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ON DIALOGUE & DELIBERATION**

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CELEBRATING CIVIC INNOVATION

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WELCOME TO NCDD 2018!

MESSAGE FROM NCDD'S LEADERSHIP

Welcome to the 2018 NCDD conference!

We are so excited to be gathering with you for this celebration of civic engagement and innovation! We can hardly imagine a better place to be, a better thing to be doing, and a better group of people to be gathering with as we share and explore the hope and new possibilities civic engagement offers in this time of deepening cultural animosities, incivility, and bitter partisan schisms.

This year, for our eighth national conference, we have chosen to focus our collective energy on examining our still young and feisty community of practice: celebrating the amazing innovators bringing new ideas to our field; encouraging discussions on how to broaden the impact of our work; and exploring how we can share the power of dialogue & deliberation and shape the future of this important movement.

Since our founding sixteen years ago, the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation has brought together thousands of the most active, thoughtful, and influential people dedicated to advancing the promise of civic engagement. Although our approaches and philosophies may differ, we all share a passion for fostering lively, thoughtful, and challenging conversations on important issues.

Our hope for you at NCDD 2018 is that you will develop and deepen your collaborative relationships with other movers-and-shakers in the field. You'll notice that our focus this year is on identifying ways to bring dialogue and deliberation into greater visibility and use — and we all know we can accomplish this better when we support each other's work and combine efforts whenever possible. Your active participation this weekend is strongly encouraged and deeply valued. So share your stories and learnings, challenge your assumptions about what's possible in your work, and propose your best ideas!

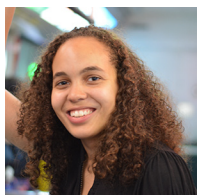
We send our heartfelt appreciation to our planning team members, sponsors, partners, presenters, scholarship fund donors, and everyone else who devoted time and energy to make this a successful gathering. We thank you all for your contributions.

No matter your background or the specific reasons for joining us in Denver, we hope you will find encouragement, inspiration, and connections that will make a difference for you and your work.

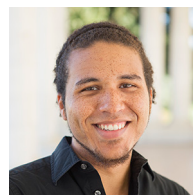
- Courtney Breese, Sandy Heierbacher, Keiva Hummel
and the entire NCDD 2018 Planning Team

Introducing Your Emcees

We're thrilled to have Shari Davis and Roshan Bliss serving as our conference emcees for NCDD 2018. They'll be providing you with familiar faces throughout the event, introducing presenters, making announcements, and helping us transition between activities. Shari Davis is Co-Executive Director at the *Participatory Budgeting Project*. Roshan Bliss, along with being a longtime member of the NCDD family, is a student organizer at *Project VOYCE*.



Shari Davis
Conference Co-Emcee
Participatory Budgeting Project



Roshan Bliss
Conference Co-Emcee
Project VOYCE

CONFERENCE TEAM

THE FOLKS WHO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN

A Message from Our Board of Directors!

Welcome to Denver and to the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation's eighth national gathering of civic innovators! As representatives of diverse backgrounds and professions, we come together united by our commitment to quality public engagement. Over the next three days, we look forward to celebrating the amazing work being accomplished by our members and exploring strategies on how to support and further these efforts as a community of practice.

NCDD's members are the heart of this organization. Members are involved in every aspect of our coalition's work -- including informing and planning this very conference -- and their contributions of time, effort, and resources are essential to the continued vitality of our community. With this in mind, we invite all in attendance to seek out opportunities here at the conference to engage with other like-minded innovators and offer their own contributions.

We're looking forward to reconnecting with friends - and making many new ones!

- The NCDD Board of Directors



From left to right, Martín Carcasson (Board Chair), Susan Stuart Clark, Simone Talma Flowers, Jacob Hess, Betty Knighton, and Wendy Willis.

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"20 Years Later" - A Message from NCDD Co-Founder Andy Fluke

As we mark our 16th year as a coalition with this our 8th national conference, NCDD can look back on its humble beginnings and officially celebrate 20 years supporting the greater "dialogue" community. Back in late 1998, I worked with fellow NCDD co-founder Sandy Heierbacher to create the first online repository of news and information specifically curated for the dialogue and deliberation community. Based on her research for The Center for Living Democracy, this modest website immediately attracted a reliable audience and quickly grew from a handful of pages to hundreds of resources. Along with an equally successful mailing list dedicated to connecting like-minded folks, the site, and the innovators it attracted, formed the foundation upon which the first NCDD event and resulting coalition were built. As you enjoy each other's company, I invite you to celebrate the wonderful people who have contributed to this incredible network over the past 20 years and to embrace the newcomers who will, undoubtedly, enrich our coalition and make it possible to look forward to 20 more. **Welcome to NCDD 2018. Have a fantastic conference!**

Andy Fluke
Co-Founder of NCDD
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This year's conference scholarships were funded entirely through the generosity of members of our community. The following members donated to the youth and general scholarship fund, in addition to several who wished to remain anonymous.

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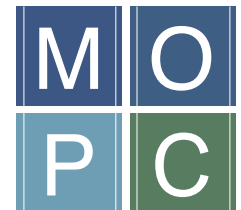
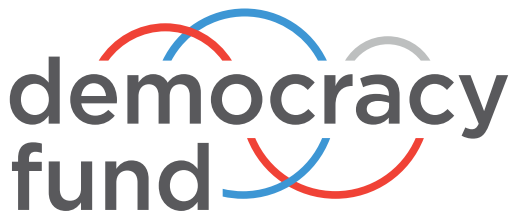
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Welcome Plenary: Celebrating Civic Innovators!

The opening plenary for NCDD 2018 will focus on networking and exploring the conference theme of bringing D&D into greater visibility and use. We will start by welcoming our emcees, who will get you started with meeting others in the room right away. NCDD staff will then introduce our conference theme, and talk about how we will explore this theme together over the three days of conference.

To launch our conversations about amplifying our work and broadening its use, we'll have several lightning talks from civic innovators who will share how they are achieving these goals in their work.

Featured Speakers...



COURTNEY HARTMAN & APRIL STRUTHERS

Colorado native Courtney Hartman, is a Grammy nominated singer, songwriter and guitarist. April Struthers is a consultant, coach, facilitator, and owner of Wit Works, Ltd. The two have been exploring how to set up an anti-ageist, community building, slower-than-usual tour (based on the slow food movement) to allow time for deeper relationships between musicians and community. [@Courthartman](#) [@aprildawn22](#)



REV. DR. F. WILLIS JOHNSON

Rev. Dr. F. Willis Johnson is a spiritual entrepreneur, elder in the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, and adjunct faculty at Methodist Theological School of Ohio. Recognized as a scholar-practitioner, Johnson authored *Holding Up Your Corner: Talking About Race in Your Community*, and is a sought after thought-leader who empowers individuals and communities towards prophetic response-healing, justice and reconciliation. [@FWillisJohnson](#)



JUSTINE LEE

Justine Lee is the co-creator of Make America Dinner Again, and as Head of Partnerships, has developed relationships and worked collaboratively with organizations, media, and communities with similar missions, including appearances on NPR, WMAL-DC, and the BBC. In addition to MADA, Justine is a marketer and has ten years of experience managing and producing content for top creative firms, startups, nonprofits, and large tech companies. [@Justinaelee](#) [@MADA_hosts](#)



DEREK OKUBO

Derek Okubo is a Colorado native and Executive Director of the City of Denver's Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships. The agency acts as a conduit of communication and convener of problem solving among local government, non-profits, businesses and residents. Derek attended the University of Northern Colorado and graduated with a degree in Psychology and double minors in Communications and Sociology. [@DerekO413](#) [@HRCDenver](#)

Conference attendees will then jumpstart their conference experience with a networking activity intended to help them identify their goals for their time at NCDD 2018 and meet people they want to connect with. We'll close out the plenary by outlining additional networking opportunities and spaces for collaboration and innovation throughout the conference.

CHECK OUT OUR PLENARY & WORKSHOP PRESENTER TWITTER DIRECTORY ON PAGE 22!

Throughout this guidebook, you will find listings of workshops for each of the six blocks of workshop sessions. Each listing includes the room the workshop is located in, a suggested participant experience level, a description & session presenters.

