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Hello NCDD Community and welcome to Austin!

We are thrilled to be hosting NCDD 2008 and to have the opportunity to learn from and connect with so many thoughtful and talented people. The conference has already been a wonderful catalyst for forging stronger connections within our own local community of skilled and passionate practitioners and change agents. Our region, known for its high degree of citizen engagement and lively discourse, will be enriched by the new insights, inspirations and relationships that NCDD 2008 will leave in its wake.

I want to thank the Central Texas Planning Team members for all of the energy, creativity and commitment that you've poured into conference planning and outreach activities during the last year. You guys rock!

- Diane Miller, Central Texas Planning Team Leader

Welcome to NCDD 2008!

NCDD conferences bring together leaders and future leaders in public engagement, conflict resolution, and community building to share resources and strategies, build lasting relationships, increase the visibility and effectiveness of our work, tackle challenges we face, and initiate collaborative projects. At this year's NCDD conference, we'll be focusing in on five major challenges that need to be addressed for our field to move forward. We've designed a process that enables you to get involved in addressing the challenges that most interest you IF you choose to.

We hope that you dedicate yourself to participating fully in this conference. We also hope, despite our collective sense of urgency to bring this work further into the fractured world we live in today, that you enjoy yourself. We want you to leave this gathering feeling more motivated, energized, supported and prepared to do this vital work. Many people in the D&D community seem to carry the weight of the world on their shoulders, and we urge you to make this conference rejuvenating and energizing for you. Relax, smile, take things as they come, be yourself, and have fun!

- Sandy Heierbacher, NCDD's Director, and the entire 2008 NCDD Planning Team

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A THOUGHT...

"Democracy begins in human conversation. A democratic conversation does not require elaborate rules of procedure or utopian notions of perfect consensus. What it does require is a spirit of mutual respect—people conversing critically with one another in an atmosphere of honesty and shared regard."

William Greider,
Who Will Tell the People



NEED MORE INFO?

Looking for information not listed in the guidebook?

Stop by the Registration / Info Table outside the main Ballroom or ask a conference staff member, identifiable from the ribbon on their nametag. We'll be happy to provide the information that you need or point you in the right direction.



Friday, October 3

8:00 - 9:45 am Registration and Light Breakfast

Atrium

Come early so you have plenty of time to sign in, grab a bite to eat, and mingle a bit.

10:00 am – 12:00 noon Opening Session

Ballroom A

Sitting with others who share your interests, you will talk about your hopes and goals for the conference, learn about the 5 challenges we'll be focusing in on at NCDD Austin, hear about the innovative arts programs you can get involved in, and gain a transatlantic perspective on the field from German civic entrepreneur Hans Peter-Meister.

12:00 – 1:30 pm Texas-style Lunch Buffet

Ballroom B

1:30 - 3:30 pm Concurrent Workshops

Breakout Rooms

4:00 - 5:30 pm D&D Marketplace

Ballroom A

Stroll around the room, learning about some of the most exciting and innovative D&D programs, tools, events, and more, and meeting movers-and-shakers in our field.

5:30 – 7:00 pm Reception

Atrium

Enjoy finger foods and a cash bar while catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, and checking out the exhibits.

7:00 pm Europe in One Room *(video documentary)*

Ballroom B

Enjoy an early showing of Europe in One Room, followed by Q&A with Jim Fishkin and Bob Luskin. This award-winning documentary tells the story of the ambitious 3-day 2007 European Wide Deliberative Poll on the future of Europe. With 27 countries and 22 languages represented, this unprecedented experiment in trans-national democracy shows how dialogue across differences of language and nationality are possible.

Saturday, October 4

8:30 - 9:00 am Community Time

Ballroom A

Check in with fellow conference attendees and planners in the main ballroom, hear an overview of the day, and enjoy some music. Sorry, no food is provided.

9:00 - 10:30 am Concurrent Workshops

Breakout Rooms

10:30 – 11:00 am Healthy Snack Break

Atrium

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Concurrent Workshops

Breakout Rooms

12:30 - 2:00 pm Buffet Lunch *(followed by Slam Poetry performance)*

Ballroom B

2:15 - 4:00 pm Sub-Plenary Sessions*Ballroom A & Wedgwood*

Attend one of two large sessions that address critical issues for the future of our this field. Walking our Talk: What the D&D Community Can Learn from Conservatives will be in Ballroom A, and Cultivating Trans-Generational Leadership in the NCDD Community will be in Wedgwood.

