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EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., Social Work and Social Research
Certificate in Pedagogy
Bryn Mawr College
- 2000 M.A. in Conflict Transformation
Eastern Mennonite University
- 1992 B.A. in Sociology with an option in Peace and Conflict Studies
University of Waterloo

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020-present Associate Professor, Criminal Justice
School of Social Work and Criminal Justice
University of Washington Tacoma
- Affiliate Faculty (2017-present)
Center for Human Rights
University of Washington
- 2014-2020 Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice
School of Social Work and Criminal Justice
University of Washington Tacoma
- 2009-2014 Visiting Instructor/ Adjunct Professor (graduate)
Bryn Mawr College, Eastern Mennonite University, and Widener University
- 2007-2014 Visiting Instructor/ Adjunct Professor (undergraduate)
Haverford College* and Bryn Mawr College
**Courses taught in correctional facilities, using the Inside-Out Prison Exchange model*

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Restorative justice theory and practice
- Architecture and environmental design
- Corrections and incarceration
- Criminal and restorative justice professional practice
- Qualitative research methods, including art/design-based methods
- Research ethics, especially as it pertains to justice-involved individuals

SCHOLARSHIP

Peer-reviewed articles

Toews, B., Van Buren, D., and Jacobs, G. (2022). Participatory restorative justice design: Creating space for restorative justice by centring the voices of those impacted by harm. *The International Journal of Restorative Justice*.

Lindhorst, T., Casey, E., Willey-Sthapit, C. and **Toews, B.** (2022). How research evidence is defined, acquired, and shared across systems that address intimate partner violence. *Violence Against Women*, 28(5), 1213-1236. DOI: 10.1177/10778012211025999

Toews, B. (2020). 'I see all the life': Designing spaces of respite for survivors of violence. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 23(3), 205-221. doi: 10.1080/10282580.2020.1783256.

Toews, B., Wagenfeld, A., Stevens, J., and Shoemaker, C. (2020). Feeling at home in nature: A mixed method study of the impact of visitor activities and preferences in a prison visiting room. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 59(4), 223-246.

Campbell, M., Dalke, A., and **Toews, B.** (2020). Naming and sharing power in prison workshop settings. *Ethics and Social Welfare*, 14(1) 105-117.

Stevens, J., **Toews, B.,** and Wagenfeld, A. (2018). Designing the correctional landscape: An invitation to landscape architecture professionals. *Landscape Journal*, 37(1), 55-72.

Toews, B. (2018). "It's a dead place": A qualitative exploration of violence survivors' perceptions of justice architecture. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 21(2), 208-222.

Toews, B., Wagenfeld, A., and Stevens, J. (2018). Impact of a nature-based intervention on incarcerated women. *International Journal of Prisoner Health*, 14(4), 1-12.

Wagenfeld, A., Stevens, J., **Toews, B.,** Jarzembowski, S., Ladjahasan, N., Stewart, J., & Raddatz, C. (2017). Addressing correctional staff stress through interaction with nature: A new role for occupational therapy. *Occupational Therapy in Mental Health*, 1-20.

Toews, B. (2016). "This backyard is my serenity place": Learnings from incarcerated women about the architecture and design of restorative justice. *Restorative Justice: An International Journal*, 4(2), 214-236.

Stevens, J., Wagenfeld, A., **Toews, B.,** and Wacktendorf, P. (2016). Creating well-rounded designers of prison environments: Transdisciplinary action research, design and teaching. In P. Bauer, M. Collender, M. Jakob, L. Bonnelame, P. Petschek, D. Siegrist, and C. Tschumi (Eds.) *Bridging the Gap Proceedings of the ECLAS Conference* (pp. 201-203). Rapperswil, Switzerland: European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools.

Toews, B. (2013). Toward a restorative justice pedagogy: Reflections on teaching restorative justice in correctional facilities. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 16(1), 1-22.

Books

Zehr, H. and **Toews, B.** (2022). *Still doing life: 22 lifers, 25 years later*. New York: The New Press.

Toews, B. (2006). *Little book of restorative justice for people in prison*. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, Inc.

Zehr, H. and **Toews, B.** (Eds.). (2004). *Critical issues in restorative justice*. Monsey, NY: Criminal Justice Press.

Book chapters

Toews, B. (2022). Prioritizing accountability and reparations: Restorative justice design and infrastructure. In D. Moran, Y. Jewkes, K. Blount-Hill & V. St. John (Eds.), *Palgrave Handbook of Prison Design*. Switzerland: Springer Nature.