The Definitive Online Public Engagement Checklist

Plaza Court 7 – Intermediate – Civic Tech & Data

Online engagement can dovetail powerfully with face to face dialog events to dramatically increase the reach of public engagement. Inspired by an extensive review of case studies that have engaged over 10,000 people online, this session will produce the first ever definitive checklist to prepare engagement professionals for the effective application of online public engagement to support their outreach projects. This checklist will be compiled into a eBook based on the research results and the practical experience of attendees through a fast-paced interactive exercise.

Dave Biggs - Chief Engagement Officer, MetroQuest

Eileen Barron - Strategic Communications Manager, Utah Department of Transportation

D&D for Everyone: How Do We Get Everyone to Participate?

Plaza Court 8 – Beginner – New Sectors & Partnerships, Hot Topics

Dialogue and deliberation are great for bringing people together across our differences. But, it can be a challenge to get everyone to the table when people just don't think D&D is for them. Some view our work as inherently liberal. Others don't see the point to more "talking" because these critical issues can't wait to be addressed. How do we make D&D for everyone? Join us for this facilitated conversation about how we can better reach out, recruit and welcome those who are not inclined to participate in D&D processes. Topics will include how we frame our work to be even more inclusive and welcoming (to those who don't feel that quite yet), the role of convening, and more. Come add your ideas – with plans to share whatever comes out of this "think tank" with other attendees and the NCDD network as a whole.

Cristin F. Brawner - Executive Director, David Mathews Center for Civic Life

Martín Carcasson - Director, CSU Center for Public Deliberation

Jacob Hess - Co-Founder & Co-Director, Village Square Utah

Creativity, Complexity, & Comprehension: How Do We Address Affordable Housing?

Governor's Square 9 – Intermediate – Arts, Hot Topics

What forms of dialogue increase our "fluency" on an issue carrying so many meanings, from shelter to wealth? This workshop identifies approaches to a prevailing critical issue, with takeaways applicable to other complex topics. Presenters and participants will share arts and design-grounded methods for representing all stakeholders, exploring prevailing assumptions, fact-finding for local conditions, and building momentum for long-haul changes in the housing system.

Donna Schenck-Hamlin - Program Associate/Projects Coordinator, Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy, Kansas State University

Katie Kingery-Page - Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community Planning, Kansas State University

Briana Carillo - Graduate Assistant, Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy, Kansas State University

Introducing K12 Students as to How to Think Critically About Dialogue and Deliberation

Governor's Square 10 – Beginner – Youth & Students

This workshop will detail how various individuals are working to empower students by bringing deliberative practices into secondary schools and higher education. Amy Nocton and Eleiza Braun will explain how they joined forces with the University of Connecticut to create the E.O. Smith Democratic Dialogue Project. Logan Steppan and Kate Garcia from Creek Consulting will also present, showing how the private sector is working alongside students to promote deliberative civic engagement.

Amy Louise Nocton - Spanish teacher, Edwin O. Smith High School, Initiative on Campus Dialogues Fellow (UConn Humility and Conviction in Public Life)

Eleiza Braun - Community Organizer, Initiative on Campus Dialogues Fellow (UConn Humility and Conviction in Public Life)

Logan Steppan - Founder, Creek Consulting LLC

Kate Garcia - Deliberative Facilitator, Creek Consulting LLC

Bridging Divides through Dialogue and Digital Narratives

Governor's Square 16 – Beginner – Civic Tech & Data

How can digital narrative production be used to promote individual self-awareness, empowerment of underrepresented voices, and dialogue across difference? This workshop highlights a multi-step dialogic process for just that, as utilized by the national Story Center in recent collaborations with groups at the University of Colorado. Students and staff together will share sample narratives and lead participants in exercises and discussion around lessons learned and methods for productive dialogue.

Ashmi Desai - Postdoctoral Associate, University of Colorado – Boulder

Jim Walker - Norlin Teaching Faculty, University of Colorado – Boulder

Daniel Weinschenker - Director, Midwest Region, Story Center

Fletcher Friday - Student, University of Colorado – Boulder

WORKSHOP SESSION A

Ben Franklin Circles: Small Conversations about Big Ideas*Governor's Square 12 – Beginner – Models*

Ben Franklin Circles “from the 92nd Street Y” are a nationwide initiative to bring together people from different backgrounds, perspectives and experiences to discuss how they can improve themselves and the larger community. At monthly meetings, Circles use Franklin’s 13 virtues as discussion prompts and personal growth commitments. In this presentation/workshop, Julie Mashack and Patty Morrissey from 92Y will provide a general overview of the project and then lead a Ben Franklin Circle-style meeting for people to experience the model.

Julie Mashack - Director of Global Programs, 92nd Street Y**Patty Morrissey** - Outreach Consultant, 92nd Street Y**Measuring Civic Infrastructure and Building A Culture of Engagement***Governor's Square 11 – Intermediate – Community & Government*

How do communities move from occasional public participation to a robust culture of engagement? Participants will learn about the National Civic League’s Civic Index and engage in small group activities using the index. The Civic Index is a tool for measuring the capacity of a community for effective decision-making and problem-solving. Doug Linkhart, President of the National Civic League, will present the newest version of the index, a tool originally created in 1987. Carla Kimbrough, Racial Equity Director for the League, will present examples of how cities achieve the equity and inclusiveness aspects of the index. Carmen Ramirez, Community & Neighborhood Resources Manager for the City of Longmont, Colorado, will talk about the benefits to her city of a culture of engagement.

Carla Kimbrough - Racial Equity Director, National Civic League**Doug Linkhart** - President, National Civic League**Carmen Ramirez** - Community & Neighborhood Resources Manager, City of Longmont**When the Conversation Gets Tough, Get Visual!***Governor's Square 14 – Beginner – Arts*

Visualizing ideas, feelings, and experiences can profoundly aid in the process of having tough conversations and making difficult group decisions. In this session, participants will learn about why visuals are so effective given what we know about the human brain. They will then get to practice using different visual tools and techniques to better design group processes and facilitate conversations that matter.

Cassandra O’Neill - CEO, Leadership Alchemy LLC**Lydia Hooper** - Consultant, Fountain Visual Communications**Campus Approaches to Dialogue, Deliberation, and Civic Engagement***Governor's Square 15 – Beginner – Higher Ed*

In this session, several professors from different universities combine efforts to highlight various campus-based approaches to dialogue, deliberation, and civic engagement. This session introduces different approaches and examples that focus on how both dialogue and deliberation work to foster civic innovation on campuses. All share the belief that engaged students lead to engaged citizens. Participants will get to dive into both theory and practice of these approaches.

Allissa Aardema - Undergraduate Student, Moderator and Notetaker, Voices for Democracy and Civility, Indiana University**Maria Hamilton Abegunde** - Director, Graduate Mentoring Center and Visiting Lecturer in African American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University**Lauren Swayne Barthold** - Philosophy Professor, Endicott College and Research Fellow, Essential Partners**Jill DeTemple** - Director of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University**Harriett E. Hayes** - Division Head of Humanities & Social Sciences and Associate Professor of Sociology, Bridgewater College**Lisa-Marie Napoli** - Associate Director of the Political and Civic Engagement Program, Indiana University, Director, Voices for Democracy and Civility**John Sarrouf** - Director of Program Development and Strategic Partnerships, Essential Partners; Peace and Conflict Resolution Professor, Gordon College**Engaged Journalism for Community Connection***Governor's Square 17 – Beginner – New Sectors & Partnerships*

Fake news. Decreasing trust. Declining audience. What’s a news organization to do? One antidote is “engaged journalism” – news organizations listening and connecting with their communities in new ways, leading to more nuanced stories, stronger relationships with audiences, and greater civic engagement. Newsrooms are collaborating with more D&D practitioners to bring the unique skills of engagement into journalism. In this session, we’ll share stories of how news organizations are engaging with their communities, and we’ll host a conversation, guided by your questions, about what that could mean for D&D practitioners. Come explore what the D&D – journalism matchup could look like!

