



MICHIGAN Restorative Justice Summit

Reclaiming a culture of healing

Thursday, October 30 - Friday, October 31, 2025
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

(General programming will take place on the second floor of the EMU Student Center unless otherwise noted)

| Thursday, October 30, 2025 | | | | |
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| 8:00 - 9:00 | Registration Breakfast | | | |
| 9:00 - 10:30 | Keynote <i>Fania Davis, Social justice activist; Civil rights trial attorney; author; educator</i> | | | |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Break | | | |
| 10:45 - 12:15 | Concurrent Sessions (Third floor rooms) | | | |
| | RJ Facilitator Skills Building | Systems Change | Youth & Schools | Community Circles & Spaces |
| | 310A | 310B | 320 | 300 |
| | Breakout 1: Restorative Justice in All Spaces; Returning to Ancestral Wisdom for Healing and Accountability (Fernandez / Wraight) | Breakout 2: Standing Up for Each Other: Exploring Restorative and Transformative Justice with Cleveland Youth (Celeste / Broadnax / Hubbard) | Breakout 3: I Don't Have Time for a Circle! — Embedding Restorative Principles in Everyday Classroom Interactions (Murua / Gilman) | Community Circle: DRC Community Circle - AYE (Fardig-Diop) |
| 12:15 - 1:45 | LUNCH | | | |
| 1:45 - 3:15 | Concurrent Sessions (Third floor rooms) | | | |
| | 310A | 310B | 320 | 300 |
| | Breakout 1: Guidebook for the People: Stories for Change and Transformation (Ford / Matthews / Ng) | Breakout 2: Restorative Data Justice: Repairing Algorithmic Harm and Reclaiming Digital Equity in Education (Cruze) | Breakout 3: Title TBD (Harris) | Community Support Space Demarra West - Be Well Beautiful People |
| 3:15 - 3:45 | Break | | | |
| 3:45 - 5:15 | Concurrent Sessions (Third floor rooms) | | | |
| | 310A | 310B | 320 | 300 |
| | Breakout 1: Conflict Coaching Workshop (Stanley / Stanley) | Breakout 2: RJ Program Impact Report- deflection/diversion (TBD Speakers) | Breakout 3: Telling It: Embodying What Incarceration Is NOT, A Liberatory Methodology for Healing and Transformative Justice (Gordon-Gurfinkel / Kundrat / Weston / Third) | Documentary Showing: <i>Healing Justice</i> |
| 5:15-6:45 | Happy Hour/Strolling Reception | | | |

Friday, October 31, 2025

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| 8:00 - 9:00 | Registration Breakfast | | | |
| 9:00 - 10:30 | Plenary: Pokagon Band of Potawatomi <i>Moderator: Belinda Dulin</i> <i>Edward Valandra</i> | | | |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Break | | | |
| 10:45 - 12:15 | Concurrent Sessions <i>(Third floor rooms)</i> | | | |
| | 310A | 310B | 320 | 300 |
| | Breakout 1: The Power of Healing Circles <i>(Sekulidis / Brown)</i> | Breakout 2: The Intersection of Health and Justice <i>(Witten / Anderson)</i> | Breakout 3: Healing Schools; Using Restorative Practices to Transform School Culture <i>(Weiss / Mueller Johnson)</i> | Breakout 4: How Restorative Justice Is Transforming Criminal Justice From Prevention through Reentry <i>(McGee / Johnson)</i> |
| 12:15 - 1:45 | Lunch | | | |
| 1:45 - 3:15 | Concurrent Sessions <i>(Third floor rooms)</i> | | | |
| | 310A | 310B | 320 | 300 |
| | Breakout 1: The Waves We Give and How We Ride Them <i>(Nakai / Zachariah)</i> | Breakout 2: A Crash Course in Using RJ to Resolve Criminal Cases <i>(Partridge)</i> | Breakout 3: From Participants to Partners <i>(Jackson)</i> | Community Circle: Nancy Terhar - FORJ |
| 3:30 - 4:00 | Closing Remarks/Call to Action | | | |

