal reform in our communities, and what the future holds for Restorative Justice.



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MICHIGAN Restorative Justice Summit

Reclaiming a culture of healing

**Thursday October 30, 2025 -
Friday October 31, 2025**

Eastern Michigan University
Student Center
900 Oakwood St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197



Help Michigan Reclaim a Culture of Healing

Vision

To honor and reclaim the true tenets of peacemaking and restorative justice means to move from a punishment and control mindset to centering healing and humanity. By embracing and practicing a restorative justice way of life, we must commit to healing ourselves, each other and our communities.

We recognize that this paradigm shift is not a moment, but a movement. The summit supports building trust and solidarity and how it can create space for resistance and movement building - whether that looks like rest, being in community, or taking action and mobilizing around legislation. We seek to build a world of healers, peacemakers, and justice warriors and we hope you share in this vision too.

Breakout Categories/Tracks:

- Systems Change
- Youth/Schools
- Restorative Justice Facilitator Skills Building
- Community Support Circles & Self-Care Spaces

Registration

Early Bird Registration:

- \$240 (ends August 31)

General Admission Registration:

- \$295 (opens September 1)

Breakfast, lunch, strolling dinner, snacks, beverages included.

**Scholarships and group rates are available, contact, Germaine Smith, rjsummit@thedrcmi.org*

Register via the QR code



Accommodations

Hotel - Marriott at Eagle Crest

Guest block available:

- Wed 10/29 - Fri 10/31

Cost per night:

- \$201 + taxes/fees

Transportation

- Shuttles will be provided to and from the hotel both days.
- Parking also provided on campus.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Fania Davis

Fania E. Davis is a leading international voice on the intersection of racial and restorative justice. She is a long-time social justice activist, civil rights trial attorney, author, and educator with a PhD in Indigenous Knowledge. Davis came of age in Birmingham, Alabama during the social ferment of the civil rights era. These formative years, particularly the murder of two close childhood friends in the 1963 Sunday School bombing, crystallized within Fania an enduring commitment to social transformation. For the next decades, she was active in the Civil Rights, Black liberation, women's, prisoners', peace, anti-racial violence, economic justice and anti-apartheid movements.



Apprenticing with African indigenous healers catalyzed Fania's search for a healing justice, ultimately leading her to become the Founding Director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth and Co-Founding Board Member of the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice.

Davis, who resides in Oakland, CA., writes and speaks internationally on restorative justice, racial justice, truth processes and indigeneity. She is a mother, grandmother, dancer, meditator and a yoga, qigong and African spirituality practitioner.