Peggy Holman - Co-Founder and Principal, Journalism That Matters**Fiona Morgan** - Consultant, Branchhead Consulting**Andrew Rockway** - Program Director, Jefferson Center**Eve Pearlman** - Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Spaceship Media**Lori Shontz** - Journalism Instructor, University of Oregon

People's Movement Assembly for Envisioning an Inclusive Democracy Movement

Plaza Court 6 – Beginner – Models, Hot Topics

Democracy begins at the community level, and it requires intentionality to create inclusive spaces that bring together as many voices as possible to the conversation. Since 2010, Move to Amend has facilitated Peoples' Movement Assemblies as a mechanism to promote democratic dialogue and deliberative problem solving for democratizing the US Constitution. PMAs will help participants to develop a shared analysis of the current crises we face, create a shared vision of the world we want to build, and collaborate strategically across social movements and fronts of struggle towards coordinated action.

Keyan Bliss - Grassroots Volunteer Coordinator, Move to Amend

Jessica Munger - Program Director, Move to Amend

Enriching Journalism and D&D through Collaboration

Plaza Court 7 – Intermediate – New Sectors & Partnerships

This interactive session highlights multiple approaches to collaboration between journalists and D&D. The presenters will draw on their experience leading efforts connecting journalists and the communities they serve through dialogue and deliberation-based engagement efforts. We'll highlight three of our projects and reference others, to surface best practices for building D&D approaches into journalism and ensuring D&D efforts resonate with media organizations to support meaningful community change. We'll then move into interactive, small group discussions to identify and critique ideas for incorporating these practices into the efforts and projects of session attendees.

Elizabeth Dunbar - Reporter, Minnesota Public Radio

Leslie Graves - President & CEO, Ballotpedia

Adolf Gundersen - Research Director, Interactivity Foundation

Andrew Rockway - Program Director, Jefferson Center

We Are Human First: Creating Safe Spaces for Group Dialogue

Governor's Square 9 – Intermediate – Arts

Every person has a voice. Participants will learn how the use of visual art and music, mindfulness, psychodrama, and storytelling can stimulate authentic conversation along with more empathic understanding within diverse groups and communities. These interactional and experiential techniques have been tested and found to be a powerful way to open people up to explore who they are in non-defensive ways, regardless of prior group experiences. These techniques have not only been used with individuals, groups, couples and families in conflictual situations, but also with businesses, non-profits and faith-based organizations, and in secondary schools and university settings. Join our dialogue!

Dr. Paula Christian Kliger - President, PsychAssets **Lori Blumenstein-Bott** - VP, PsychAssets **Sara Kliger** - Director of Experiential Services, PsychAssets

Communicating Civily with Voters You Disagree with during the Election Cycle

Governor's Square 17 – Intermediate – Civic Tech & Data, Hot Topics

Through both Civil Dialogue and blogging, workshop participants will engage in modeling civility through civil communication and civil listening. Participants will take part in a Civil Dialogue on a provocative topic relevant to the upcoming election by choosing to occupy a range of positions. Then, the developer of the website Clamoring For Change will discuss ways to best express extreme positions with the objective of promoting mutual understanding (not necessarily agreement) rather than persuasion. When understanding is the goal, civility rather than polarization is a likely outcome.

Clark D Olson - President/Professor, Institute for Civil Dialogue and Arizona State University

Guy Nave - Founder, Clamoring For Change & Professor, Luther College

Jennifer Linde - Senior Lecturer and Artistic Director of Empty Space Theater, Arizona State University

Carl Luna - Institute for Civil & Civic Engagement, University of San Diego

Russ Charvonia - Past Grand Master, Masonic Grand Lodge of CA, Masonic Family Civility Project

Don't Avoid, Don't Confront; Instead... Engage!: Dialogue Skills for Anti-Racism Allies

Governor's Square 12 – Beginner – Social Justice

How does a white person who aspires to be an ally against racism talk to their friends and family who are in denial about racism against people of color? The Ally Conversation Toolkit (ACT) gives people concrete guidance about how to respond to a wide variety of statements that racism-denying white folks make every day. The ACT project teaches the R.A.C.E method for managing conversation – standing for Reflect, Ask, Connect, Expand – that involves shifting interpersonal conversations from battles of opinion to a dialogue involving listening, empathy, and personal storytelling. The 90-minute conference workshop will be a distillation of half day and full day community workshops that have engaged thousands of people in venues across the country over the past two years.

Dr. David Campit - Founder, Ally Conversation Toolkit

Dayne Linford - Leader, Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) – Salt Lake City, UT

Flavors of Free Speech on Campus

Governor's Square 14 – Intermediate – Higher Ed

Campuses across the country are grappling with the tensions between two core values: free speech, as protected by the first amendment, and inclusion of diverse people in the campus community. Explore the boundaries of free expression and inclusion by asking questions such as: Should universities try to establish “safe spaces”? Are provocative speakers allowed to speak on public campuses? Is dialogue a realistic option to address some of these free speech challenges? Come discuss these questions and raise your own in an interactive discussion.

Carolyn Penny - Director, Campus Dialogue & Deliberation, UC Davis

Nancy Kranich - Lecturer, Rutgers University School of Communication & Information

ELEVATE: Using Appreciative Inquiry to Develop a New Strategic Plan

Governor's Square 11 – Beginner – Youth & Students

How do you develop a community-driven strategic plan with a large, diverse group of people? Adams 12 Five Star Schools, north of Denver, spent a year using the Appreciative Inquiry process to bring together over 7,000 parents, community members, students and staff from 49 different schools to develop a five-year strategic plan to elevate student success. Learn about the Appreciative Inquiry process and how it can be used to mobilize and motivate diverse groups of stakeholders to achieve a collective effort in developing organizational goals.

Mark Poshak - Culture and Engagement Coordinator, Adams 12 Five Star Schools

Barbara Lewis - Principal, Rocky Mountain Center for Positive Change

Storytelling, Embodied Cognition and Climate Activism: A Faster Learning Process

Governor's Square 10 – Intermediate – Skill-building

Climate campaign organizations typically don't have time to invest in face-to-face storytelling training for their activists, and climate activists sometimes view storytelling as a gimmick. Former academic and philosopher Maria Talero develops communication interventions based on embodied cognition, a revolutionary area in the scientific study of consciousness. This interactive session will spotlight key practices in speeding up the storytelling learning process for Citizens' Climate Lobby advocates and lobbyists who work to bridge the partisan climate gap.

Maria Talero - Principal, Climate Courage, LLC

Thaddeus Cummins - Area Coordinator, Citizens' Climate Lobby and Managing Researcher, Economic GPS

Talking about Guns in America: Two Approaches for Shifting the Conversation

Governor's Square 15 – Intermediate – Hot Topics

Americans are sharply divided over how to deal with gun violence. How can civil dialogue build bridges of understanding between people on both sides of this highly charged debate? Two models will be discussed: a national effort in collaboration with TIME and the Advance Local family of community media groups; and a grassroots project from rural California. This workshop will emphasize problem-solving and creative thinking about how to moderate face-to-face and online discussions of this controversial subject.

John Sarrouf - Director of Program Development and Strategic Partnerships, Essential Partners

Eve Pearlman - Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Spaceship Media

Jim Hight - Independent journalist and facilitator

Putting Dialogue Before Deliberation within Polarized Communities

Governor's Square 16 – Intermediate – Skill-building, Models

The connection between theory and application of dialogue and deliberation becomes clear in this session. Lauren Barthold, a PhD philosopher, will share theory from a book she is writing on the best way to weave Dialogue together with Deliberation in highly polarized settings. Robin Teater will cover a real life project she oversaw at Healthy Democracy in which people on both sides of the political aisle had a chance to Dialogue with each other on challenging issues. Participants will learn a fishbowl form of Dialogue they can use in similar settings.

Linda Ellinor - Founder and Senior Consultant, Action Dialogue Group

Robin Teater - Executive Director, Healthy Democracy

Lauren Barthold - Professor, Endicott College & Senior Research Fellow, Essential Partners

Participatory Systems Change – Engagement for Big Impact

Plaza Court 8 – Advanced – Models

Addressing many of today's societal, economic and environmental problems requires a systems lens that takes into account the values of citizens and stakeholders, identifies leverage points for intervention, and builds collaboration among multiple actors. Through hands-on activities, participants will explore how dialogue-based engagement and systems approaches can be connected to create Participatory Systems Change, by rethinking key aspects of engagement, i.e.: ownership; issue framing; sequencing; the nature of democratic exchange; the method of analysis; and communications strategies.

