



ACR 2023 Preliminary Conference Schedule

Schedule Subject to Change

All Times Eastern Daylight Time

“In-Person” sessions will be presented “live” at the Carter Center in Arlington, Virginia. Many in-person sessions will be recorded, and these recordings will be available to both in-person and virtual attendees after the conference.

“Virtual Only” session will be presented “live” virtually. They will be available to both the in-person and virtual attendees during and after the conference.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

7:30 am – 5:00 pm **Conference Registration Open**

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 10:00 am **Conference Workshops**

In-Person Sessions

Creating Your Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Workbook: A Practical JEDI Plan for Mediators

Tracee Ford

Latrice Gant

Wendy Firven Smith

Bioethics Mediation: A Collaborative Process for Resolving the Ethical and Legal Issues Raised by Advances in Medical, Reproductive, and Genetic Technology

Victoria Kumorowski

Creating Spaces for Collaboration Through the Our School Our Voice Program

Rashid Hughes

Lisa Shaw

Overcoming Polarization through Community Building

David Brubaker

Virtual Only Sessions

Transforming Conflict in Organizations: A Practitioners Guide to Building Skills and Leader Partnerships

Dawn Bedlivy

Kim Faircloth

Back-to-Back Virtual Sessions

8:30 am – 9:15 am

The Role of Technology in Mediation: Understanding Attitudes and Practices Among Mediators

Gary Doernhoefer

Mnotho Ngcobo

9:15 am – 10:00 am

Peer Mediation in Nigeria: A Global Mission to Save Children

Chijioke Nnanna Ibeku

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am – 12 noon

Conference Workshops

In-Person Sessions

The Judiciary, the Community, and the Participants: A Systemic Approach for ADR

Leona Elliott

Cindy Faucette

Elaine Phillips

Examples of Post WWII Collaboration Using Generative Dialogue as a Model for Addressing Current Conflict in Europe

Robert (Todd) Becker

Contemporary Community Conflict Resolution

Julie Rouge

DEIA in the Rural West

Dan Adams

Bryant Kuechle

Dianne Olson

Spiritual Intelligence: It's Not What You Think!

Peter Tokar

Virtual Only Sessions

Fear, Ferocity and Friendship: Two Conflict Resolvers Overcome Avoidance to Create Inclusive Safety Guidance

Dan Bernstein

Stephen Kotev

Back-to-back Virtual Sessions

10:30 am – 11-15 am

New Paradigms and NextGen Leadership in Navigating the Future

Seren Dalkiran

11:15 am- 12 noon

Designing Cultural Awareness Education for Learners Over 55

Kjerstin Pugh

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Lunch and Section Meetings

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Elder Section Virtual Half-Day Program

Family Conflict Across the Lifespan: An Opportunity for Collaboration

A virtual program for Family and Elder mediators sponsored by the ACR Elder Mediation Section. All conference attendees are welcome to participate.

- 1:30 pm **Why Family and Elder Mediators are Both Needed to Help Older Families Resolve Conflict**
DeLila Bergan
- 2:00 pm **Helping Estranged Family Members Communicate with Each Other**
Joshua Coleman
- 3:15 pm **Gray Divorce: Issues at the Intersection of Family Law and Elder Law**
Catherine Swiniarski
- 4:00 pm **Panel: Creating Synergy through Collaboration**
Beth Aarons
Kimberly Best
Kipi Fleming
Joan Braun, Moderator
- 4:45 pm **Closing Remarks for Elder Section Program**
Joan Braun
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1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Conference Workshops

In-Person Sessions

Using Surveys and Questionnaires in the Mediation Intake Process

Lisa Pomerantz

Collaboration and Mediation in Higher Education

Cindy Walls

Why Are We the Worst? How Conflict Resolution Practitioners Navigate Our Own Conflicts in Our Lives and Organizations

Samantha Mayerson

Jessica Miller

Unlocking Your Superpowers to Building a Mediation Practice

Jesse Degraffenreid

Cecilia Hegamin–Younger

What Do We See When We Refuse to Look Away

Hasshan Batts

Jeani Garcia

La-Elaya Lopez

Virtual Only Sessions

Peer Mediation Playoffs - OPMP's International Peer Mediation Tournament (Online)

