

# Annual Faculty Lecture 2023–2024



## Dr. Ernest E. Uwazie

Division of Criminal Justice

College of Health and Human Services

### *Do No [further] Harm: Thinking and Doing Restorative Justice*

Dr. Ernest E. Uwazie is the recipient of the 2023-2024 John C. Livingston Annual Faculty Lecture Award.

Crime or violence as well as conflict in any human environment is inevitable. However, when it does, we have the moral and legal obligation to respond in a manner that reduces the likelihood of the occurrence of further harm or violation of the social or communal relationships. With nearly 2 million US prison population and more than 30% of the prisoners diagnosed with mental health illness, and over 60% rate of recidivism, the promise of a just society under democracy is in jeopardy. The search for the right balance of justice response when norms are violated remains a major challenge in all legal systems, at both local and global levels. In his lecture, Professor Uwazie shares some insights from his more than 30 years of US-Africa experience in restorative justice and alternative dispute resolution, along with key research findings. He will highlight some promising results and lessons for prison reform from an ongoing restorative justice project in California, and suggest ways for positive engagement with the minoritized communities. It promises to be an engaging lecture on a timely topic.

Professor Uwazie holds a Ph.D. in Justice Studies from Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, and graduated from the Harvard Law School Mediation and Negotiation Program. He joined the Sacramento State criminal justice faculty in 1991, and served as the immediate past Chair (2017-2023) of the Division of Criminal Justice. Since 1996, he has served as the founder and director of the Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR). He teaches courses on restorative justice & conflict resolution, minorities and criminal justice, community and justice system and comparative justice. In addition to his multiple publications and conference presentations as well as workshops on conflict resolution and restorative justice, Prof. Uwazie is a world-renowned expert on mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**  
**In-Person Event, 3:00 PM**  
**Pacific Suite, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, University Union**  
**Reception to follow**

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*“To interrupt mass incarceration and the cycle of violence, we need to invest more in restorative justice principles and practices in social response to crime and conflict.”*