Robin Prest - Program Director, Simon Fraser University's Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Martin Carcasson - Director, CSU Center for Public Deliberation

FRIDAY EVENING D&D SHOWCASE AND RECEPTION

NCDD's Dialogue & Deliberation Showcase

From 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm, have some snacks and stroll around the **Plaza Exhibit Foyer**, talking with our presenters stationed around the room who are excited to tell you about a tool, concept, or project they're working on. The **Showcase** is an untimed networking event. For more details, visit the NCDD website at www.ncdd.org/events/ncdd2018/showcase.

9 Steps to Collaboration – The Art of Convening

Craig Neal, Co-Founder, Center for Purposeful Leadership

Accelerate Collaboration: A Visual Facilitation Tool Kit

Shelley Hamilton, Consulting Associate, Leapfrog Consulting

Ally Conversation Toolkit & The Dialogue Company

David Camp, Founder, Ally Conversation Toolkit

Breaking the Cycle of Partisan Divide in Tomorrow's Leaders

Ross Irwin, Chief Development Officer, Bridge U.S.A., UC-Berkeley

Civic Dinners

Jenn Graham, Founder & CEO of Civic Dinners

Mitali Chakraborty, Director of Growth for Civic Dinners

Civil Pursuit

David Fridley, Founder & CEO, Synaccord

CivNet – An Integrated Civic Platform Backed By a Network of Member Organizations

Will Ferguson, CEO & Co-Founder, CivNet

Leslie Graves, CEO of Ballotpedia & Board Member, CivNet

Adolf Gundersen, Vice President & Research Director, Interactivity Foundation, and Board Member, CivNet

Collaboration Without Consensus

Maura Maher, Senior Engagement Services Coordinator, RAMA Consulting

The Commons: A Community of Humans and Robots Bridging The Political Divide Online

Julie Hawke, Associate, Build Up

Connect with Bang the Table

Amanda Nagl, Engagement Manager, Bang the Table

Consent Decision-Making

Sheella Mierson, PhD

Francine Proulx-Kenzle, The Sociocracy Consulting Group

Count Me In!

Caitlin Schneider, Public Engagement Coordinator, Colorado Fiscal Institute

CU Dialogues: Engaged Learning for Civic Engagement

Ashmi Desai, Postdoctoral Associate, CU Dialogues Program

Karen Ramirez, Director, CU Dialogues Program

Pilar Prostko, Assistant Director for Outreach & Coordination, CU Dialogues Program

Discussion Tools for Diversity

Eve Passerini, Director of the Integrative Core and Associate Professor of Sociology, Regis University

Expanding Your Toolbox

Kareen Wong, Communications Manager, SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Robin Prest, Program Director, SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Facilitating Racial Equity in Funding the Arts

Mark Chupp, Founder, Community Innovation Network, Assistant Professor, Mandel School, Case Western Reserve University

Free Intelligent Conversation

Kyle Emile, Founder, Free Intelligent Conversation

Harnessing Technology to Create Respectful and Constructive Conversations Online

Mannie Ajayi, CEO and Co-founder of Pnyka

Journal of Public Deliberation

Laura Black, Editor of Journal of Public Deliberation and Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Ohio University

Tim Shaffer, Associate Editor of Journal of Public Deliberation and Assistant Professor of Communication at Kansas State University

Konveio

Chris Haller, CEO, Urban Interactive Studio

Let's Talk About Race

Suzanne Lea, Ph.D., Fellow, Interactivity Foundation

Rashawn Ray, Ph.D., Dept. of Sociology, University of Maryland – College Park

Make America Dinner Again

Justine Lee, Co-Founder, Make America Dinner Again

Making Kind, Curious Dialogue-lovers FAMOUS: Recruiting for a New Speakers Bureau of Subversive Friendships

Jacob Hess, Co-Founder & Co-Director, Village Square Utah

Managing Groundwater Together in Western Kansas

Stephen Lauer, Graduate Research Assistant, Kansas State University

Mutualinquiry.org

Jim Anest, Creator, Mutualinquiry.org

The Public Square Academy

Michael Freedman, Director, The Public Square Academy

The Reunited States of America

Mark Gerzon, Author, The Reunited States of America

Slow Tours: Fast Connections

April Struthers, Consultant / Owner, Wit Works Ltd

Courtney Hartman, Musician

Social Capital Untapped

Annie Makela, Founding Director, Scott Center for Social Entrepreneurship at Hillbrook School

Kevin Moore, Mathematics Educator/ Social Entrepreneurship Coach, Malvern Preparatory

Urgency of Civility Conference

Russ Charvonia, Past Grand Master, Masonic Lodge of CA, Masonic Family Civility Project

Using a Deliberative Activity to Illustrate Effective Community Advocacy

Pamela Conners, Associate Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College

Leila Brammer, Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College

What to Do When the Fit It's the Shan

Trent Norman, Partner/Consultant, Affinity Arts Consulting

FRIDAY EVENING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



White Privilege Symposium Community Event

We are sharing the Ballroom with the *White Privilege Symposium* for their community event, featuring performances and speakers. This event is open to NCDD attendees and the public. **#WPSDenver2018** is bringing together a network of local and national lead learners and practitioners to engage each other and work together to address issues of inequality.

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Plaza Ballroom

National Issues Forum: The Opioid Epidemic

What Should We Do About The Opioid Epidemic? – Virginia York will lead attendees in a National Issues Forum on the opioid epidemic, presenting three options for deliberation, focusing on treatment, enforcement, and individual choice. Experience the National Issues Forums model and deliberate on possible approaches to this complex national issue.

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm in Governor's Square 15



SATURDAY 9:00 - 10:30

WORKSHOP SESSION C

Collective Leadership for Community Change

Plaza Court 6 – Intermediate – Models

In an era when community organizations can no longer succeed on their own, shared leadership has ascended as the logical next step toward successful collective action. The co-creators of this session offer a helpful starting point for turning outward toward our communities, explaining how we can harness the collective capacity within and across our organizations to achieve significant and lasting impact. This interactive session will provide an overview of collective leadership and how it helps move communities forward by creating sustainable & systemic social change.

Nancy Kranich - Lecturer and Special Projects Librarian, Rutgers University School of Communication and Information

Cassandra O'Neill - CEO, Leadership Alchemy LLC

Amanda Buberger - Assistant Director, Academic Community Engagement Partnerships, Tulane University's Center for Public Service

Marla Crockett - Certified Harwood Coach, The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation

Partner for Engagement: From Crises to Cohesion in Communities

Plaza Court 7 – Advanced – Hot Topics, Community & Government

Workshop leaders will facilitate three interactive cases in which participants will have to make management decisions that successfully engage multiple stakeholders and sectors in building sustainable solutions to community crisis situations: (1) integration of Puerto Rican migrants displaced by Hurricane Maria, (2) response to the 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting, and (3) economic development in impoverished neighborhood. Participants will learn how to negotiate partnerships, brand processes, and leverage resources within a D&D context, based on workshop leader experiences in these issues.

Thomas Bryer - Professor, School of Public Administration, University of Central Florida and Board President, Atvirum, Inc.

Sofia Prysmakova - PhD Candidate, Doctoral Program in Public Affairs, University of Central Florida and Board Vice-President, Atvirum, Inc.

Respect & Rebellion: Fighting to Preserve a Civic Ecosystem on American Campuses

Plaza Court 8 – Intermediate – Higher Ed

When a natural ecosystem is under threat, enormous resources help preserve and protect it. Given the unmistakable threats to our civic ecosystem, it's time for complementary "species" to spark something bigger than any of our organizations could do alone. In addition to introducing technological and conversational innovations and the premiere student and faculty organizations spanning the sociopolitical divide, we will solicit feedback on our campaign to get "divergent speaker pairs" to model trustworthy rivalry on campuses while inviting students to complete a "treasonous friendship" dare.