4:00 - 4:30 pm Healthy Snack Break *(including smoothies!)**Atrium***4:30 - 6:15 pm Reflective Panel***Ballroom A*

NCDD's signature Reflective Panel featuring David Campt, Bill Isaacs, Carolyn Lukensmeyer and Najeeba Syeed-Miller. Using the Inquiry Circle method, panelists will address major challenges facing the D&D community.

6:15 pm Free Time

Free time to see some of Austin, eat dinner with some of your new and not-so-new colleagues, and self-organize some activities. See the registration/info area for options.

Sunday, October 5**8:30 - 9:00 am Community Time***Ballroom A*

Check in with fellow conference attendees and planners in the main ballroom, hear an overview of the day, and enjoy some music. Sorry, no food is provided.

9:00 - 10:30 am Concurrent Workshops*Breakout Rooms***10:30 - 11:00 am Healthy Snack Break***Atrium***11:00 am - 12:30 pm Concurrent Workshops***Breakout Rooms***12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch***Ballroom B***2:00 - 3:30 pm Closing Session***Ballroom A*

Don't miss the closing session, which will include small-group dialogue and report-outs from our Challenge Leaders and Graphic Recording Team about what was learned about the 5 challenges. We'll also hear the unique musical composition that was created at the conference (featuring your voices!) by Eric Haltmeier, and Harold Saunders will leave you inspired to continue your vital work back home.

Monday and Tuesday, October 6th and 7th**2-day Post-Conference Disaster and Crisis Intervention Training**

Facilitative Disaster & Crisis Intervention (DCI): Building Community Resilience & Self-Reliance (a great in-depth training opportunity for practitioners -- let us know if you would like to register at the last minute.)

HUNGRY?

Below is a schedule of all times when food is served during the conference...

Friday:

Breakfast - 8:00 am

Lunch - 12:00 noon

Reception - 5:30 pm

Saturday:

Snack - 10:30 am

Lunch - 12:30 pm

Smoothies! - 4:00 pm

Sunday:

Snack - 10:30 am

Lunch - 12:30 pm



HOW TO JOIN IN!

We invite YOU to get involved in addressing these five challenges.

In the opening session, you'll meet the "Challenge Leaders" and the graphic recorders who will be working closely with them. Please share your insights, questions and ideas with them throughout the conference. Pick up the markers and post-it notes, and record and post your observations and action ideas for the challenges on the graphic murals in the Ballroom. And feel free to self-organize meals or meetings around topics you want to delve into deeper.

Workshops, presenters, panelists, and the outcomes of some pre-conference workshops and activities will also be contributing new insights, clarity and direction to the process. We will summarize these insights and your graphically recorded narrative during the closing session.

**The Challenge Conversation – Join In!**

At the first three NCDD conferences, we used large-group dialogue and deliberation techniques to encourage participants to think about what needs to be done to move this “field” or community of practice forward. What are we not doing as well as we could be or should be doing? What vital questions do we seem not to have sufficient answers to? What are our greatest barriers to doing this work effectively?

The Five Challenges

At NCDD 2008, we are focusing in on 5 of the most pressing and challenging issues our field is facing – issues that past conference participants agreed are vital for us to address if we are to have the impact we'd like to have on our communities and in our world.

1. Bias and Inclusion Challenge

What are the most critical issues of inclusion and bias right now in the D&D community and how do we address them? What are the most critical issues related to bias, inclusion, and oppression in the world at large and how can we most effectively address these issues through the use of dialogue and deliberation methods?

Focus in by attending...