Stevens, J., Wagenfeld, A, & **Toews., B.** (2022). From grey to green: Guidelines for designing health-promoting correctional environments. In D. Moran, Y. Jewkes, K. Blount-Hill & V. St. John (Eds.), *Palgrave Handbook of Prison Design*. Switzerland: Springer Nature.

Toews, B. (2018). Architecture and restorative justice: Designing with values and well-being in mind. In T. Gavrielides (Ed.), *Routledge International Handbook of Restorative Justice*. Oxford: Routledge.

Toews, B. (2016). Restorative justice worker. In A. Ackerman and M. Sacks (Eds.), *Introduction to Criminal Justice: A Personal Narrative Perspective*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press. [book chapter section]

Toews, B. (2013). Justice and peace in restorative justice: A path to interdependence. In A. Mosher and F. Enns (Eds.), *Just Peace: Ecumenical, intercultural, and interdisciplinary perspectives*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock.

Toews, B. and Harris, K. (2010). Restorative justice in prisons. In E. Beck, N. Kropf and P.M. Leonard (Eds.), *Social work and restorative justice: Skills for dialogue, peacemaking, and reconciliation* (pp. 118-148). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Toews, B. and Katounas, J. (2004). Have offender needs and perspectives been adequately incorporated into restorative justice? In H. Zehr and B. Toews (Eds.), *Critical issues in restorative justice* (pp. 109-118). Monsey, NY: Criminal Justice Press.

Toews, B. and Zehr H. (2003). Ways of knowing for a restorative worldview. In E. Weitekamp and H. J. Kerner (Eds.), *Restorative justice in context: International practice and directions* (pp. 257-271). Devon, UK: Willan Publishing.

Technical reports and toolkits

Toews, B. (2022). *Make yourself at home: Evaluation of Candace House and Healing Haven*. (Winnipeg, MB, Canada)

Toews, B. (2022). Executive Summary and Research & Findings. Chapters in *Common Justice offices: Spaces of healing energy*. Oakland: Designing Justice+Designing Spaces.

Toews, B., Thomas, T., Van Buren, D., and Ledao, M. (2022). "A home away from home:" Designing survivor-oriented spaces. Chapter in *Trust-Building Through Environmental Design*. Oakland: Designing Justice+Designing Spaces for inclusion in toolkit created by Center for Court Innovation (NY).

Toews, B., Wagenfeld, A., Baker, A. and Stevens, J. (2020). Environmental Assessment and Recommendations for the Evaluation and Treatment Center and Detoxification Center of the Metropolitan Development Corporation (Tacoma, WA).

Vickerie-Dearman, L., **Toews, B.**, and McCunn, L. (2019). Evaluation of the Pop-Up Resource Village. Oakland: Designing Justice+Designing Spaces.

Toews, B. (2018). Kitsap County Juvenile Detention Facility: Environmental assessment and recommendations (Port Orchard, WA).

Toews, B. (2016). Candace House: A nourishing haven: Report on ideas for the design of Candace House (Winnipeg, Manitoba).

Van Buren, D. and **Toews, B.** (2015). Designing Justice+Designing Spaces Toolkit.
<https://designingjustice.org/djds-toolkit/>

Van Buren, D. and **Toews, B.** (2015). Designing from the inside out: Santa Rita Jail workshop: Infinity Park, a restorative place for reentry. Oakland: Designing Justice+Designing Spaces.

Van Buren, D. and **Toews, B.** (2014). Designing from the inside out: Santa Bruno Jail workshop. Oakland: Designing Justice+Designing Spaces.

Encyclopedia entries

Toews, B. and Aquino, E. (under review). Designing safe spaces: Lessons from school settings. *Bloomsbury encyclopedia of social justice in education*.

Toews, B., Laurent, I. and McCarty, J. (under review). *The international encyclopedia on restorative justice: North American volume*.

Public scholarship

Zehr, H. and **Toews, B.** (2022). *Still doing life: 22 lifers, 25 years later*. Gallery exhibit featuring portraits and quotes from lifers in the book, initiated by The New Press, designed by Vox Populi, and funded by Art for Justice. The exhibit will be on display in The Free Library of Philadelphia, June-August 2022 followed by travel to galleries around the country.