Jacob Hess - Co-Founder & Co-Director, Village Square Utah

Mannie Ajayi - CEO & Co-Founder, Pnyka

Andrew Evans - BYU Law School, Center for Conflict Resolution

Liz Joyner - National Director, Village Square

Kyle Emile - Founder, Free Intelligent Conversation

Ross Irwin - Chief Development Officer, Bridge U.S.A., UC-Berkeley

Don't Engage the Public... Before You've Answered These Six Questions

Governor's Square 9 – Intermediate – Skill-building

Public participation is increasingly becoming the norm for government decision-making. More engagement, however, doesn't necessarily mean higher satisfaction with the process and outcomes among communities and decision-makers. Using case studies and scenario exercises the session will provide an opportunity to road-test six strategic questions that help set dialogue and deliberation practitioners up for success, by clarifying key elements of an engagement process, including the topic, desired outcomes, impact on communities, depth and reach of engagement, as well as plans for follow-through.

Hassan Hussein - Assistant Professor, St. John's University

Robin Prest - Program Director, Simon Fraser University's Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

Saying "Yes, and" in a Polarized World

Governor's Square 10 – Beginner – Arts

In a polarized world improv has emerged as a tool for bringing people together and transforming conversation. With a focus on 'yes and' and ensemble-building, improv helps people create together using everything including disagreements. Participants will be introduced to an approach to development and community building that uses improv to create ensembles with some of the most contentious groups including police/youth, refugees/locals and people across the political spectrum. Participants will perform and lead conversations that embrace differences, encourage risk-taking and meaning making.

Carrie Lobman - Chair, Department of Learning and Teaching, Rutgers University

Lainie Hodges - Development Specialist, Improv Alchemy

SATURDAY 9:00 - 10:30

WORKSHOP SESSION C

Amplify Impact, Build Bridges, and Connect Communities through Civil Discourse

Governor's Square 11 – Beginner – New Sectors & Partnerships, Models

How can public dialogue and discourse revive our democracy and citizen institutions? In the current climate of polarization and turbulence, how can we open opportunities to foster relationships, incubate emergent engagement ideas, and build new bridges of trust? Drawing on examples from the National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD)'s work through Revive Civility, Next Generation, and the Civility Network, this interactive session will explore how we can take this churning moment in our democracy to amplify, expand, and embed dialogue and discourse practices in our communities and civic infrastructure.

Tim Shaffer - Research Specialist, National Institute for Civil Discourse

Cheryl Graeve - National Community Organizer, National Institute for Civil Discourse

Confronting the White Supremacy Culture of D&D

Governor's Square 12 – Beginner – Social Justice

This session will pose the question: how does the field of D&D encounter the culture of white supremacy? Using a combination of individual reflection, small group, and whole group discussion, participants will be asked to reflect on questions about how white supremacy manifests itself within the thinking and practices of dialogue and deliberation as well as how D&D has confronted the challenges of white supremacy.

Frank Dukes, PhD - Distinguished Institute Fellow, Institute for Environmental Negotiation

Tanya Denckla Cobb - Director, Institute for Environmental Negotiation

Selena Cozart, PhD - Community Facilitator, Institute for Environmental Negotiation

Civic Initiators at Work!

Governor's Square 14 – Intermediate – Community & Government

Across the country, community-based coalitions of "civic initiators" are forming with an important goal in mind: to catalyze productive, democratic methods for community members to talk and work together on public issues. They are building broad, cross-sector networks of public discussions that reflect the complex, interconnected nature of issues that impact their communities, creating opportunities to learn from each other's work. Join us in this highly interactive session to explore these practices and to share your insights!

Betty Knighton - Senior Associate, Kettering Foundation

Lisa-Marie Napoli - Director, Voices for Democracy and Civility, Indiana University Bloomington

Cristin F. Brawner - Executive Director, David Mathews Center for Civic Life

Using Deliberation to Tackle Substance Abuse in Local High Schools

Governor's Square 15 – Beginner – Youth & Students

Engaging students can be difficult, especially when they're not interested or don't know enough about a topic. Come hear from students who got involved in engaging hundreds of high school students in conversations about substance abuse. This session will cover the barriers and opportunities related to partnering with students and school districts.

Kaia Heer - Student Associate, CSU Center for Public Deliberation

Sabrina Duey - Student Associate, CSU Center for Public Deliberation

Kalie McMonagle - Program Coordinator, Center for Public Deliberation, Colorado State University

Elaine Holmes - Teacher, Fort Collins High School

Designing Community Deliberation in College Courses

Governor's Square 16 – Beginner – Higher Ed

The design of public deliberation and dialogue varies depending on community needs, goals, context, and audience. Presenters will provide deliberative pedagogy models and syllabi for involving students in research, design, facilitation, assessment, and reporting of different community dialogues and deliberations. Through examples of the impact of integrating deliberation into college curricula, participants will develop strategies for bringing college curricula and deliberation theory into effective, sustainable community-based practice.

Leila R. Brammer - Director Parrhesia Program, University of Chicago

Pamela Conners - Associate Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College

Brandon Anderson - Assistant Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College

Kristi Manning & Rachel Larson - Students, Gustavus Adolphus College

A Journalist & A Deliberative Democrat Walk Into a Bar: A Collaboration Story

Governor's Square 17 – Intermediate – New Sectors & Partnerships

Healthy Democracy's Robin Teater will moderate a conversation between Paula Ellis and Wendy Willis, the co-founders of *Two Women & a Republic*, a weekly correspondence exploring the culture surrounding citizen-centered democracy. Paula is a journalist from South Carolina; Wendy is a democracy practitioner from Oregon; together they have created what they fondly refer to as Brainpickings for Democracy. They will share what they are learning and then turn to you for a discussion of the issues and trends affecting your work.

Wendy Willis - Executive Director, Deliberative Democracy Consortium

Paula Ellis - Senior Associate, Kettering Foundation

SATURDAY 11:00 - 12:30

WORKSHOP SESSION D

Blueprint of We: A Dynamic Document for Increasing Collaboration and Trust

Plaza Court 6 – Intermediate – Models

Blueprint of We (BoW) is a dynamic framework that increases the capacity to collaborate in any environment: public engagement, workplaces, families. The results are more trust & creativity for two people, a group, an entire organization or community. Participants learn 5 components for a BoW and how it links to neuroscience to calm and connect, hear stories of BoW's impact in various settings, & begin the process of writing and sharing their own BoW. The session will be lively, experiential, deep and useful to take forward into today's challenges.

Rachel Eryn Kalish M.C. - Partner, Blueprint of We California

Sheella Mierson, Ph.D. - Partner, Blueprint of We California

Emerging Roles of Academic Libraries in Dialogue and Deliberation

Plaza Court 7 – Intermediate – New Sectors & Partnerships

Academic libraries, like their public cousins, are positioned uniquely within their communities to further dialogue and deliberation. In addition to the commonalities, such as being safe and brave spaces, academic libraries have institutional connections, particularly with campus partners already engaging in dialogue, that allow them to scale beyond their current abilities. The session leaders invite you to an interactive discussion about the ways academic libraries can further the goals of dialogue and deliberation at their institutions and in the broader community.

George J Fowler - University Librarian, Old Dominion University

Nancy Kranich - Lecturer, Rutgers University School of Communication and Information

Difficult Facilitation Experiences: Working through Challenges

Plaza Court 8 – Advanced – Skill-building

Dialogue and deliberation are participatory processes, designed to promote diverse voices and encourage communities to work through differences. Despite laying out productive communication guidelines, sometimes difficulties arise. This session will focus on recognizing and addressing struggles in facilitation, particularly around diversity and identity. Staff and students from Colorado State University and Wabash College will share experiences, and the second half of the session will focus on developing collaborative strategies for addressing such challenges.

Sara Drury - Director, Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse; Associate Professor, Wabash College

Kalie McMonagle - Program Coordinator, Center for Public Deliberation, Colorado State University

Katie Knobloch - Associate Director, Center for Public Deliberation, Colorado State University

Engaging & Healing Differences – Holding Tension in Life-Giving Ways!

Governor's Square 9 – Intermediate – Models

Come enjoy a live encounter with one of the five habits, "An Ability to Hold Tensions in Life-Giving Ways." A framework of Touchstones and Honest & Open Questions holds a brave & trustworthy space. Afterwards you will hear stories of using and adapting this material for different ages (middle school, college and adults) and conversational focus. Heart felt self-reflection and fresh, meaningful communal conversation is supported in this interactive civic dialogue curriculum (Parker Palmer's Healing the Heart of Democracy 5 Habits of the Heart & Empathetic Presence. Come play with Tension!

