

Restorative Justice, a Transformation of Thought and Practice

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Jimmy Hung



Jimmy Hung is the Chief Deputy Prosecutor of the Juvenile Division of the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Washington State. He graduated from the University of Washington School of Law in 1999 and joined the office that year. During his time as a prosecutor he has worked on all levels of felony and misdemeanor trial practice including homicide, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Jimmy has led efforts in King County to reduce the use of secure detention

and formal court processing of youthful offenders, while increasing the use of restorative justice options. In December of 2018, Governor Jay Inslee appointed Jimmy to the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice where he serves as Co-Chair of the Race and Ethnic Disparities Committee. Jimmy has previously served on the boards of the Asian Bar Association of Washington and the Washington State Bar Association's Criminal Law Section Executive Committee where he was once President. Jimmy also serves as a board member of Choose 180, Mentoring Urban Students and Teens (MUST) and Sound Discipline, three local non-profits that aim to support young people and seek an end to the school-to-prison-pipeline.

Saroeum Phoung



Saroeum Phoung is a masterful circle keeper, teacher and inspirational leader. Saroeum has many years of experience leading Peacemaking Circle Process to provide healing and transformation for individuals and communities dealing with the challenges of violence, racism and inequity in our communities.

Saroeum is also experienced in leadership development and system change work. He has led innovative processes for transformation and sustainable change by working in partnership with native country, government agencies, the criminal justice system, school districts, non-profit organizations, corporate business, various individuals, institutions, and communities to bring about change in a good way.

Saroeum was born in Cambodia and immigrated to the US during the Pol Pot regime via refugee camps in Thailand and the Philippines. Settling in East Boston he faced the all-too-common difficulties of immigrant life - cultural difference, racism, and violence. Through his work with Roca, a community values-led, youth-serving organization, he experienced personal transformation and became a staff member. Saroeum learned to lead Peacemaking Circles from the Tagish Tlingit First Nation as a way to share power, include more community voices, and build relationships that foster healing and hope. Saroeum has hosted and trained thousands of individuals through facilitating and hosting hundreds of peacemaking circles in the past two decades. Saroeum continues to bring healing and transformation to communities across the United States. In 2012, Saroeum brought Peacemaking Circles to Seattle and has been leading the Peacemaking Circles movement, working in partnership with various individuals, communities, and institutions including the Juvenile Justice System to design an alternative diversion program utilizing Peacemaking Circle Process. Saroeum is the Founder and CEO of PointOneNorth Consulting LLC.