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## EDUCATION

- 2019      **Ph.D., Restorative Justice**  
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
- 2013      **B.A. (*cum laude* and with distinction), Religious Studies**  
Colorado College

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020-Present      **Research Professor**  
**Principal Investigator, National Center on Restorative Justice**, 2022-Present (\$17,588,643 total in grants from the US Office of Justice Programs to advance restorative justice education, research, and program implementation)  
Associate Director, National Center on Restorative Justice, 2021-2022  
Assistant Director, National Center on Restorative Justice, 2020-2021  
Vermont Law and Graduate School
- 2019-2021      **Adjunct Professor**  
Boise State University
- 2017-2019      **Research Assistant**  
The Diana Unwin Chair in Restorative Justice  
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
- 2016      **Fulbright Fellow**  
U.S. Department of State  
Wellington, New Zealand

## Invited Lectures

- 2024      “Indigenous Roots of Restorative Justice.” Restorative Justice Seminar, Rutgers University
- 2023      “Restorative Teaching Tools.” Teaching Restorative Justice, Vermont Law School
- 2021      “Restorative Justice.” Advanced Criminal Law Seminar, Vermont Law School
- 2021      “Restorative Justice in New Zealand.” Restorative Justice: Global Perspectives, International Institute for Restorative Practices
- 2020      “Restorative Justice.” SOC 359 Green Criminology and SOC 372 Sociology of Deviance, Colorado State University
- 2020      “Restorative Justice.” Advanced Criminal Law Seminar, Vermont Law School
- 2020      “Restorative Justice in New Zealand.” Restorative Justice: Global Perspectives, International Institute for Restorative Practices
- 2018      “Justice Performed: The Normative, Transformative, and Proleptic Dimensions of the Restorative Justice Ritual.” Restorative Justice Graduate Certificate Course, Victoria University of Wellington
- 2017      “Restorative Circles.” Restorative Justice Graduate Certificate Course, Victoria University of Wellington

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTITIONER POSITIONS

- 2016-2019      **Restorative Justice Facilitator, Trainer, and Consultant**  
Aspen Restorative Consulting, Wellington, New Zealand
- 2014-2015      **Community Restorative Justice Bilingual Program Manager**  
Longmont Community Justice Partnership, Longmont, Colorado

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022      Fellow, Restorative Justice and Design Innovation Summer Institute, Maynooth University, Ireland
- 2018      Research Excellence Award, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

2017	International Prize, Postgraduate Students' Association Three Minute Thesis Competition, Victoria University
2017	Rotary Global Grant Scholar
2017	Quaker Peace and Service Aotearoa New Zealand Grant
2016	Fulbright US Graduate Student Award
2016	First Place, Postgraduate Students' Association Three Minute Thesis Competition, Victoria University
2013	Phi Beta Kappa
2013	Abel J. and Lucy Phinney Gregg Award
2012	Benjamin A. Gilman Scholar

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

**Pointer, L.** & Lawton-Sticklor, N. (under review) "Tensions and Process Considerations in Crafting Restorative Justice Best Practice Frameworks."

Lawton-Sticklor, N. & **Pointer, L.** (under review) "A Thematic Analysis of Restorative Justice Best Practice Frameworks."

Giles-Mitson, A. & **Pointer, L.** (under review) "Restorative Spaces: A Comparative Case Study of Sustained Restorative Dialogue Online and In-Person."

Wesley, D., Ojibway, A., & **Pointer, L.** (accepted for publication 2025). "Equitable Systems Design for Restorative Justice." *The International Journal of Restorative Justice*.

**Pointer, L.**, Polavarapu, A., & Ojibway, A. (forthcoming 2025). "Restorative Justice in Legal Education." *The Journal of Legal Education* Vol. 73 Issue 4.

**Pointer, L.**, Giles-Mitson, A., Bascoe, S. & Bovard, A. (2025). "How to Hold Space for Difficult Multicultural Conversations: A Restorative Approach." *The International Journal of Restorative Justice*, doi: 10.5553/TIJRJ-000225.

