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ABOUT TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE JOURNAL

The *Transformative Justice Journal (TJJ)*, founded in 2012, is an online, open-source, and peer-reviewed journal dedicated to promoting transformative justice. As an academic-activist journal, TJJ was developed out of scholarly and community dialogues around promoting a decolonizing critical criminology social justice punitive/penal justice abolition community-based alternatives to both the retributive, punitive justice and utilitarian punishment models used by criminal justice systems, which victimize offenders and re-victimize survivors of offenses, while promoting profits over people and corporate interests over community interests. The current punitive criminal justice system takes control, responsibility, healing, and accountability away from victims and offenders and instead gives them a powerless and victimizing experience. Transformative justice, a decolonizing and anti-oppression approach, however, views conflict not from the lens of the criminal justice system, but from the community; as such, those involved in the conflict are seen as individuals rather than victims or offenders. Moreover, transformative justice addresses oppression by systems of domination, such as racism, sexism, homophobia, ageism, elitism, classism, and ableism within all domestic, interpersonal, global, and community conflicts. In short, transformative justice is restorative justice plus social justice. Transformative justice expands the social justice model, which challenges and identifies injustices, in order to create organized processes of addressing and ending those injustices. Transformative justice and social justice work together in addressing this need. Transformative justice also builds off the principles of restorative justice in order to address experiences of oppression within mediation.

LOCATION

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- The *Transformative Justice Journal* publishes rigorously peer-reviewed academic work of the highest quality.
- The *Transformative Justice Journal* provides the utmost respect and care during the review process.
- The *Transformative Justice Journal* is a free-to-access electronic journal.
- The *Transformative Justice Journal* charges no fees for publication.
- The *Transformative Justice Journal* supports and encourages submissions that are excluded from mainstream journals, including the use of photographic, videom MP3, and new media work.
- The *Transformative Justice Journal*, while an academic journal provides space and place for activists contributions.

We Seek

- **research articles and essays** – 2,000 to 10,000 words
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- **action alert summaries** – no more than 2,000 words
- **film, book, art, and media reviews** – no more than 3,000 words
- **interviews and dialogues** – between 1,000 to 10,000 words
- **poems** – no more than 10,000 words

Style

- All submissions should have appropriate references and citations. Manuscripts should be single line spacing, 12-point font and conform to the American Psychological Association (APA) style format.
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- Authors must include an abstract of no more than 150 words that briefly describes the manuscript's contents.

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Submissions will be assigned to one of the four following categories:

1. accept without revisions
2. accept with editorial revisions
3. revise and resubmit for peer review
4. reject

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We are pleased to accept your submissions at any time and will move quickly through the review process to ensure timeliness.

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POEM

Mother's Day Card for Urlike Meinhoff

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it took me from Mother's Day 2017 to Mother's Day 2018 to sign a belated card for Urlike Meinhoff.
for Urlike Meinhoff, unmothered by herself.
only way to protect her children away from the grabbing mouth of the Federal German state,
to send them to liberation Palestinian friends.
she was also de-motherized by the press.
her being a loving mom, when future bleak.
a bleak future she could not erase and to not be with her kids.
she fell through a hoop of her own making, on Mother's Day,
Urlike had to commit her future to her past.
she wanted a different future for her twins.



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I've been to death and they didn't want me.
I felt being white and letting go, retreating into my brains.
I heard them trying to shake the sleep out of me,
while in a suicide pleated gown.
I felt their hands under me lifting me to a mobile gurney.
I went into the ambulance
As they put plastic straws into me, crowded over me
like a battlefield map as they have
Over a rubber doll in college.

When they asked me my name, I cried because I could not remember it,
my cognitive skills suddenly blank into an emergency room, fluids go in.
I cried seeing my dad and apologized for
making him drop everything to see me vulnerable.
I had passed out in front of my probation officer.
I must have had overflow of anxiety with bubbles leaking out of my ears,
A regular chernobyl meltdown. My brain needed breath,
It seems like going to death.



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when a horde of storm
comes marching in
and enters our
no-fly-zone,
refugees of
sovereign sunlight breathes out one, yellow, gasp
before the gray shaded
sky mountains locks us all in.
it reminds me of jail.
enclosed in steel
concreted coffin
bleak and for storage
against lively sun.