Susan Kaplan - Facilitator and Trainer, Colorado Courage & Renewal Collaboration & Rocky Mountain Compassionate Communication Network

Sheila Davis - Healthcare Leadership Program, University College, University Of Denver

Sarah Leach - Urban Farmer, Celebration Gardens and Three Sisters

Dialogue and Deliberation in Higher Education

Governor's Square 10 – Intermediate – Higher Ed, Youth & Students

Faculty and students from 3 universities share how they are building capacity for D&D in their classes. You'll learn how students have been given power over aspects of course content and instructional strategies; how we can 'stack' pedagogical practices during dialogue in classes across disciplines; and how undergraduates can learn about global best practices by contributing to Participedia. We'll also ask what you're doing in your classes and seek ideas for other activities that can be used in all learning situations, no matter where it occurs or the age of the students.

Dr. Denny Frey - Associate Professor of History and Coordinator of the Core, Lasell College

Kiel Harrel - Assistant Professor of Education, University of Minnesota – Morris

Cassandra Hemphill - Adjunct Faculty, University of Montana, Missoula College

Sara G. Lam - Assistant Professor of Elementary Education, University of Minnesota – Morris

Sharyn Lowenstein - Director, Center for Community-Based Learning and Associate Professor, Lasell College

SATURDAY 11:00 - 12:30

WORKSHOP SESSION D

Voting, Art, and Dialogue: Building Democratic Capacity through Voting Stories

Governor's Square 12 – Intermediate – Arts

Voting is a cornerstone of our democracy, yet is often shrouded in secrecy. While ballots themselves should remain private, the process of voting can & should be a social activity. This session will share an event that infused art and dialogue to encourage university students and community members to come together & share their stories of democratic participation. Multimedia products of the event will serve as inspiration to attendees as they have the chance to explore their own voting story and plan how to create a dialogue around voting in their own communities.

Marsha Olson - Instructor of Communication, University of Alaska Anchorage

Donna Aguiniga - Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Alaska Anchorage

Democracy's Hubs: The Role of Local Centers in Building Capacity for D&D

Governor's Square 14 – Intermediate – Community & Government

Directors from a variety of centers and institutes dedicated to building capacity for local dialogue and deliberation will share their models and stories. The session will be particularly useful for academics and civic leaders either involved with local organizations or considering developing an organization. Key networks and resources will be discussed, such as the Kettering Foundation's Centers for Public Life training program and the University Network for Collaborative Governance.

Martín Carcasson - Director, CSU Center for Public Deliberation

Sara Drury - Director, Wabash College Democracy and Public Discourse

Lori Britt - Director, Institute for Constructive Advocacy and Dialogue, James Madison University

Windy Lawrence - Director, Downtown Center for Public Deliberation, University of Houston

Lisa-Marie Napoli - Associate Director, Political and Civic Engagement Program, Indiana University Bloomington

Social Media and Online Dialogue & Deliberation: Experiences, Challenges, and Solutions

Governor's Square 15 – Beginner – Civic Tech & Data

This workshop will start with a brief review of a few specific and recent instances of online discussion on social media gone bad. In smaller group discussions thereafter, participants will be encouraged to share, discuss and explore their ideas about more general online challenges, including, for example: challenges arising from the for-profit or commercial side of social media; the increasing polarization & decreasing participation online generally; the often "drive-by" commentary fostered online; and other incivilities that discourage deeper citizen engagement. The workshop will culminate with a discussion focused on developing strategies for addressing these challenges.

Todd Davies - Associate Director, Symbolic Systems Program at Stanford University

Peter Shively - Fellow, Interactivity Foundation

David Fridley - Founder & CEO, Synaccord, LLC

Guy D. Nave, Jr., Ph.D. - Founder, Clamoring For Change and Professor, Luther College

Sue Goodney Lea - Fellow, Interactivity Foundation

Natalie Hopkinson - Fellow, Interactivity Foundation

Deconstructing Empathy: Listening Beyond Differences to Catalyze Transformation

Governor's Square 16 – Beginner – Skill-building

Those who facilitate group conversations know deep listening is essential to mutual growth and progress. We also are often the ones "keeping the peace" at any cost, even to ourselves. Join us in exploring and experiencing what it means to develop empathy, first for ourselves, then for others. Only when we can personally embrace the change we wish to foster in others, can we help groups find the common ground that we never imagined possible.

Megan Devenport - Executive Director, Building Bridges

Salomeh Diaz - Director, Sacred Minds Consulting

Lydia Hooper - Consultant, Fountain Visual Communications

Growing the Next Generation of D&D Leaders through Campus Dialogues

Governor's Square 17 – Intermediate – Higher Ed

How might we grow the next generation of D&D leaders? In this session we'll share different co-curricular approaches to student-facilitated campus dialogues, represented by 5 different schools of various sizes (UC Davis, OSU, Emory, University of Tampa, and Wesleyan College) and different non-profits (Sustained Dialogue Institute and the Interactivity Foundation). Together with workshop attendees, we'll explore what it takes to create and sustain the ecosystem for co-curricular D&D programs, the challenges & promises for this work, and lessons learned so far.

Melanie Doherty - Associate Professor, Wesleyan College

Ed Lee - Senior Director, Emory University

Tami Moore - Associate Professor, Oklahoma State University

Tonya Parker - Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Wesleyan College

Carolyn Penny - Director of Campus Dialogue & Deliberation, UC Davis

Jeff Prudhomme - Vice President, Interactivity Foundation

Mike Stout - Associate Professor, Oklahoma State University

Elizabeth Wuerz - Program Consultant, Sustained Dialogue Institute

Saturday Plenary: Broadening Our Reach

In the second plenary, we'll shift our focus to the topics we need to discuss as a field in order to bring dialogue, deliberation, and public engagement into more widespread use.

To kick us off, NCDD's staff will provide an overview of what we have been hearing from the field about what we most need to discuss, consider, or address in order to amplify and spread our work.

Featured Speakers...



COURTNEY BREESE

Courtney serves as NCDD's Managing Director, where she oversees NCDD's operations and directs programs and projects. Courtney has been involved with NCDD for years, serving as Conference Manager for the past three national conferences and previously as a member of NCDD's Board of Directors. In addition to her work with NCDD, Courtney also works with the Massachusetts Office of Public Collaboration on mediation and public engagement efforts. [@courtneybreese](#)



SANDY HEIERBACHER

Sandy Heierbacher co-founded the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD) in 2002 with the support and involvement of 60 volunteers and 50 organizations. Based in the Boston area, Sandy currently serves on the Boards of the National Issues Forums Institute and the Participatory Budgeting Project. Sandy also consults around the areas of network-building, community building, and participatory event planning. [@heierbacher](#)



KEIVA HUMMEL

Keiva Hummel serves as NCDD's Communications Coordinator, managing content in our well-loved Blog, Resource Center, and social media platforms. She graduated cum laude from San Francisco State University with a B.A. in Communication Studies, Minor in Global Peace, Human Rights and Justice Studies, and a Certificate in Conflict Resolution Studies. [@burndinthestars](#)

Open Space

The session will then transition to Open Space, led by Peggy Holman of Journalism That Matters. Participants will have the opportunity to set the agenda for the afternoon and propose topics they think are most pressing for our field to discuss as we work to build capacity for D&D. Two rounds of sessions will allow attendees to explore a variety of topics in self-organized sessions. Everyone will then come together for reflections and closing.



SATURDAY GATHERINGS

LUNCH - Our friends at [Ben Franklin Circles](#) are hosting a circle conversation during Saturday's lunch from 12:30-1:30pm in Plaza Court 2. Grab your buffet lunch and join them to experience a circle!

DINNER - [Civic Dinners](#) is offering a chance for participants to experience one of their dinners Saturday night. Civic Dinners helps people transform dinner tables into forums for positive social change. Look for the Civic Dinners showcase Friday to sign up to participate in this unique experience!