**Pointer, L.**, Dutreuil, C., Livelli, B., Londono, C., Pledl, C., Rodriguez, P., Showalter, P. & Tompkins, P. (2023). "Teaching Restorative Justice." *Contemporary Justice Review* Vol. 25 Issue 3-4, doi: 10.1080/10282580.2023.2181286.

**Pointer, L.** & Pali, B. (2022). "Advancing Restorative Justice through Art" *The International Journal of Restorative Justice* Vol. 5 Issue 3, doi: 10.5553/TIJRJ.000129.

**Pointer, L.** (2022). "The Red Summer Project." *The International Journal of Restorative Justice* Vol. 5 Issue 3, doi: 10.5553/TIJRJ.000134.

**Pointer, L.** & Giles-Mitson, A. (2020). "Sustained Restorative Dialogue as a Means of Understanding and Preventing Sexually Harmful Behavior on University Campuses." *Contemporary Justice Review: Issues in Criminal, Social, and Restorative Justice* Vol. 23 Issue 1, doi: 10.1080/10282580.2019.1700467.

Scott, M., Jones, B., Cavanagh, T. Vigil, P. & **Pointer, L.** (2020). "The Future of School Social Work: Providing Leadership through Restorative Justice Coordination." *Educational Research: Theory & Practice* Vol. 31 Issue 1.

**Pointer, L.** & McGoey, K. (2019). "Teaching Restorative Practices through Games: An Experiential Restorative Pedagogy." *The International Journal of Restorative Justice* Vol. 2 Issue 1.

**Pointer, L.** (2018). "Restorative Practices in Residence Halls at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand." *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* Vol. 36 Issue 3.

**Pointer, L.** (2017). "Building a Restorative University." *Journal of the Australian and New Zealand Student Services Association* Vol. 49 Issue 2.

**Pointer, L.** (2016). "Understanding Transformational Space: An Analysis of Restorative Justice Conferences through Religious Studies Theoretical Lenses." *Restorative Justice: An International Journal* Vol. 4 Issue 2.

### Edited Special Issues

**Pointer, L.**, Polvarapu, A. & Ojibway, A. (Forthcoming 2025). Special Issue of *The Journal of Legal Education*, Restorative Justice in Legal Education.

**Pointer, L.**, Pali, B. (2022). Special Issue of *The International Journal of Restorative Justice*, Restorative Justice and Art.

## Books

McGoey, K. & **Pointer, L.** (2024). *The Little Book of Restorative Teaching Tools for Online Learning*. New York: Good Books.

**Pointer, L.** (2022). *Wally and Freya*. New York: Good Books.

**Pointer, L.** (2021). *The Restorative Justice Ritual*. New York: Routledge.

**Pointer, L.**, McGoey, K. & Farrar, H. (2020). *The Little Book of Restorative Teaching Tools: Games, Activities and Simulations for Understanding Restorative Practices*. New York: Good Books.

## Edited Book

Gonzalez, T., **Pointer, L.**, Schiff, M., & Del Gobbo, D. (Forthcoming 2025). *The International Encyclopedia of Restorative Justice, North America Volume*. De Gruyter Brill Publishing.

## Book Chapters

**Pointer, L.** (Forthcoming 2025). "Affective Methods for Restorative Justice Research and Communication" in *The Handbook of Research Methods in Restorative Justice*. Den Haag: Eleven International Publishing.

**Pointer, L.** (Forthcoming 2025). "Restorative Pedagogy" in *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Social Justice in Education, Restorative Justice Volume*. Bloomsbury: Bloomsbury Publishing.

**Pointer, L.** & Giles-Mitson, A. (2024). "Sustained Restorative Dialogue to Understand and Address Structural Sources of Harm in University Communities" in *The Handbook of Restorative Justice and Practice in Higher Education*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

## Other Publications

**Pointer, L.** (2025). "Expanding our Public Imagination of Justice: The Role of Artists and Storytellers." *IIRP Presidential Paper Series*.