Too many relevant activities to list them all. Here are a few:

- Debriefing Issues Raised in Traces of the Trade (Fri 1:30)
- Including Our Voices: Young Adult Leadership in the D&D Community (Fri 1:30)
- Creating Room at the Head of Our Tables: Exploring New Mentoring Roles As Young Leaders Emerge (Fri 1:30)
- Coming To the Table: Addressing Racial Reconciliation in America (Sat 11:00)
- Either sub-plenary – the Conservatives Panel or Cultivating Trans-generational Leadership in the NCDD Community (Sat 2:15)
- Lessons Learned from Facilitating Dialogues about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict within the Jewish Community (Sun 9:00)
- “The Straight Talk Dialogues” From Practice to Research (Sun 11:00)
- Taking It To the Streets: Innovative Approaches to Dialogues Addressing Racism (Sun 11:00)

2. Framing Challenge – Framing D&D in an Accessible Way

How can we “frame” (write, talk about, and present) D&D in a more accessible and compelling way, so that people of all income levels, educational levels, and political perspectives are drawn to this work? How can we better describe the features and benefits of D&D and equip our members to effectively deliver that message? Addressing this challenge may contribute greatly to other challenges.

Focus in by attending...

- Attracting Conservative Citizens to Dialogue Events: Liberal-Conservative Campus Dialogue & Mormon-Evangelical Interfaith Initiatives (Fri 1:30)
- Exploring How Our Work in D&D Contributes to Social Change (Sat 9:00)
- Walking Our Talk: What Our Field Can Learn From Conservatives (Sat 2:15)

3. Systems Challenge – Embedding D&D in Our Public and Private Systems

Most civic experiments in the last decade have been temporary organizing efforts that don't lead to structured long-term changes in the way citizens and the system interact. How can we make D&D values and practices integral to government, schools, organizations, etc. so that our methods of involving people, solving problems, and making decisions happen more predictably and naturally?

Focus in by attending...

- Including Our Voices: Young Adult Leadership in the D&D Community (Fri 1:30)
- Creating Room at the Head of Our Tables: Exploring New Mentoring Roles As Young Leaders Emerge (Fri 1:30)
- University and College Centers as Platforms for Deliberative Democracy (Sat 9:00)
- Embedding D&D Into Government Systems (Sat 9:00)
- Fireside Chat on Embedding Citizen's Voices in Our Governing Systems (Sat 12:00)
- If There's Something Strange in Your Neighborhood, Who Ya Gonna Call? Ex-ten-sion! Li-brar-ies! (Sun 9:00)
- Direct Democracy in the Mountains: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future (Sun 11:00)

4. Evaluation Challenge – Demonstrating that D&D Works

How can we demonstrate to power-holders (public officials, funders, CEOs, etc.) that D&D really works? Evaluation and measurement is a perennial focus of human performance/change interventions. What evaluation tools and related research do we need to develop?

Focus in by attending...

- Evaluating Dialogue & Deliberation: What are we learning? (Sat 11:00)
- Note: Many other workshops can and hopefully will feed into this challenge – especially those focused on how D&D relates to action and policy change.

5. Action and Change Challenge

How can we increase the likelihood that D&D engagement streams of “exploration”, “conflict transformation,” and “collaborative action” will result in community action? How can we increase the likelihood that the “decision making” engagement stream will result in policy change? What can we learn from promising D&D efforts that did not result in the action or policy change desired?

Focus in by attending...

- How can we Combat Climate Change with Dialogue and Participation? (Fri 1:30)
- Exploring How our Work in D&D Contributes to Social Change (Sat 9:00)
- Virtuous and Vicious Cycles: Beyond a Linear View of Outcome and Impact (Sat 9:00)
- The Role of the Facilitator in International Development: Collective Reflection for Sustainable Change (Sat 11:00)
- Connecting the Dots: How Does Dialogue and Deliberation Work Lead to Change? (Sun 9:00)
- Findings About Public Participation from the New National Academy of Sciences Report (Sun 9:00)

CHALLENGE LEADERS

Challenge Process Leader:

Steven Fearing, Facilitator for the Texas Dept. of Aging and Disability Services

Bias & Inclusion Challenge Leader:

Leanne Nurse, Program Analyst for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Framing Challenge Leader:

Jacob Hess, Ph.D. Candidate in Clinical-Community Psychology at the University of Illinois

Systems Challenge Leaders:

Matt Leighninger, Executive Director of the Deliberative Democracy Consortium

Will Friedman, Executive Vice President of Public Agenda

Evaluation Challenge Leaders:

John Gastil, Communications Professor at the University of Washington

Janette Hartz-Karp, Professor at Curtin Univ. Sustainability Policy (CUSP) Inst.