Ondine Gross

Cynthia Morton

Darcy Thompson

Online Dispute Resolution: Benefits, Challenges and Lessons Learned

Christopher Geocaris

Marya Kolman

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Conference Workshops

In-Person Sessions

Evaluating Collaborative Conflict-Resolution and Peacebuilding Programs

Sandra Ayoo

Jeanne Zimmer

Facilitating While White: Lessons on Holding and Navigating White Privilege in Our Work

Mary Dumas

Meg Perry

Three Stories of Restorative Justice Origins

Janet Bayer

Heather Fogg

Baissou Sissoko

Dynamics of Language in Civil War in Northwest and Southwest Cameroon

Jacques L. Koko, Ph.D.

Building Your Career in a Time of Change

David Smith

Virtual Only Sessions

The Domestic Harmonizer Program: An Innovative Program Meeting the Needs of School Communities

Karen DeVoogd

Monya Kian

Examining Trauma and Healing through Collaborative Autoethnography

Sharon McIntyre

Yehuda Silverman

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Plenary Session – In-Person and Virtual

Leading Divided Communities: Local Elected Officials on the Front Lines.

Panel of Virginia local officials

Moderator – Julie Rouge

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm

Exhibitors' Reception

6:30 pm

Environmental and Public Policy Section Get Together

Thursday, October 5, 2023

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Conference Registration Open

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Conference Workshops

In-Person Sessions

Graduate Student Research Panel

Julie Rouge, Moderator

Emotions Welcome! Deep Democracy's Approach to Conflict Resolution

Maya Townsend

Ipek Utun

Measuring Networked Peacebuilding: Cultivating Relationships for Change through Training and Education

Rana Hajjaj
Jeffrey Pugh
Karen Ross

New Directions in Labor Management Collaboration, Partnerships and Conflict Resolution

Lucille Alfano
William Dwyer
Marvin Shuldiner

Human Connection through In-Person Mediation

Lorig Charkoudian
Tracee Ford

Virtual Only Sessions

Are You the Calm in the Storm? Self-Reflection When Working with Families in Conflict

Sue Bronson
Linda Fieldstone

Back-to-Back Virtual Sessions

#36 8:30 am – 9:15 am Conflict Resolution vis-à-vis Domestic Internal Crisis: Lessons from Attempts of Regime Upheaval in Israel

Helena Desivilya Syna

9:15 am – 10 am Conflict Resolution Quarterly – Facts and Ways of Getting Involved

Helena Desivilya Syna

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am – 12 noon **Conference Workshops**

In-Person Sessions

A Portal to Self-Awareness and Effectiveness in Group Life

Neil Katz
Terry Savage
Katherine Sosa
Annette Taylor-Spence

Dispute Resolution in a Pandemic – New Zealand: The Impact of the COVID Pandemic on the Aotearoa New Zealand Dispute Resolution Landscape

Grant Morris

What Does DEIA Look Like in ECCR Spaces?

Rebecca Beauregard

Beyond Fight-or-Flight: Practical Skills for High Stress Situations

Stephen Kotev

Reducing Youth Systems Involvement through Restorative Justice – An Exploration of Nebraska’s Journey

Nicole Britton

Kelly Riley

Virtual Only Sessions

Graduate Student Research Panel

Julie Rouge, Moderator

What Should We Remember? Memorials and Historic Preservation Challenges for Conflict Resolution

Pablo Lumerman

Larry Schooler

Gonzalo Frei Toldo

Peace Peddlers: Collaborating to Peddle Peace

Jennifer Finch-Miller

Darcy Thompson

Priscilla Prutzman

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm **Lunch and Section Meetings**

Community and Restorative Justice Section Meeting

Environment and Public Policy Section Meeting

Family Section Meeting

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Conference Workshops

In-Person Sessions

Community Mediation and Violence: Perceptions of Criminal Misdemeanor Diversion

Caroline Harmon- Darrow

Tackling Complex Problems Through Communities of Practice

Kalecia Baity

Julie Holt

Chelsea Kovacs

The U.S. Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act Mediation Program

