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Abstract:

I would speak to the experience and lessons of teaching human rights and transitional justice courses inside a state correctional facility with a combined student cohort of traditional undergraduate students and incarcerated students in a shared classroom behind prison walls. The course focuses on collaborative learning and community building and was a revolutionary way to explore core transitional justice themes of forgiveness, reconciliation, truth telling and the tensions between restorative and retributive justice. Collectively we build hope by recognizing our common humanity.

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