Action & Change Challenge Leader:

Phil Mitchell, Director of Seattle Climate Dialogues



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NCDD's biennial conferences are unique experiments in collaborative planning, and we have managed dynamic mostly-volunteer planning teams of at least 60 people for each of our three previous conferences.

Core Team Members:

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The Graphic Recording Team

Graphic recording has long been a feature of NCDD conferences, but this year we're taking it up a notch! Instead of just one or two graphic recorders, we have a whole team -- and rather than recording quietly to the side, they will be closely integrating the graphics with the rest of the program.

In addition to recording the plenaries and sub-plenaries, the graphic recording team will be creating posters for each of the five challenge areas. The posters will be displayed throughout the conference, and the graphic recorders will work with the challenge leaders to add to them each day as they gather new thoughts, insights and ideas related to the challenges.

They will also be encouraging conference participants to add to the posters (yes, you!). And to help people along, they'll be offering a graphic recording demo/session at the D&D marketplace on Day 1 to equip you with some basic graphic recording skills yourselves. The team will also be working with Eric Haltmeier to add a visual dimension to his Cafe Concerto, a unique musical piece that will reflectively represent the conference experience in sound.

Finally, to help us understand the role and value of graphic recording as a tool for dialogue, we will be inviting interested people to participate in a focus group about the impact of graphic recording on their experience of the conference.

The graphic recording team at NCDD 2008 consists of Sunni Brown, Julie Gieseke, Mariah Howard, Marilyn Martin and team leader Avril Orloff.

Eric Haltmeier's Cafe Concerto

Musician and educator Eric Haltmeier will be playing a very special role at NCDD Austin. Using a variety of acoustic and digital instruments, and collecting sound samples throughout the 3-day conference, Eric will create and perform a unique musical score that will reflectively represent conference themes in sound. Eric will work with our graphic recording team, and conference attendees will have the opportunity to become a part of the musical creation. NCDD Austin's Cafe Concerto will be performed during the closing session on Sunday, using a combination of keyboard controllers and laptop software.

Eric Haltmeier is an active performing musician and educator. For twelve years he taught and developed the Instrumental Music Program at Lawrence High School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Eric has also been on the faculty of Westminster Choir College of Rider University since 2000, teaching courses in music education and technology. He performs regularly with his experimental-jazz trio and with Brooklyn-based singer-songwriter (and former student) Matt Cranstoun. Eric's current research interest focuses on the development of critical media literacy through the arts, education, and technology.

Austin City-Wide Youth Poetry Slam

This performance during Saturday's lunch is sponsored by the Texas Youth Word Collective (TYWC) - a nonprofit youth literacy program that encourages middle school and high school students' interest in writing through youth poetry slams, open mics and online anthologies. It is our hope that the performance will inspire you and get your minds all warmed up for the sub-plenaries taking place after lunch. Learn more about TYWC at www.tywc.org.

Austin Green Art

Take a creative break anytime during the conference and contribute to a collaborative art installation constructed by conference participants. Austin Green Art (www.austingreenart.org), a public art organization that raises awareness and fosters dialogue about environmental issues via hands-on, creative, community-based programming, will be helping us create a sculptural Renga (collaborative poem) during the conference.

GET INVOLVED

Here's a list of ways to get involved with the arts at the conference...

1. Work with the graphic facilitators to add YOUR ideas and insights to the Challenges posters.
2. Ask musician Eric Haltmeier to record your perspective on the 5 challenges and the future of our field.
3. Contribute to the Renga sculpture Austin Green Art is helping us create.
4. Take pictures at the conference and upload them to Flickr.com (be sure to tag them "NCDD2008").



ADDITIONAL DONORS

Thank you to all those who donated to this year's scholarship fund!

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NCDD thanks these organizations, groups and individuals for their generous support of the 2008 conference. We couldn't do it without you!

Co-Sponsors

Co-Sponsors donated \$2000 or more to help make NCDD 2008 a success.