Zehr, H. and **Toews, B.** (2022). Series of virtual events discussing *Still doing life: 22 lifers, 25 years later* and the issue of life without the possibility of parole:

- Paw'd Defiance, University of Washington Tacoma (podcast)
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/265902/10510425-still-doing-life>
- Zehr Institute, Eastern Mennonite University (webinar)
<https://zehr-institute.org/webinars/still-doing-life.html>
- Town Hall Seattle (virtual discussion)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgxVKTcq3ww>

- Pennsylvania's Office of the Victim Advocate (virtual discussion)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIZ-G9VDo-8&t=540s>
- Straight Ahead, (virtual discussion)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bC-FlxU5uRU>

Toews, B. and Van Buren, D. (2022) *Restorative justice and the design of intentional physical spaces*. Webinar, Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice, Eastern Mennonite University. <https://zehr-institute.org/webinars/restorative-justice-and-design-spaces.html>

Toews, B. (2020). Can architecture reflect restorative values? *The Restorative Well*, publication of the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice.

Van Buren, D. and **Toews, B.** (2016-2021). *By the People: Designing a Better America* [models, photographs, and a perspective drawing/montage created in *Designing Justice+Designing Spaces* prison-based design labs. Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, New York City. [includes a 10-page spread in the exhibit book]

Toews, B. (2018). Designing accountability and transformation. *Intersections: MCC theory and practice quarterly*, 6(3), 6-7.

Toews, B. (2015). Restorative justice activities entitled Restorative justice: Rebuilding the web of relationships; Drawing/diagramming RJ values; Circles in response to drug offenses: Race, economics and social injustice; Facing victims (and/or offenders); and Designing restorative justice space. In H. Zehr, *Changing Lenses: Anniversary Edition*. Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press.

Toews, B. and Van Buren, D. (2014) *Restorative justice by design: Using restorative justice values to design transformative spaces*. Webinar, Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice, Eastern Mennonite University. <http://zehr-institute.org/webinars/design-transformative-spaces.html>

Toews, B. and Van Buren, D. (2014). *Creating restorative spaces*. Podcast, Restorative Justice on the Rise with Molly Leach. <https://radiopublic.com/restorative-justice-on-the-rise-G3wAY2/ep/s1!b3f58>

Toews, B. (2013). *Dialogue Program for Victims of Violent Crime facilitator manual*. Harrisburg, PA: Office of the Victim Advocate.

Other scholarship

Toews, B. (2018). [Review of the book *In search of safety: Confronting inequality in women's imprisonment* by B. Owen, J. Wells, & J. Pollock]. *Theoretical Criminology*, 23(1), 125-127.

Little Books of Justice and Peacebuilding (Series Editor)

Del Tufo, A. and Gonell, E.Q. (in press). *Little book of restorative justice program design*. New York: Good Books.

Aquino, E., Manchester, H. B., and Wadha, A. (2021). *Little book of youth engagement in restorative justice*. New York: Good Books.

Johnson, M. and Weisberg, J. (2021). *Little book of police youth dialogue: A restorative path to justice*. New York: Good Books.

Pointer, L., McGoey, K. and Harrar, H. (2020). *Little book of restorative teaching tools: Games, activities, and simulations for understanding restorative justice practices*. New York: Good Books.

Davis, F. (2019). *Little book of race and restorative justice*. New York: Good Books.

DeWolf, T. and Geddes, J. (2019). *Little book of racial healing: Coming to the table for truth-telling, liberation and transformation*. New York: Good Books.

GRANT FUNDED ACTIVITY

- 2022-present UW Tacoma Covid Professional Development Fund
Stitching abolition and healing (\$2,316)
- 2022-present UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Research Development Funds
Design perspectives of restorative justice dialogue facilitators and participants (PI; \$5,090)
- 2018-present UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Summer School Revenue Funds
Furman at Fifty: Exploring the Lives of Death Row Survivors (Co-PI; \$13,357)
- 2021-2022 University of Washington Tacoma Founders Endowment
Toward a synthesizing theory for the design of survivor-oriented justice spaces (PI; \$2,700)
- 2019-2021 UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Summer School Revenue Funds
The Effects of Prison Moves and Policies on Well-Being (Co-PI; \$1,800)
- 2018-2021 UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Summer School Revenue Funds
Understanding Correctional Staff Perceptions of the Work Environment: A Case Study at a Correctional Center for Women (Co-PI; \$2,750)
- 2018-2021 UW Tacoma Royalty Research Fund Internal Pilot Funding
Understanding Correctional Staff Perceptions of the Work Environment: A Case Study at a Correctional Center for Women (Co-PI; \$9,833)
- 2020 UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Summer School Revenue Funds
Healing Hounds Pilot Photographs and Interviews (Co-PI; \$1,124)
- 2017-2020 UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Summer School Revenue Funds
Community matters: An exploration of changing prison architecture on the community lives of incarcerated men (Co-PI; \$15,000)
- 2017-2019 James Irvine Foundation
Evaluation of the PopUp Resource Village (Co-PI; \$47,500)
(full grant: \$750,000 to Designing Justice+Designing Spaces)
- 2016-2017 UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Summer School Revenue Funds
The Natural Landscape in Iowa Prisons: Advancing the work of Iowa Prison Environment Research Collaborative (Co-PI; \$14,982)