SUNDAY 9:00 - 10:30

WORKSHOP SESSION E

Facilitating Effective Dialogue on Challenging Community Issues

Governor's Square 9 – Beginner – Civic Tech & Data, Hot Topics

Recently, Elkhart County, Indiana needed to hear from community members on a proposed rezoning to build an immigration detention center which would house up to 1,400 immigrants facing possible deportation. This case study will demonstrate how Elkhart County Commissioners used PlaceSpeak to engage with residents, and how they facilitated respectful online dialogue on this controversial and potentially explosive issue without trolls or bots. Session participants will be asked to share challenging issues in their own communities and how they can apply the best practices to their local context.

Colleen Hardwick - Founder/CEO, PlaceSpeak Inc.

Mike Yoder - County Commissioner, Elkhart County, Indiana

What Did We Just Talk About? How to Turn Deliberative Talk into Deliverable Data

Governor's Square 10 – Intermediate – Civic Tech & Data

Deliberative events bring community members together to address public problems, but what happens after the discussion is over? How do we turn participant input into useable information? During this session, we'll brainstorm ways to build data collection into process design. We'll think about the different information needs of various partners (community organizations, government officials, practitioners, and academics) and discuss how to generate data that captures the conversation, highlights citizen decisions, and evaluates the process without straining organizational resources.

Katie Knobloch - Assistant Professor and Associate Director, CSU Center for Public Deliberation

Sara Drury - Director and Associate Professor, Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse

Kalie McMonagle - Program Coordinator, CSU Center for Public Deliberation

Libraries Transforming Communities: Working with Your Local Library to Bridge Divides

Governor's Square 11 – Intermediate – New Sectors & Partnerships

Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Models for Change (www.ala.org/ltc) was a two-year initiative of the American Library Association and the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation that sought to strengthen communities by giving libraries the tools they need to bring disparate voices together and lead change. In this session, ALA and NCDD will share the experience of training librarians to lead dialogues in their communities, including opportunities and lessons learned from the project. Participants in this session will discuss ideas for continuing this work, collaborating with their local library and building a community of practice for facilitators and library practitioners.

Mary Davis Fournier - Deputy Director, American Library Association, Public Programs Office

Courtney Breese - Managing Director, National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation

Samantha Oakley - Program Officer, American Library Association, Public Programs Office

Wakanda Forever: An Intergenerational Equity Framework

Governor's Square 12 – Intermediate – Social Justice

Everyday Democracy will share their intergenerational equity framework for community engagement. Using examples from the movie Black Panther, we will demonstrate our principles and vision for equity. Participants will learn how to use an intergenerational equity lens in their own community, and develop action plans to build bridges across age divides. Building intergenerational equity in to your work can lead to deeper dialogue and in turn more sustainable action and change.

Malana Rogers-Bursen - Program Associate, Everyday Democracy

Matthew Sagacity Walker - Community Assistance Associate, Everyday Democracy

Virtual Exchange: Using Technology to Bridge the Divide

Governor's Square 14 - Beginner – Civic Tech & Data

By reaching new populations and larger numbers, virtual exchanges connect individuals across geographic, cultural and political divides. Explore the possibilities of using virtual exchange to prepare, deepen and extend the physical exchanges you work within. Practice working with online tools to promote constructive online engagement and communication. Discuss the key differences, opportunities, and skills fundamental to facilitating online dialogues.

Gina Amatangelo - Lecturer, University of Texas at San Antonio

Julie Hawke - Senior Facilitation Officer, Sharing Perspectives Foundation

John Gable - Founder & CEO, Allsides

SUNDAY 9:00 - 10:30

WORKSHOP SESSION E

Faith Groups as Civic Actors: Exploring Deliberative Work in Context of Faith

Plaza Court 8 – Intermediate – New Sectors & Partnerships

In "American Grace," Robert Putnam and David Campbell show the existence of strong correlations between church attendance and involvement in other civic initiatives. They emphasize that "religious Americans are generally better neighbors and more active citizens"; however, they make a very important caveat – Americans who attend church regularly tend to be less tolerant of dissent and less supportive of civil liberties. What does it mean for fostering a deliberative culture, when 53% of Americans say that religion is very important to them, while 36% attend church services at least once a week? In this session, we will present several ongoing cases when faith-based groups have engaged in the work of dialogue and deliberation. We will discuss the direction of their experiments, particularly focusing on their use of issue framings and various formats of deliberation. We hope that these presentations will open up space for a discussion of how faith-based civic work is seen by people in faith-based organizations as well as by people whose work has been set up within the secular framework. What connections exist between these lines of deliberative efforts? How may such connections be potentially beneficial or desirable? How may we work to foster them?

Ekaterina Lukianova - Program Officer, Kettering Foundation

Erin Payseur Oeth - Associate Director of Civic Learning Initiatives, City of Boulder

Simone Talma-Flowers - Executive Director, Interfaith Action of Central Texas

The Art of Civic Engagement

Governor's Square 15 – Intermediate – Arts

What happens when we use artist's creativity to design engaging civic processes? Join us in this session to learn about an innovative case study about the world's first civic health club, Warm Cookies of the Revolution. Warm Cookies engages community members in crucial civic issues by creating innovative and fun arts and cultural programs. One such program is The Machine Has a Soul, a project focused in two Denver neighborhoods that combines participatory budgeting with artworks and performances inspired by Rube Goldberg machines. We will discuss how arts affect the quality of participation.

Amanda Hudson - Ph.D. Candidate, Portland State University

Evan Weissman - Executive Director, Warm Cookies of the Revolution

Negotiating the Creative Tension between Protest and Deliberation

Governor's Square 16 – Intermediate – Hot Topics, Social Justice

Utilizing polarity management as a tool to spark productive conversation regarding key tensions, this session will work through the critical tension between social change tactics focused on protest and those focused on dialogue and deliberation. Participants will work in small groups to complete worksheets mapping the polarity, considering their strengths and limitations, what situations each perspective is best suited or necessary, and how ideally the tension can be transcended to capture the best of both worlds.

Martín Carcasson - Director, CSU Center for Public Deliberation

Wendy Willis - Director, Deliberative Democracy Consortium

Building Bridges: A Community Collaboration for Culture Change

Governor's Square 17 – Beginner – Community & Government

In November 2017, City of Boulder embarked on a two-year experiment working with the community to change the culture of local civic dialogue. In partnership with University of Colorado's Center for Communication and Democratic Engagement, city staff engaged more than 400 community members in design-thinking workshops, online forums, and multi-generational programs to discover ideas that could lead to more productive communication. In this session, participants will experience elements of the workshop process first-hand as well as learning about the prototypes that were generated in Boulder.

Brenda Ritenour - Neighborhood Liaison, City Manager's Office, City of Boulder

Lydia Reinig - Graduate Research Fellow, Center for Communication and Democratic Engagement, University of Colorado Boulder

Welcome Students, Youth, and Emerging Leaders!

Don't miss out on our Emerging Leaders mentoring sessions during the conference, Saturday and Sunday from 8-8:45 am in Plaza Court 3! Connect with me if you have questions. - Bianca Eche



SUNDAY 11:00 - 12:30

WORKSHOP SESSION F

Facilitating Deliberation Online – Reflections and Advice on Tools and Practice

Plaza Court 8 – Intermediate – Civic Tech & Data

This session will bring together platform designers, consultants, and practitioners from the world of online deliberation for a survey of currently used tools and best practices. Panelists provide a range of experiences from research to nonprofit boards to citizen participation. We will provide a brief overview of research in online deliberation over the past 20 years, and discuss findings of the ParticipateDB 2018 Digital Engagement Census. Tool designers and online deliberation facilitators will share reflections and advice applied to different deliberative contexts.

Todd Davies - Associate Director and Lecturer, Symbolic Systems Program, Stanford University

Tim Bonnemann - Interim Director, Center for Applied Community Engagement (CACE)

Deborah Rogers - President, Initiative for Equality

Talking Past Each Other from Different Ideologies – Analysis and Solutions

Governor's Square 9 – Intermediate – Higher Ed

We don't all communicate the same way. Language from critical race theory, anti-racist liberalism, religious tolerance, or traditional individualism can result in talking past each other until every word (even personal stories) feels antagonistic, especially if egos have been injured. Failure to bridge these assumptions about communication leads to extreme sadness, anger, and confusion. In this session, we apply an analysis tool we developed in research to conversations from real reconciliation dialogues in our work and then invite discussion about overcoming these difficulties in dialogues.