Bluebonnet Hills Christian Church

Bluebonnet Hills Christian Church is a unique congregation of about 50-75 folks living in and around Austin. The Sunday morning services begin and end with Prayer and Song, but minister Landon Shultz has replaced the traditional Sermon Time with a more flexible Dialogue Time. During the Dialogue Time, they use questions intended to deepen understanding of issues related to the practice of their faith. Their goal is to empower people to live meaningful Christian lives in the world of the 21st Century.

The Democracy Imperative

TDI is a national network of multidisciplinary scholars, campus leaders, and civic leaders in the fields of democratic dialogue, public deliberation, and democracy-building. Their mission is to strengthen public life and advance deliberative democracy in and through higher education. The resources TDI produces are open source, and membership in TDI is free. TDI is sponsored by the University of New Hampshire, and their membership is national. www.unh.edu/democracy/

The Forum Foundation

The Forum Foundation conducts futures research in the field of Administrative Theory and Many-to-Many Communication technology to discover those dynamics which tend to move organizations and institutions, universally, toward solving their problems and anticipating or adapting to changes in their internal or external environment. Some limited grants are available to support services to organizations interested in participating in the research. States, cities, schools, and organizations interested are invited to apply. www.forumfoundation.org

Global Facilitator Service Corps

GFSC is a network of volunteers who use facilitative methods to build resilient and self-reliant communities throughout the world. The GFSC model encourages the development of, and reliance on, local resources as much as possible. We train, mentor and coach an initial group of professionals, who then share the tools and techniques with an ever-expanding base of community members to increase the community's resourcefulness to address their challenges. www.globalfacilitators.org

Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy at Kansas State University

ICDD was formed in 2004 to promote citizen deliberation on tough political and social issues, resulting in increased citizen participation, reflection, communication, and respect. ICDD works to enhance democratization locally, nationally, and internationally through improved community deliberation, facilitation and evaluation practices, development of a certified facilitator training program, and interdisciplinary research on models of civic discourse. www.k-state.edu/icdd/

Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library & Museum

The beautiful LBJ Library and Museum, located at the University of Texas in Austin, provides support for Texas Forums - an initiative that engages people in dialogue about issues that affect their lives. The LBJ Library and Museum preserves and protects the historical materials in the collections of the Johnson Library and makes them readily accessible, and increases public awareness of the American experience through relevant exhibitions and educational programs. www.lbjlib.utexas.edu



The Public Conversations Project

PCP began in 1989 when a group of family therapists started exploring whether their ways of working with personal conflicts could be fruitfully applied to public disputes. PCP guides, trains, and inspires individuals, organizations, and communities to constructively address conflicts relating to values and worldviews. PCP's central objective is to avoid repeating unproductive debates and to develop new modes of communicating that lead to mutual understanding, respect, and trust. This reduces the costly effects of conflict and creates new possibilities for change. www.publicconversations.org

Regis University's Institute on the Common Good

Regis University sponsors a number of community outreach initiatives which provide a variety of ways to extend the Regis commitment of "men and women in service to others." One of these community outreach initiatives is the Institute on the Common Good which was established in 1998. ICG at Regis University serves the greater Denver community by promoting the common good and providing a safe and effective space for community dialogue, communal discernment, and public deliberation. www.icgregis.org

Partners

Partners donated \$1000 to help make NCDD 2008 a success.

Envision Central Texas

ECT is a non-profit organization composed of concerned citizens who share the common goal of addressing growth with sound planning that has the interests of the region's existing and future citizens in mind. ECT engaged citizens in one of the largest conversations ever to occur in Texas about how to shape future growth, with thousands participating in focus groups, workshops, surveys and educational forums. This input formed the basis of the "Vision for Central Texas." www.envisioncentraltexas.org

Everyday Democracy

Everyday Democracy (formerly the Study Circles Resource Center) helps local communities find ways for all kinds of people to think, talk and work together to solve problems. They work with neighborhoods, cities and towns, regions, and states, helping them pay particular attention to how racism and ethnic differences affect the problems they address. Since forming in 1989, they have worked with more than 550 communities across the U.S. on many different public issues. www.everyday-democracy.org

Harold Saunders

Founder and president of the International Institute for Sustained Dialogue, Hal Saunders played a central role as a senior U.S. diplomat in the Arab-Israeli peace process after the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, working with a team headed by Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter that mediated five agreements. www.sustaineddialogue.org/iisd.htm