Lewis Dabney

Thomas McCloud

Baissou Sissoko

The Environmental Wisdom of Gandhi for a Green Future

Brittany Foutz

Alison Wright

Screening for Domestic Abuse and Capacity to Mediate

Marya Kolman

Christy Cumberlander Walker

Virtual Only Sessions

The Hill we Climb: Coaching through Adversity

Brandi Munoz

Ambassadors of Peace Project

Chiquetta Thompson

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm **Conference Workshops**

In-Person Sessions

Where are the Community-focused Civil Rights Mediators?

William Froehlich

Co-Resolution: Overcoming Common Obstacles to Initiating a Facilitated Negotiation

Nathan Witkin

How Do They Do It? Conflict Analysis in the Field

Muhammad Akram

Gloria Rhodes

High School Mediation Tournaments: An Exciting Approach to Provide Teens with Peacemaking Skills

Patti Fox

Donald Sterrett

Kristin Watt

Team Coaching: Building Bridges to Common Ground

Betsy Bell

Virtual Only Sessions

Collaborating in Organizations through the Design of Conflict Management Systems

Alexia Georgakopolous

Eileen Petzold-Bradley

Dialogues in Local Democracy: Creating Connected and Socially Just Communities

Judith McKay

Charles Zelden

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **Break**

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Plenary Session - In-Person and Virtual**

Responsible Use of AI in Dispute Resolution

Amy Schmitz

5:15 pm – 6:30 pm **Thursday Reception**

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm **Optional Event - DC Monument Bus Tour** (\$25 charge)

Friday, October 6, 2023

8:00 am – 11:00 am **Conference Registration Open**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:15 am – 9:00 am **ACR Annual Meeting – In-Person and Virtual**

9:15 am – 10:45 am **Conference Workshops**

In Person Sessions

Mediator Pre-Session Preparation – Ethical Issues

Sharon Press
Terry Wheeler

Part II: Do All Lives Matter in ADR? An In-Depth Conversation about Strategies to Divest from Racism and Classism

Erricka Bridgeford
Cherise Hairston
Laura Jeffords

Interactive Peacemaking: A People-Centered Approach

Susan Allen

Equitable Practices: Can Power be Shared in Collaborative Conflict Resolution?

Ben Duncan
Amira Streeter

Virtual Only Sessions

Creative Collaborations: Nurturing Collaborative Relationships

Tara Fishler
Priscilla Prutzman

Back-to-Back Virtual Sessions

8:30 am – 9:15 am

Virtual Exchange and Dialogue as a Tool for Collaboration Across Divides

Rafael Tyszblat

9:15 am – 10 am

Emotional Intelligence in the Time of War

Hanna Dushkova and Vitalii Diakov

10:45 am – 11:00 am

Break

11 am – 12:30

Conference Sessions

In-Person Sessions

Robot Mediator, Avatars, and AI as a New Tool: A Reality Check on Current and Future Dispute Resolution Technology and Collaboration.

Yeju Choi

Gary Doernhoefer

Paula Plaza

Youth Centered Creative Collaboration

Sarah Grime

Konshens the MC

Elijah Lee

Transformational Leadership for Inclusive Collaboration.

Suzanne Harriott

Marsha Hilton

Ashli Jay

Back-to-Back In-Person Sessions

11:00 am – 11:45 am

Power in Numbers: When Transnational Communities Collaborate to Address Human Rights Violations

Claudine Kuradusenge-McLeod

11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Collaboration & Mediation in Special Education

Rachel Blankenship

Virtual Only Sessions

Trauma Informed Mediation

Clare Fowler

Shifting Structures: Shifting Bodies and Narratives in Communities with High Gun Violence

Brian Blanck

Rashaan Tank Brown

Almitra Gasper

Rachel Goldberg

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Presidential Lunch and

Plenary Presentation – In-Person and Virtual

From Caucusing to Commissioner: A View from the Bench Through the Eyes of a Mediator

Michael Rust

2:00 pm

Conference Ends