

Transformative Justice Syllabus

Week One: Transformative Justice or Carceral Feminism?

- [Transformative Justice: A Brief Description](#), Mia Mingus
- [What Is/Isn't Transformative Justice](#), Adrienne Marie Brown
- [Conflict As Property](#), Nils Christie, *The British Journal of Criminology*
- [For Tasha Amezcu, Safety Starts by Not Calling the Cops](#), Madhuri Sathish
- [From "Me Too" to "All of Us": Organizing to End Sexual Violence, Without Prisons](#), Sarah Jaffe
- Recommended:
 - [Community Accountability: Emerging Movements to Transform Violence](#), Editors' Introduction
 - This provides a useful history of activists and organizations which developed the Transformative Justice framework and the practices of Community Accountability we'll be discussing in this reading group
 - [Against Innocence: Race, Gender, and the Politics of Safety](#), Jackie Wang
 - Borrowed this reading from the Prison Abolition syllabus – a great pushback on simplistic ideas of "safety" that are often centered by white, carceral feminist interventions against violence, esp. sexual violence.

Week Two: Introduction to Restorative Justice

- [Tutorial: What is Restorative Justice? Lessons 1 through 6](#), RestorativeJustice.org
- [The Rapist Next Door](#), John D Sutter
- [Abuser and Survivor Face to Face](#), Leah Sottle
- [Do Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Heal Divided Nations?](#), Bonny Ibhawoh
- ACTIVITY: Letters to Incarcerated Survivors

Week Three: Introduction to Community Accountability

- [Creative Interventions Toolkit](#), Section 1 p. 1 – 10 and 16 – 28
- [Still Choosing to Leap: Building Alternatives](#), Mia Mingus
- Selections from [The Revolution Starts at Home: Confronting Partner Abuse in Activist Communities](#)
 - There is Another Way, Ana Lara
- [10 Strategies for Cultivating Community Accountability](#), Ann Russo
- [Building Community Safety: Practical Steps Toward Liberatory Transformation](#), Ejeris Dixon

- ACTIVITY:
 - [Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective: Pods and Pod Mapping Collective](#), Mia Mingus

Week Four: Community Accountability in Practice

- [Moving Beyond Critique: Creative Interventions and Reconstructions of Community Accountability](#), Mimi E Kim
- [Philly Stands Up: Inside the Politics and Poetics of Transformative Justice and Community Accountability in Sexual Assault Situations](#), Esteban Lance Kelly
- [Taking Risks: Implementing Grassroots Community Accountability Strategies](#), Written by a collective of women of color from Communities Against Rape and Abuse (CARA): Alisa Bierria, Onion Carrillo, Eboni Colbert, Xandra Ibarra, Theryn Kigvamasud'Vashti, and Shale Maulana
- [Challenging Men Changing Communities: Reflections on Male Supremacy and Transformative Justice](#), The Challenging Male Supremacy Project (CMS): Gaurav Jashnani, RJ Maccani, and Alan Greig
- Recommended:
 - [INCITE! Community Accountability Working Document](#), INCITE!
 - [The NYC Punks Who Built A Support Network For Sexual Assault Survivors When the Justice System Failed Them](#), OK Merrit

Week Five: Critiques of Transformative and Restorative Justice

- [What About the Rapists? Anarchist Approaches to Crime and Justice](#), Selections:
 - "Anarchist" Rapist Gets the Bat: We'll Show You Crazy Bitches Part II
 - Beyond Revenge and Reconciliation
- [The Broken Teapot Zine, 2nd ed.](#) Selections:
 - The Broken Teapot, Anonymous
 - Questioning Rape, Anonymous
- [A Look at Feminist Forms of Justice That Don't Involve the Police](#), Kristian Williams
- [Hot Allostatic Load](#), Porpentine

Week Six: Accountability for Racism

- [Open Letter from Indigenous Scholars Regarding Discussions of Andrea Smith](#), Indian Country Today
- [The Uses of Anger](#), Audre Lorde
- [Getting Called Out: Why Acknowledging Oppression Matters More Than Your Hurt Feelings](#), Erin Tatum

- [Six Signs Your Call Out Isn't Actually About Accountability](#), Maisha Z. Johnson
- [Reparations](#), The Movement for Black Lives
- [Agenda for Black Futures, Pay for Generational Oppression: Reparations Revisited](#), Black Youth Project 100, pp. 13 -18
 - Recommended: Full *Agenda for Black Lives*

Week Seven: Taking Action for Accountability in the Democratic Socialists of America

- [Why Misogynists Make Great Informants](#), Courtney Desiree Morris
- [Strategies for Survivors](#), Philly Survivors Support Collective
- [9 Ways to Be Accountable When You've Been Abusive](#), Kai Cheng Thom
- Open Discussion: Sexual Violence on the Socialist Left
- Open Discussion: Community Accountability Work in SocFem and the Prison Abolition Action Group
- ACTIVITY:
 - Checklist from [A Stand-Up Start Up by Philly's Pissed - Philly Stands Up](#)