Social Media Club

Social Media Club was formed to help people share best practices, establish ethics and standards, and promote media literacy around the emerging area of Social Media. The idea for Social Media Club originated in the Fall of 2005 with the Web 2point1 BrainJam. This led us to create the non-profit BrainJams organization to promote the idea of unconferences and ad-hoc collaboration to a broader audience of non-geeks. www.socialmediacub.org

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

NCDD and many of this year's conference participants are especially grateful to the congregation of Austin's Bluebonnet Hills Christian Church and to its minister, Landon Shultz. Bluebonnet donated over \$20,000 to the scholarship fund, helping many people attend NCDD Austin who might not otherwise have been able to join us.

Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment!



HOW IT WORKS

Each panelist will address major challenges facing the D&D community as part of an Inquiry Circle. Unlike traditional “talking head” panel presentations, conversation in this space flows among the panelists without long monologues. The Inquiry Circle builds collective intelligence while honoring and modeling the spirit and power of dialogue.

After a couple of rounds of the inquiry circle, you will have the opportunity to discuss what you heard and what question your table would like to submit to one of the panelists. In the final segment of this session, the panelists will respond to some of these questions, touch on emergent themes and insights, and share closing thoughts.



We will end our second day together with our signature “Reflective Panel” featuring the following four prominent leaders in our field and moderated by Steve Pysner. The Reflective Panel is the closest we come to a “keynote speech” at NCDD conferences, enabling conference participants to hear from D&D figureheads without enduring long speeches without any dialogic quality to them.

**David Camppt**

Co-author of *The Little Book of Dialogue for Difficult Subjects*, Dr. David Camppt provides consultation about race relations and diversity issues with U.S. congressional representatives, the foundation community, and national community organizations. David is also a Senior Associate with AmericaSpeaks, serving leading roles in a number of AmericaSpeaks projects. In the late 1990s, Camppt worked as a senior policy associate with President Clinton’s Initiative on Race at the White House, where he led an effort by the Initiative to bring together the best diversity trainers to produce a general-purpose guide for racial dialogue that was promoted by the President. In addition, Camppt used his background in program evaluation to design criteria from which diversity efforts would be evaluated for potential recognition by the White House.

**Bill Isaacs**

Dr. William Isaacs is Founder and President of consulting and leadership development firm Dialogos and a Senior Lecturer at the Sloan School of Management. He is a leading authority on collective leadership, dialogue, and the design and implementation of organizational learning. His book, *Dialogue and the Art of Thinking Together*, has been translated into seven languages. In 1990, Isaacs co-founded (with Peter Senge) the Center for Organizational Learning at MIT, a consortium of 25 leading companies dedicated to cross-organizational learning and change. He received a major grant from the Kellogg Foundation to found and run the MIT Dialogue Project, which initiated a decade of cross-boundary conversational experiments around the world.

**Carolyn Lukensmeyer**

Dr. Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer has made her mark as an innovator in deliberative democracy, public administration, and organizational development. Concerns about the deep partisan divide in Washington and the growing disconnection between citizens and government across the country led Carolyn to launch AmericaSpeaks in 1995. Her goal is to develop new democratic practices that will strengthen citizen voice in public decision-making. Under Carolyn’s leadership, AmericaSpeaks has earned a national reputation as a leader in the field of deliberative democracy and democratic renewal. Prior to founding AmericaSpeaks, Carolyn served as Consultant to the White House Chief of Staff from November 1993 through June 1994.

**Najeeba Syeed-Miller**

Najeeba Syeed-Miller is the Executive Director of the Western Justice Center Foundation, a conflict resolution and dialogue based organization that works with communities, children and courts to increase the opportunity for peaceful conflict resolution and displace the power of violence in our society. Previously, Najeeba served as the Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC), which provided mediation and conciliation services for the diverse Los Angeles Asian and Pacific Islander community as well as youth based conflict resolution programs for schools. She has traveled to and trained relief workers, students, faculty and crisis intervention NGO’s in the areas of mediating and designing dialogue processes for complex historical conflicts in various locations around the U.S., India, Latin America, Africa, Afghanistan and Guam.

