

Restorative Justice Responses to Sexual Harm

SKILLS WORKSHOP

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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

This skills workshop will engage participants in the work of The Ahimsa Collective to address sexual harm. Participants will:

- learn about the philosophical underpinnings of the work;
- engage in experiential exercises;
- hear from facilitators and participants about their experiences in actual processes; and
- collectively explore the strategies needed to address sexual and other harms using restorative approaches.

Though the workshop focuses on sexual harm, it is suitable for those who serve people who have experienced other types of interpersonal violence such as partner and family violence. *Please note: we will hear from survivors and from folks who have committed sexual harm. Please be prepared to hear life stories that may include details about sexual trauma and healing.*

Friday, **Aug 5** -
Sunday, **Aug 7**

9:30 am - 4:30 pm
(box lunch provided)

UofSC School of Law
1525 Senate St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Interested in attending? Please complete [this form](#).

Note that cost to attend is \$500. However, we are committed to making these workshops accessible and there is a space on the form to indicate your need for reduced or waived fees.

ABOUT THE AHIMSA COLLECTIVE

The Ahimsa Collective works to support people who have committed sexual harm and survived sexual harm, and sometimes facilitates dialogues between them. We meet people where they are, whether that be in the community or within the criminal legal system, and offer support across the spectrum of non-punitive ways to approach sexual harm.

Facilitators

nuri nusrat

nuri nusrat hopes to bring love and compassion to those she has the honor of working with. She has 6 years of experience in restorative justice and over 15 years supporting those impacted by the criminal legal system. She's had the privilege of training incredible people in circle process and restorative community conferencing models and has co-facilitated direct dialogues about harm, accountability, and support. She believes the collective has more wisdom than she could ever hold alone and values collaboration as a fundamental part of restorative justice work. nuri's parents were both child sexual abuse survivors, amongst many other identities, including fiercely loving and often hilarious parents. This motivates her to create opportunities that her parents didn't have-for communities to work together to acknowledge harm, seek accountability without shaming, and to support those impacted and each other. She cares deeply for all those who have experienced, done, and been affected by harm.



Julian Ward

Julian Ward believes it is possible and necessary to heal from harm and restore our inherent connections with one another and the Earth. His focus is on shifting a culture of fear, isolation, and domination to one of love, nurturance, and interdependence. At The Ahimsa Collective, he has helped steward the RJ in the Community Program, and facilitated Victim Offender Dialogues and an in-prison program on restorative approaches to intimate violence.

