

**Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago**

**February 7 - May 8, 2008 1:00 - 4:00**

**Syllabus**

**M-440 Ministry to the Incarcerated & Their Families:  
Pastoral Care & Restorative Justice**

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Term: Spring Semester  
2008

- Feb. 7** Week 1 - Correctional Chaplaincy & Restorative Justice lecture part I : laying the foundation for chaplaincy work behind the wall; discussion regarding pastoral care, prison ministry theology and practice. Students given assigned readings and course expectations for spring semester.
- Feb. 14 Week 2 - Correctional Chaplaincy & Restorative Justice lecture part II. Restorative Justice video: Intro. To Conferencing. Discussion.
- Feb. 21 Week 3 - Discussion / Changing Lenses/Zehr chapt's 1 - 6 Restorative Justice video/discussion.
- Feb. 28 Week 4 - Jim Vuko tells his story of addiction and incarceration within the Ill. Dept. Of Corrections. Discussion to follow.  
12 Step Programs & Corrections. Changing Lenses/Zehr, ch. 7 & 9
- Mar 6** Week 5 - Wally Lamb group presentation due. Courtroom 309 group presentation due.
- Mar 13 Week 6 - Ms. Sherwin Miles, inmate caseworker at Stateville Prison, former correctional officer, will discuss the importance of correctional programs, education and issues surrounding the incarcerated.
- Mar 20 Week 7 - House of Healing dyad presentations due.  
**\*\*\*\*\*Spring break /March 27\*\*\*\*\***
- April 3** Week 9 - Tracey Beasley shares his story of incarceration and life post incarceration; transitions back to the community. Discussion. Omar & Pete DVD and discussion.
- April 10 Week 10 - student presentations due
- April 17 Week 11 - student presentations due

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April 24    Week 12 - Practical Aspects of RJ Ministry/Jane Otte - Lutheran Social Services/Family, Prisoner Ministry

**May 8**    Last day of class/all assignments due