Madeline Maxwell - Professor of Communication Studies & Director of the UT Project on Conflict Resolution, The University of Texas at Austin

JhuCin (Rita) Jhang - Ph.D. Candidate, Assistant Director of UT Global Ethics & Conflict Resolution Summer Symposium, The University of Texas at Austin

Restorative Circle Practice for Transforming Conflict

Governor's Square 10 – Beginner – Social Justice

This workshop will be an interactive introduction to the Restorative Circle model. Circles have been used to navigate and transform conflict across time, culture, and place. The RC model is highly responsive and adaptable to meet the unique needs of diverse communities and individuals. We will work from an anti-oppression framework to practice some of the core components of a circle process.

Rachael K Sharp, MA - Director of Arts & Education, Creative Strategies for Change

Ceema Samimi, MSSW, MPA - Ph.D. Candidate, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

Adding Youth Voices to Dialogue and Deliberation

Governor's Square 11 – Beginner – Youth & Students

Have you considered what youth perspectives can contribute to your dialogue and deliberative processes? This session will share some guiding principles for engaging youth and creating youth-led dialogue and deliberative processes. Two case studies will be explored that demonstrate the potential of youth stakeholder engagement when these principles are applied and the benefits of incorporating young people into all aspects of the process. Participants will have the ability to brainstorm strategies for including youth and developing more inclusive dialogue and deliberative processes.

Scott Castillo - Manager of Engaging Communities Initiatives, Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center

Lemuel Mariano - Program Coordinator, Youth Leadership Institute

A Road Map to Washington's Future

Governor's Square 15 – Intermediate – Community & Government

Instead of establishing a typical "blue ribbon task force," the Washington State Legislature asked the William D. Ruckelshaus Center to articulate a vision for a desired future, and identify needed additions, revisions or clarifications to the state's growth management framework. The Center conducted 50+ dialogue workshops across the state, engaging local leaders and elected officials, and will present a final report in June 2019. This session will engage participants in an interactive conversation on tools, tips, and lessons learned conducting state-wide engagement processes.

Amanda Murphy - Senior Project Lead, William D. Ruckelshaus Center, University of Washington & Washington State University

Molly Stenovec - Project & Program Manager, William D. Ruckelshaus Center, University of Washington & Washington State University

Michael Kern - Director, William D. Ruckelshaus Center, University of Washington & Washington State University

Developing Materials, Identifying Challenges, and Embracing Opportunities for Dialogue and Deliberation in Rural America

Governor's Square 12 – Beginner – Hot Topics, Community & Government

This session will offer an exploration of an effort by the Interactivity Foundation to develop a discussion guide on the future of agriculture and rural communities regarding the effort to share strategies for organizing rural discussions and organizing discussions in urban communities on rural themes. This session will critically examine the so-called urban/rural divide. In addition to this particular resource, presenters will share stories of connecting into rural deliberative systems, highlighting challenges and opportunities for working in rural communities such as Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Oregon, and Arizona.

Sara Drury - Director, Wabash College Democracy and Public Discourse

Linda Ellinor - Founder and Senior Consultant, Action Dialogue Group

Sarah Giles - Project Manager, Oregon's Kitchen Table and National Policy Consensus Center, Portland State University

Shannon Wheatley Hartman - Fellow, Interactivity Foundation

Timothy Shaffer - Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, Kansas State University

David Supp-Montgomerie - Director and Lecturer, University of Iowa Program for Public Life

Elevating Voices and Building Bridges: Community Trust and Police Relations

Governor's Square 14 – Intermediate – Hot Topics, Community & Government

It is important to build relationships between the community and police to improve public safety and increase community trust. We will present specific dialogue methods used to engage the community and police and that has created value and impact for multiple demographics affected by law enforcement in the Chicago and Denver regions. Our methods will also illustrate how to support and amplify community voices & ideas.

Joe Hoereth, PhD - Director, Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement, University of Illinois at Chicago

Gianina Irlando - Community Relations Ombudsman, Denver Office of the Independent Monitor

Paul Pazen - Chief of Police, Denver Police Department

Norma E. Ramos - Director of Engagement and Partnerships, Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement, University of Illinois at Chicago

Bria Scudder - Senior Government and Community Liaison, Illinois Attorney General's Office

The Community Collaboration Project: Igniting Positive Change at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Governor's Square 16 – Beginner – New Sectors & Partnerships

Learn about how the Denver Museum of Nature & Science collaborated with community members to create a culturally-inclusive vision for the Museum's future. Recognizing that communities of color are not always heard and their ways of knowing are not always taken into account in traditional museum planning and exhibitions, the Museum used an Appreciative Inquiry-based process to empower community members and Museum staff to re-imagine the museum together. In addition to creating a powerful future vision, the Community Collaboration Project built internal capacity for strength-based, inclusive planning that continues to transform the Museum in surprising and impactful ways.

Barbara Lewis - Co-Founder, Rocky Mountain Center for Positive Change and Principal, Catalyst Consulting

Carolyn Love, Ph.D. - Founder, Kebaya Coaching & Consulting

Andrea Girón Mathern - Director, Audience Research & Evaluation, Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Addressing Coercive Power in Dialogue and Deliberation

Governor's Square 17 – Advanced – Social Justice

Facilitators may encounter interactions that leave a dialogue participant feeling uncomfortable, silenced, or even feeling their identity is threatened. We call these interactions instances of coercive power. This workshop raises awareness about instances of coercive power in dialogue settings and provides a chance to workshop responses to two cases of coercive interactions. We conclude by sharing the facilitator's actual responses and analyzing effects of their intervention. You will develop a nuanced understanding of coercive power and build a deeper repertoire of ways to respond.

Roudy Hildreth - Associate Director, CU Engage: Center for Community Based Learning and Research, University of Colorado – Boulder

Karen Ramirez - Director, CU Dialogues, University of Colorado – Boulder

Alison Kadlec - Founding Partner, Sova Solutions

Pilar Protsko - Assistant Director for Coordination and Outreach, CU Dialogues, University of Colorado – Boulder

Jennifer Pacheco - Graduate Student, School of Education, University of Colorado – Boulder

Sunday Plenary: Future Civic Innovations

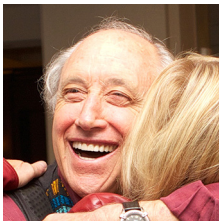
In this closing plenary, we'll look to the future of our field and discuss what work we can do together beyond the conference to expand and innovate dialogue, deliberation, and public engagement. Speakers will offer brief glimpses into their efforts to bring D&D to this next level, or speak about what they believe to be the next steps for our field.

Featured Speakers...



FATIMA AHMED

Fatima Ahmed is a graduate of the Peace & Conflict Studies program at the University of Waterloo and current student at Lakehead University in Ontario. She recently served as the summer program director for Heart to Heart, a peace-building summer camp facilitating dialogue between Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel. Fatima is a mediator and has extensive experience in cross cultural dialogue from her work around the world.



JOHN STEINER

John Steiner is a meshweaver, transpartisan leader and creative consultant, often with his wife and working partner, Margo King. He is one of the national leaders of the current effort to take the transpartisan movement to scale. He currently works full time helping to build, catalyze and serve this emergent, transpartisan/bridging field as a co-founder and board member of the Bridge Alliance, as co-founder and co-director of the Bridge Summit, and as a board member of the Mediators Foundation and BridgeUSA.



WENDY WILLIS

Wendy Willis is the Executive Director of the Deliberative Democracy Consortium and the founder and director of Oregon's Kitchen Table in the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University. The winner of the Dorothy Brunsman Poetry Prize, Wendy is also a poet and essayist, and writes at twowomenandarepublic.com. She has published two books of poems, and her next book of essays, *These Are Strange Times, My Dear*, is forthcoming in February 2019. Wendy is an NCDD Board Member.

Pro Action Café

Participants will then be led by Fiona Morgan of Branchhead Consulting in a Pro Action Café, a process blending World Café and Open Space, where they will have the opportunity to work together on ideas for future civic innovations. This process will help those with questions and projects to move to action, with the input of their peers. In the Café, participants will find collaborators for their projects, and new initiatives they want to be a part of! Participants will be encouraged to connect after the conference on ideas they want to move forward.



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