**Pointer, L.** (2021). "What is "Restorative Justice" and How Does it Impact Individuals Involved in Crime?" U.S. Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Blog.

**Pointer, L.** (2020). "Restorative Circles: A Powerful Tool for Community Healing." *The Blue Review*.

**Pointer, L.** (2018). "Talking Sticks, Restorative Practices Build Cooperation." *Rotary Voices*.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

2025 **Pointer, L.** "Expanding our Public Imagination of Justice." The International Institute for Restorative Practices World Conference, Chattanooga, TN.

2024 **Pointer, L.** "Holistic Restorative Approaches for University Communities." Restorative Justice in the Context of Higher Education, Seoul National University Human Rights Center.

2022 **Pointer, L.** "A Restorative Approach to Preventing Sexual Harm." Recognising Sexual Violence: Developing Pathways to Survivor-Centred Justice, University of Iceland.

2022 **Pointer, L.** "Introducing children to restorative practice through stories." Mint House Communicating Restorative Justice and Practices Conference, online.

- 2021 **Pointer, L.** and Ali Hendricks, M. “Setting the scene on arts and restorative justice.” REStART Conference, European Forum for Restorative Justice.
- 2021 **Pointer, L.** “Do you have to *feel* it to *get* it?: The potential of experiences, stories, and art for communicating restorative justice.” Measuring, Researching, Narrating: Discussing the (Social) Impact of Restorative Justice, European Forum for Restorative Justice.
- 2021 **Pointer, L.** “How to Build a Restorative University.” Warwick International Higher Education Academy Seminar.
- 2021 **Pointer, L.** and Giles-Mitson, A. “Sustained Restorative Dialogue on Sexual Harm.” British Columbia Restorative Justice in Post-Secondary Education Collective.
- 2021 **Pointer, L.** and McGoey, K. “Introducing Restorative Practices through Games and Activities.” Relational Schools World Conference.
- 2020 **Pointer, L.** Panelist, “Restorative Approaches to Teaching Criminal Justice.” Webinar hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Education for Justice initiative (E4J) and Maynooth University Department of Law.
- 2020 **Pointer, L.** and McGoey, K. “Teaching Restorative Practices through Games and Activities.” RJ World Conference.
- 2020 **Pointer, L.** Panelist, “Teaching Restorative Justice Restoratively: Towards a Restorative Pedagogy.” Webinar hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Education for Justice initiative (E4J) and Maynooth University Department of Law.
- 2020 **Pointer, L.** and McGoey, K. “The Little Book of Restorative Teaching Tools: A Virtual Book Launch.” Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice webinar.
- 2019 **Pointer, L.** “Keynote: Restorative Practices: A Transformative Way to Respond to Harm.” Administrators in Medicine Conference. Fort Worth, TX .
- 2018 **Pointer, L.** “An Introduction to Restorative Justice.” Wellington Rotary Club.
- 2017 **Pointer, L.** “An Introduction to Restorative Justice.” Fort Collins and Loveland Rotary Clubs.

## Conference Presentations

- 2024 **Pointer, L.**, Allen, C. and Lorentz, D. “Teaching Restorative Justice through Fiction.” National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference. Washington D.C.
- 2022 Crocker, A. Karp, D., **Pointer, L.** and Armour, M. “Restorative Justice Research.” National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2022 McGoey, K. and **Pointer, L.** “Build Your Own Game or Activity for Teaching Restorative Justice.” National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2022 Sliva, S., Fox, K. and **Pointer, L.** “Pathways (and Roadblocks) to the Delivery of Restorative Justice Education in Prisons.” National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2022 Schiff, M., **Pointer, L.** and Gonzalez, T. “Restorative Justice Encyclopedia: North American Volume.” National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2022 **Pointer, L.**, Ojibway, A., Lyubansky, M. and Karp, D. “A More Restorative Pedagogy: Aligning RJ Teaching with RJ Principles.” National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2022 **Pointer, L.** “Panel: Case Studies in Restorative Justice for Animals.” Animals and Restorative Justice Symposium. Vermont Law and Graduate School, online.
- 2022 Crocker, A., Armour, M., Karp, D. and **Pointer, L.** “Introducing the Restorative Justice Research Community.” European Forum for Restorative Justice Conference, online.
- 2022 **Pointer, L.** and McGoey, K. “Games and Activities for Teaching Restorative Justice.” RJ World Conference, online.