- 2015-2016 UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Summer School Revenue Funds
The Natural Landscape in Iowa Prisons: Initiatives of the Iowa Prison Environment Research Collaborative (Co-PI; \$3,726)
- 2015 UW Tacoma Social Work and Criminal Justice Summer School Revenue Funds
Designing Refuge: Involving Survivors in the Design of Candace House (PI; \$4,921)
- 2014-2015 Fetzer Institute
Designing Justice+Designing Spaces Development and Toolkit (Co-founder; \$100,000)

SERVICE

School of Social Work and Criminal Justice

- 2022-present Member, Faculty Search Committee (associate CJ professor)
- 2021-present Member, Faculty Council
- 2017-2020 Member, Equity and Inclusion Committee
- 2017-2020 Member, Scholarship Committee
- 2017-2020 Internship Coordinator (non-teaching tasks associated with TCRIM 498)
- 2019 Member at large, Faculty Council (winter term only)
- 2018-2019 Member, Faculty Search Committee (assistant CJ professor)
- 2018-2019 Member, Program-to-School Committee
- 2017-2018 Member, Faculty Search Committee (associate/full CJ professor)
- 2016-2017 Member, Poverty Simulation Planning Committee
- 2016-2017 Member, Faculty Search Committee (part-time CJ lecturer)

University of Washington Tacoma

- 2019-present Member, Executive Council, Faculty Assembly
- 2022 Member, APT Task Force, Executive Council, Faculty Assembly
- 2022 Member, Distinguished Research Award Committee
- 2019-2020 Member, Pie Party Planning Committee
- 2018-2021 Emergency housing provider, Office of Student Advocacy and Support
- 2019-2020 Member, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Search Committee
- 2017-2020 SSWCJ representative, Global Honors Faculty Council
- 2017-2018 Member, Tinkerspace Planning Committee
- 2016 Member, University Disciplinary Committee

University of Washington

- 2020 Grant Proposal Reviewer, Research Royalty Fund
- 2017 Reviewer, Library Research Award for Undergraduates, UW (all campuses)

Profession

- 2016-present Reviewer, book proposals, journal articles, and funding applications (National Science Foundation, Routledge, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, *Critical Criminology*, *Victims and Offenders*, and *International Journal of Prisoner Health*)
- 2016-present Secretary/Member, Board of Directors, Designing Justice+Designing Spaces
- 2015-2021 Member, Planning Committee, Northwest Justice Forum
- 2014-2020 Member, National Advisory Committee/Research Sub-Committee, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

2015 Participant (invited), *Restorative Justice: The Next Generation/A Restorative Justice Consultation*, Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice/Eastern Mennonite University

Community

2017-2021 Secretary/Member, Board of Directors, Prison Pet Partnership Program, Washington Correctional Center for Women
2019 Instructor, Freedom Education Project of the Puget Sound (FEPPS)
2017-2019 Home provider, Shared Housing Services
2014-2019 Consultant, Restorative Justice Planning Committee, Stafford Creek Correctional Center

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Washington Tacoma

- Helping Skills in the Criminal Justice System
- Restorative Justice
- Facing Harm: Victim Offender Dialogue in Practice
- Criminal Justice Internship
- Crisis and Trauma Intervention with Victims of Crime
- Women and the Criminal Justice System
- Children of Incarcerated Parents
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Social Welfare Research
- Applied Statistics for Social and Human Services
- Adult Corrections

Other academic positions

- Restorative Justice (courses in theory/practice as well as design/architecture)
- Peace by Design: Architecture and Design as a Peacebuilding Practice
- Dialogue Facilitation in Crimes of Severe Violence
- Looking Through Both Lenses: Restorative Justice Through the Eyes of Victims and Offenders
- Acting in Prison: Vision as a Resource for Change (course on women and incarceration)
- Research Informed Practice I and II (research methodology and statistical analysis)
- Organization and Program Development

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Community and Restorative Justice
- Environmental Design Research Association
- American Society of Criminology
- Society for the Study of Social Problems

ACADEMIC TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2022 Hildebrand, C., and **Toews, B.** *Candace House: Trauma-informed services and space for violence survivors*. National Association for Community and Restorative Justice biannual conference.

