

Joe Rice

Social Worker, Educator, Soldier, Restorative Justice Practitioner

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Objective

“May I become at all times, both now and forever, a protector of those without protection; a guide for those who have lost their way; a ship for those with oceans to cross; a bridge for those with rivers to cross; a sanctuary for those in danger; a lamp for those without light; a place of refuge for those who lack shelter; and a servant to all in need.” ~ Shantideva, 8th Century Buddhist Philosopher

Education

University of Illinois
M.S.W., Clinical Practice
2021 – Present

Illinois State University
M.A., Political Science
2016–2018

Illinois State University
B.A., Philosophy & Religion
2014–2016

McHenry County College
A.A. in Humanities
2012–2014

Military Service

United States Army Reserves, 2022–Present
Commissioned Chaplain Candidate 56X
@ 472nd Chemical Battalion

United States Army Reserves, 2020–2022
Enlisted Diesel Mechanic 91B
@ 327th Military Police Battalion

Social Work Experience

Lutheran Social Services, 2021–Present

Crisis Counselor: Perform mental health and substance abuse assessments for emergency room patients at Community First Medical Center, plan referrals and interventions for safety and stabilization, and consult with attending physicians to enact disposition.

Macon County State’s Attorney, 2019–2020

Restorative Justice Case Manager: Supervise all cases enrolled in alternative, diversionary court program. Work closely with youth and families toward successful completion.

Center for Youth and Family Solutions, 2018–2019

SASS Therapist: Provide mobile crisis response, stabilization, and follow-up services for youth and families experiencing severe emotional or behavioral problems.

Center for Youth and Family Solutions, 2015–2016

ReDeploy Illinois Juvenile Justice Advocate: Mentored youth on juvenile probation as a role model to help ensure successful completion of court orders. Note, the McLean County ReDeploy program was defunded on July 1, 2016.

Teaching & Research

Roosevelt University, 2023–Present

Instructor of Criminal Justice Leadership: Teach undergraduate course on Crime in America.

DePaul University, 2021–Present

Instructor of First-Year Studies: Teach undergraduate courses on Restorative Justice in Chicago, Environmental Justice in Chicago, Reparations, and Forgiveness & Reconciliation.

National Louis University, 2021–Present

Instructor of History: Teach undergraduate courses on Intro to Civics & American Government.

**Awarded American Political Science Association (APSA) \$10,000 “Growing Democracy” Grant. Between June 2023 and May 2024, our team will devise civic engagement workshops and educational podcasts to serve minority youth affiliated with BUILD, Inc., on Chicago’s West Side. We plan to conclude with a research project to evaluate the impact of our work and disseminate our findings to local youth empowering organizations, political leaders, and fellow scholars.*

Millikin University, 2019–2020

Instructor of Criminal Justice & Sociology: Taught undergraduate courses on Restorative Justice, American Corrections, Victims in Society, Mindfulness & Conflict Resolution, Critical & Ethical Reasoning.

Illinois State University, 2016–2018

Teaching and Research Assistant: Taught undergraduate courses on American Political Thought, International Relations, International Law, and Quantitative Reasoning.

References available upon request.

Community Service

West Side Mutual Aid, 2021-Present

Delivery Driver: Deliver produce, pantry items, and household goods to over 150 neighbors in need.

Macon County CASA, 2019-2020

Court Appointed Special Advocate: Ensure that the best interests of children, who come to the attention of the court as a result of abuse or neglect, are represented at every stage of the case via routine visitation/documentation.

McLean County United Way 2-1-1, 2018-2019

Crisis Line Operator: Trained in answering statewide hotline calls for suicide prevention, emotional support, and nonprofit referrals. Logged over 150 volunteer hours.

McLean County 11th Circuit Court, 2017-2019

Small Claims Mediator: Provided formal, facilitative mediation for alternative dispute resolutions.

AmeriCorps of McHenry County, 2012- 2013

Mental Health Mentor: Provided individual after-school assistance to disadvantaged youth with emotional challenges, focused on improving academic performance, youth self-worth, and community attitude. Note, this program was run through the McHenry County Mental Health Board and is currently defunct.

Certificates & Awards

Community Justice for Youth Institute, 2021

Peacemaking Circle Keeper Certified

Hartgrove Behavioral Health, 2020

Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Intervention Certified

Illinois State University Politics & Government Department, 2017

Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award

Illinois State University Teaching & Learning Technology Department, 2017

Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (SoTL) Certified

Illinois State University Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution Department, 2017

Mediation Skills and Restorative Justice Certified

University of Illinois Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2016

Undergraduate Paper Prize Recipient

Illinois State University Philosophy Department, 2015

Scott Elliot Fellowship Recipient

McHenry County College, 2014

Graduation Commencement Speaker & Servant Leader Award Recipient

Turning Point of McHenry County, 2013

Domestic Violence Advocate Certified