- 2022 Crocker, A., Armour, M., Karp, D. and **Pointer, L.** “Introducing the Restorative Justice Research Community.” RJ World Conference, online.
- 2022 **Pointer, L.** and Ojibway, A. “Using Circles in Higher Education Classrooms.” RJ World Conference, online.
- 2021 **Pointer, L.** “How does restorative justice work?: viewing justice processes through a ritual framework.” American Society of Criminology Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 **Pointer, L.** Micah Johnson, Tysheika Shaw, William Jackson. “The Police Youth Dialogue Model for Improving Community Relations.” International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference, online.
- 2018 Marshall, C and **Pointer, L.** “Restorative Justice.” The Justice Conference. Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2018 **Pointer, L.** and Seiniger, S. “Exploring the Potential of Restorative Circle Practice in Prisons.” Restorative and Māori Justice Approaches to the Prison Crisis. Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2018 **Pointer, L.** “Creating Transformational Space: Ritual and Restorative Justice” and “Teaching Restorative Practices through Games.” European Forum for Restorative Justice Conference. Tirana, Albania
- 2017 **Pointer, L.** “The Role of Ritual in Conflict Resolution” Conflict Resolution Conference. Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2017 **Pointer, L.** “Teaching Restorative Practices through Games.” Conflict Resolution Conference. Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2017 **Pointer, L.** “Creating Transformational Space: Ritual and Restorative Justice.” National Association of Community Restorative Justice Conference. Oakland, CA.
- 2017 Marshall, C., **Pointer, L.**, and Farrar, H. “Building a Restorative University.” National Association of Community Restorative Justice Conference. Oakland, CA.
- 2016 Marshall, C. and **Pointer, L.** “Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices in Higher Education.” Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association Conference. Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2016 **Pointer, L.** “Building Restorative Communities.” Social Movements, Resistance and Social Change Conference. Wellington, New Zealand.
- 2015 McGoey, K. and **Pointer, L.** “Restorative Conversations for Resolving One-on-One Conflict.” Colorado Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference. Denver, CO.
- 2015 McGoey, K and **Pointer, L.** “Restorative Justice in Colorado.” Front Range Bioneers Conference. Boulder, CO.
- 2015 **Pointer, L.** and McGoey, K. “Partnering with Police in Restorative Justice Organizations” Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Symposium. Colorado Springs, CO.
- 2015 **Pointer, L.** and McGoey, K. “Teaching Restorative Practices through Games.” Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Symposium. Colorado Springs, CO.
- 2015 **Pointer, L.** and McGoey, K. “Partnering with Police in Restorative Justice Organizations.” National Association of Community Restorative Justice Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- 2015 McGoey, K. and **Pointer, L.** “Incorporating Assets and Strengths in Restorative Conversations.” National Association of Community Restorative Justice Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- 2015 **Pointer, L.** and McGoey, K. “Teaching Restorative Practices through Games.” National Association of Community Restorative Justice Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL.

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- 2025-Present Catholic Mobilizing Network, National Restorative Justice Advisory Board
- 2021-Present The International Journal of Restorative Justice, Advisory Board Member

2023-Present	National Association of Community Restorative Justice, Chair of NACRJ Grants Committee
2017-2024	National Association of Community Restorative Justice, Advisory Council Member
2015-2016	Restorative Justice State Council Legislative Committee Member