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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Juris Doctor (J.D.)
Concentration in Public Interest Law
Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI
Honorary Ph.D., John F. Kennedy University of Argentina, Graduate School of Law

Bachelor's in Social Work
Concentration in Community Organization
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING

Over 1,000 hours in local, State and Federal agencies, as well as in national and international non-profits and NGOs recognized for their excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING

Over 200 hours, including the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, the National Organization for Victim's Assistance and Mothers Against Drunk Driving

EXPERIENCE IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION, LAW AND EDUCATION

January and February 2012 — Fulbright Senior Specialist in the National Law Universities of India, then continue by contract with the Law Universities through the end of 2012.

Visiting Lecturer in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. Introduce Restorative Justice into the curricula as a framework for Criminal Law Reform, Alternatives to Incarceration and Re-Examining the Death Penalty. Teach culturally appropriate graduate and undergraduate courses, supervise student research projects and train faculty at as many of the fourteen National Law Universities as practicable within the time frame of the project. In some of the National Law Universities, teach two-to-four-day intensive courses and/or conduct regional Restorative Justice Conferences for more than one Law University, as well as for judges, prosecutors, the criminal law bar, other criminal justice officials, corrections officials, counselors and other professionals in fields concerned with criminal justice, crime victims and offenders, as well as community leaders and concerned community members. Speak before State and Federal Legislatures and Judiciaries, as invited. Provide expert consultation for the development of a national Restorative Justice initiative to be based in and supported by the National Law Universities, including clinical programs in the National Law Universities.

2011

Charlotte School of Law

Charlotte, NC

Adjunct Faculty — Instructor of Restorative Justice and Advanced Writing

2010

University of Padua

Padova, Italy

Visiting Professor — Master's Program in Mediation as an Operative Tool in the Family, Penal and Community Contexts, Psychology Department

Trainer and Collaborator — 1st International Meeting, Mediators Without Borders and Educators Without Borders

2007—2009:

Warren Wilson College

Asheville, NC

Adjunct Faculty — Instructor of undergraduate courses on Restorative Justice, in Social Work and Peace and Justice Studies Departments. Class projects have developed into a campus-wide movement toward restorative school discipline, strengthening community and conflict resolution.

**1993—Present: Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program
Information & Resource Center**

Charlotte, NC

Founder and Director — Train and consult in restorative justice. Specialist in juvenile justice, restorative justice and the mediation of homicide cases and other crimes of severe violence, with special focus on drunk driving fatality cases. Featured in an ABC 20/20 story about a drunk driving death reconciliation that became the example of the potential for healing in victim-offender mediation in crimes of severe violence; the 20/20 broadcast video is used internationally for education and training. Consultant to many media including Oprah, Hallmark Channel, Faith and Values Television, Court TV, and Arts & Entertainment Network.

Trained and consulted with restorative justice and victim-offender mediation/conferencing initiatives and programs throughout the U.S. and Territories, in Mexico, Central America, South America, Cuba, the Caribbean, the Pacific Rim and Eastern Europe. Frequent presenter before community groups, local, state and federal government agencies. Faculty member/trainer (partial list) at:

National Conference on Restorative Justice	2007—2011
National Conference of Lawyers as Peacemakers	2008
Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers	2006
Annual Conference of the Victim-Offender Mediation Association	1993—2007
U. S. Department of Justice, Restorative Justice Symposia	1997—2000
National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution	1993—1999
Annual Conference of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution	1996—1998
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Training and Symposium	1997
American Probation and Parole Association Restorative Justice Roundtable	1996
National Restorative Justice Institute, Advanced Training for the Mediation of Seriously Violent Crimes at University of Minnesota School of Social Work	1996

2006—2011: Restorative Justice Resources Asheville, NC and Santa Barbara, CA

Founding Board Member and Director of International Education and Outreach — Established a non-profit organization to provide crime victims, offenders and communities with the information, resources and technical support necessary to access existing services, establish new programs and transform criminal justice, nationally and internationally, to focus on healing the harm caused by crime. See www.restorativejustice.info.

