

The Gift of Conflict:

Conflict engagement inside (and outside) the lab

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This workshop will create conditions for exploring:

- the importance of walking towards conflict
- strategies for moving from judgment to connection during challenging encounters
- the ways to finding a win-win during conflicts and heated interactions
- the underlying meaning of “hard to hear” messages
- building containers for dialogue

About Restorative Justice and Restorative Circles:

Restorative Justice is a roughly 40-year international movement consisting of a variety of different restorative practices from all over the world, many of which have indigenous roots. While the specifics vary from practice to practice, at the heart, restorative practices provide an alternative (or additional) approach to the punitive systems that currently dominate most Western mainstream societies’ approach to crime and conflict. Rather than focusing on assigning blame and administering punishment, restorative practices typically bring together the parties involved and impacted by what happened for the purpose of mutual understanding (of what happened and the harm that occurred) and working together to fix the harm and, if appropriate, restore the relationships. Restorative Circles are a specific restorative practice developed in the favelas of Brazil by Dominic Barter and his associates.

About Mikhail Lyubansky:

Mikhail is a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois. His work is broadly focused on conflict and restorative responses to conflict in a variety of different contexts, including schools, organizations, and intentional communities. As part of Conflict 180 (co-founded with Elaine Shpungin), he supports schools, organizations, and workplaces in developing restorative strategies for engaging conflict, building conflict facilitation skills and evaluating the outcomes associated with restorative responses.

Logistics:

The workshop will be April 20th 2018 from 1-3pm at the Beckman Institute, room 2269. Contact Kate Clancy kclancy@illinois.edu with any questions or to share accommodation needs.