- 2021 Campbell, M., Campbell, C. and **Toews, B.** *The impact of disruption in carceral communities: A volunteer perspective.* Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference. (Abstract accepted; virtual conference due to COVID-19, did not attend)
- Stevens, J., **Toews, B.** and Van Buren, D. *Defunding, Decarcerating, Designing.* Environmental Design Research Association annual conference. (Abstract accepted; virtual conference due to COVID 19, did not attend)
- Toews, B.** *Reevaluating prison-based restorative justice work through a decarceration lens.* Global Restorative Justice Partnerships conference. (virtual presentation).
- Stevens, J., **Toews, B.** and Wagenfeld, A. *On being human: Strengthening protective factors through the design and use of therapeutic landscapes in prisons.* Social and Ecological Infrastructure for Recidivism Reduction conference, co-convened by the Initiative for Community Justice & Engaged Pedagogy at Boston College and Yale School of the Environment. (virtual presentation)
- Campbell, M., Campbell, C. and **Toews, B.** *The effects of prison moves and policies on well-being: Implications for smart decarceration.* Society for Social Work Research annual conference. (Abstract accepted; virtual conference due to COVID-19, did not attend)
- 2020 Campbell, C., Campbell, M. and **Toews, B.** *Collective trauma within prison environments.* Society for the Study of Social Problems (Abstract accepted; conference cancelled due to COVID-19).
- Toews, B.** *Designing for accountability: Decarceration through restorative justice-informed design.* International Association of People-Environment Studies (IAPS) Conference (Abstract accepted).
- Stevens, J., Wagenfeld, A., and **Toews, B.** *At home in nature: Prison gardens and playscapes for children and their mothers.* International Association of People-Environment Studies (IAPS) Conference (Abstract accepted).
- Toews, B.** and Van Buren, D. *Restorative justice: Transforming justice architecture in response to criminal justice reform.* Tenth International Conference on The Constructed Environment. (Abstract accepted; conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Stevens, J., Wagenfeld, A., and **Toews, B.** *At home in nature: Prison gardens and playscapes for children and their mothers.* Tenth International Conference on The Constructed Environment. (Abstract accepted; conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Stevens, J., **Toews, B.** and Wagenfeld, A. *On being human: Strengthening protective factors through the design and use of therapeutic landscapes in prisons.* Social and Ecological Infrastructure for Recidivism Reduction Conference. (Abstract accepted; conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Campbell, M. and **Toews, B.** *Prison moves and policies effects on well-being.* Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. (Abstract accepted)

Stevens, J., **Toews, B.**, and Wagenfeld, A. *Prison Gardens and Playscapes for Children*. Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference.

Toews, B. *Youth-oriented design: A multidisciplinary approach to the design of juvenile detention facilities*. Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference.

Toews, B. *Visiting room gardens: Playscapes for child-parent connection*. Children of the Incarcerated Conference, University of Washington Tacoma.

2017 **Toews, B.** *Designing natural landscape to promote the well-being of incarcerated individuals and correctional staff*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

Toews, B. *Designing justice: Inside-Out students envision restorative justice architecture*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

Toews, B. and Van Buren, D. *From rooms to the urban landscape: Designing for justice*. National Association for Community and Restorative Justice Bi-Annual Conference.

Toews, B. *Corrections fatigue: The stressors of correctional employment and their relationship to the natural environment*. Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference.

Toews, B. *Designing restorative justice: An exploration of the creation of physical spaces that facilitate restorative experiences*. Northwest Justice Forum.

2016 **Toews, B.**, Stevens, J., Wagenfeld, A., Wener, R., and Wachtendorf, P. *Involving students in the design of prison environments: Transdisciplinary teaching, design, and action research*. European Council on Landscape Architecture Schools Annual Conference.

Toews, B. *It's a dead place: Engaging victims and offenders in the design of justice buildings*. Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference.

Stevens, J., Wagenfeld, A., and **Toews, B.** *Necessity, not luxury: Design and evaluation of a therapeutic garden program for incarcerated women*. Environmental Design Research Association Annual Conference.

2015 **Toews, B.** *Restorative justice: Research and the potential for cultural change*. Oregon Department of Corrections, Policy Board Meeting.

2014 **Toews, B.** *Prison design and psycho-social-behavioral outcomes*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

Van Buren, D. and **Toews, B.** *Stakeholder engagement in the creation of humane and restorative correctional space*. Academy of Architecture for Justice Annual Conference

Van Buren, D. and **Toews, B.** *Designing from the inside out*. National Association of Minority Architects Annual Conference.