2009: 2nd International Conference on Restorative Justice Parana, Argentina
2007: 1st International Conference on Restorative Justice Tierra del Fuego, Argentina

Delivered keynote address, plenary addresses and seminars. Provided victim-offender mediation training for mediators from six Latin American nations and seven provinces of Argentina.

2008: Catholic University of Salta Buenos Aires, Argentina
Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch Sion, Switzerland

Visiting Professor, Restorative Justice, Victimology and Criminology – Master’s in Mediation and Conflict Resolution in Latin America and Europe.

2008: Vanderbilt University School of Law Nashville, TN
Visiting Lecturer, Restorative Justice

2007: John F. Kennedy University of Argentina Graduate School of Law Buenos Aires, AR

Fulbright Senior Specialist — As International Fulbright Scholar, taught restorative justice and related courses for Ph.D. candidates. Delivered guest lectures at University of Buenos Aires School of Law. Trained mediators from Provincial Dispute Resolution Centers throughout Argentina. Requested for Fulbright appointment by the Supreme Court of Argentina and Ministry of Justice of Argentina.

2007: World Mediation Forum Israel/Palestine

Visiting Lecturer, Researcher and Trainer — Plenary speaker at VI International Conference in Jerusalem. Provided restorative justice/victim-offender mediation training for international mediators, visited and conducted research with Israeli/Palestinian dialogue groups.

2006: United States Department of State Washington, DC

Speaking Tour — Expert speaker in Argentina and Chile as part of a U.S. State Department Democracy and Human Rights International Information Program entitled, “Restorative Justice Practices and Pitfalls – How to Make it Work.” Invited at the specific request of the Supreme

Court of Argentina and the Ministry of Justice of Chile. Lectured, gave seminars and spoke at media events for hundreds of criminal justice officials, professionals, law schools and the public.

2003—2007: **Healers of Conflicts Law & Conflict Resolution Center** **Asheville, NC**
2002—2003: **Peace-Making—Family Law Without War** **Portland, OR**

Director of Mediation and Training/Counselor – mediated divorce, child custody, parenting and other family, community and business disputes in holistic, non-adversarial law and mediation practices.

1999: **University of Sonora School of Law** **Hermosillo and Queretaro, MX**

Visiting Lecturer – Taught courses on Restorative Justice and Victim-Offender Mediation, for Supreme Court Justices, trial judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, forensic examiners and mental health therapists.

1991—1993: Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) of Clackamas County, OR

Director and Founder – Wrote and obtained grants and established program based in the Clackamas County Juvenile Court. Made presentations to civic and governmental organizations, churches and schools and built a referral network. Recruited, trained, supervised and mentored 30 volunteer mediators and managed all aspects of program.

1989—1991: **Mediation Private Practice** **Portland, OR**

Resolved disputes in government, business, workplace, organizations, families and neighborhoods. Conducted settlement conferences and mediated disputes between litigants in civil lawsuits.

1989—1991: **Oregon State Bar Attorney Assistance Program** **Portland, OR**

As Volunteer, developed & facilitated professional and personal growth seminars and support groups for attorneys.

1979—1989: **Private Practice** **Birmingham, MI**

Attorney, Counselor & Mediator – Attorney/mediator in domestic relations, domestic violence, child abuse, neglect, juvenile delinquency, adoption and guardianship. Pioneer in a non-adversarial method, counseled and empowered clients to create parenting agreements that protected children and preserved family relationships in matters of family, juvenile and mental health law. Provided *pro bono* representation for clients of The Haven, a domestic violence shelter, and served on board.

1977—1979 **Free Legal Aid Clinic and Public Defender** **Detroit, MI**

Student Attorney – Family law and criminal law, with emphasis on domestic violence cases

PUBLIC SERVICE AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Speaker and Facilitator to hundreds of community groups about restorative justice, from professional organizations to church groups.

Authored and developed the Web sites for the non-profit, international Victim Offender Mediation Association www.voma.org and the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) Information and Resource Center www.vorp.com. The VORP Web Site has received Academic Excellence Awards from Encyclopedia Britannica Online and Study Web.

Co-founded the Michigan Mediation Association, which was established to pair attorney-mediators with mental health therapist-mediators in family law disputes and provide public education about family mediation.

Developed an educational program on alternative dispute resolution and presented it to over 100 civic groups. Received a public interest award from local bar association in Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Mediators Without Borders

World Mediation Forum

International Victim-Offender Mediation Association, former Board member and Chair

American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution

National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution, Leadership Team

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, Leadership Team

Capital Restorative Justice Project Advisory Board

Association for Conflict Resolution

Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation

Project for Integrating Spirituality, Law and Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Restorative Justice: Theory, Practice, Potential and Pitfalls in Latin America, (co-authored with Mark Umbreit, Ph.D. and Susan Szmania, Ph.D.), to be published in the Comparative Law Review of the Supreme Court of Argentina (Spanish) 2012

Restorative Justice Speaking Tour in Argentina and Chile, Justice Connections, a joint publication of the Victim Offender Mediation Association, the National Association for Community Mediation and the Practitioners' Research and Scholarship Institute, Fall 2006

Honoring Conflict as an Opportunity for Transformation, (co-authored with J. Kim Wright, J.D.) Collaborative Review, International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, Spring 2006

“First Kill All the Lawyers?” Bar Briefs, 28th Judicial District Bar (Buncombe County, NC) 2005

Finding Love and Meaning in the Law, (co-authored with J. Kim Wright, J.D.), Spirit in the Smokies Magazine, January 2005

Conscious Relationship and Conscious Divorce, (co-authored with J. Kim Wright, J.D.) Alternatives Magazine (cover article), March 2004

Transformational Law: New Approaches Expand Choices in Law Practice (co-authored with J. Kim Wright, J.D. and Dolly Gallo, R.N., J.D.) Washington State Bar Association (cover article) February 2004

Entries on *Victim-Offender Mediation* and *Restorative Justice*, Women’s Encyclopedia of Crime, Oryx Press, 2002

Chapter and quotations in *I Thought We’d Never Speak Again – The Road from Estrangement to Reconciliation*, Davis, Laura, 2002

Personalizing Crime: Mediation Produces Restorative Justice for Victims and Offenders, Dispute Resolution Magazine, “ADR in Criminal Cases,” American Bar Association, Fall 2001
Restorative Justice Warmly Received in Mexico, ADR Report, Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., September 1999

Restorative Justice for Juvenile Delinquency: The Case of the Interstate 205 Rock-Throwers. “Connections,” Victim Offender Mediation Association, 1999

Punishment-What’s in it for the Victim? A Restorative Justice Discussion for Crime Victims and Their Advocates, Kaleidoscope of Justice, 1999

Mediated Civil Compromise: A Tool for Restorative Justice, Oregon Defense Attorney, 1995

All published in VOMA Quarterly Journal, Victim Offender Mediation Association:

A Victim-Offender Mediation Model of Neutrality, 1996

Victim-Offender Mediation: The State of the Art, 1996

Comparing Victim-Offender Mediation Program Models, 1995

Crime and Punishment: Can Mediation Produce Restorative Justice for Victims and Offenders? and The Benefits of Victim-Offender Mediation, 1994

The Mediation of a Drunk Driving Death: A Case Development Study — Some Observations and Principles for Victim-Offender Mediation in Cases of Seriously Violent Crimes (Paper presented June 7, 1994 at the International Conference of the Victim-Offender Mediation Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

National media about the drunk driving death mediation case:

Life After Death, West Magazine, San Jose Mercury News

Coming Home: A Life Lost and a Life Saved, The Sunday Oregonian

"*I Forgave My Sister's Killer*" - *I Couldn't Begin to Heal Until I Let Go of My Hatred*, Ladies Home Journal