We've decided to try something new on the first day of this year's conference, right before the reception -- a high-energy "D&D Marketplace." The planning team selected people to present during the Marketplace who are passionate about sharing tools, resources, success stories, and more.

During this 90-minute session, conference participants will stroll around the ballroom, looking over posters, picking up resources, and talking with Marketplace presenters. No timers or buzzers are involved.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet some of the movers-and-shakers in the field, and to learn about some of the newest and most innovative D&D tools, resources, and programs out there. Some marketplace presenters will be presenting posters which will be on display throughout the rest of the conference.

Marketplace presenters include...

American Citizen Summit: The First-Ever Transpartisan National Convention

The Civic Canopy: Civil Society as Learning Organization

Climate Action Labs

Coming to the Table

Community Weaving

Countywide Community Forums

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POSTERS & EXHIBITS

Most of our Marketplace presenters have created posters to accompany their presentations. These posters will be displayed throughout the rest of the conference.

Please take some time during the conference to look over the posters as well as all the exhibit tables people have set up!



APPRECIATION

This sub-plenary and the other Youth Dialogue Project events at NCDD Austin are sponsored by the RockRose Institute of San Francisco, California.

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**Cultivating Trans-Generational Leadership in the NCDD Community**

Drawing upon the insights and wisdom uncovered in Friday's two Youth Dialogue Project sessions of dialogue on young leadership and the changing role of mentors to younger leaders, we invite you to join this sub-plenary exploring ways to cultivate generational leadership in the NCDD community. Using the World Cafe method, we will explore: What restorative contribution does the NCDD community have to offer in the realm of trans-generational leadership? How can we, as a community, model the kind of processes that restore harmony and sustain the learning which emerges out of the creative tension often present in the dialogue between and among all generations?

Hosted by leaders from On the Verge, a program for young people working in the social change and public benefit sectors, in partnership with the YDP mentoring team. Graphic recording by Mariah Howard.

More about the Youth Dialogue Project at NCDD Austin

Too often younger people, who are also committed to dialogue as a process for sustainable change, lack a seat at the table and a voice in the conversations that shape our future. In today's world, as people are recognizing the need for more collaborative approaches to problem solving and decision making, D&D processes need to include spaces for younger leaders to be effective in meeting those challenges.

NCDD welcomes the Rockrose Institute's Youth Dialogue Project (YDP) at NCDD Austin to ensure that the voices of young leaders are included in creative and innovative ways. Toward this end, the YDP is hosting three separate and inter-related sessions at the conference - the sub-plenary outlined above, and two concurrent workshops outlined below.

Including Our Voices: Young Adult Leadership in the D&D community

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Along with the realization of the burgeoning leadership gap within the public benefit and social change communities, came a buzz that has mentors and elders taking a thoughtful look at the next generation of leaders. We invite all young leaders (ages 30 and under) to participate in a peer-led dialogue to surface possibilities, challenges, and requests we want to explore with D&D leaders of all ages. The goal of this session is to provide a safe and supportive environment for each participant to connect with others, and to reflect on their leadership role within the D&D community from a trans-generational perspective.

Creating Room at the Head of Our Tables: Exploring New Mentoring Roles as Young Leaders Emerge

Co-hosted by YDP mentoring team members Deborah Goldblatt, Ken Homer, Abigail Joseph and etsuko kubo.

There is an ancient and eternal dialogue unfolding between the generations. Regardless of the time or the culture in which we find ourselves, there is always a conversation going on between the youth, the mentors and the elders. When the dialogue between the generations stalls or falters, for any reason, we collectively lose access to the gifts of wisdom that each of these stages of life has to offer to the others. This results in a weakening of our social fabric and the impoverishment of our culture. If you are over 30, you are invited to join this focused inquiry into how "the more seasoned among us" in the D&D community can best support younger D&D leaders in realizing their full potential, while opening ourselves to better appreciate the gifts they bring to our shared visions.

Walking Our Talk: What Our Field Can Learn From Conservatives

The D&D community and related fields struggle with the fact that this kind of work attracts many more progressives than conservatives. The vast majority of D&D practitioners are politically progressive, and it's often more challenging to recruit people with more traditional or conservative views to participate in dialogue and deliberation programs. This is a major problem for a field that embraces inclusion as a core principle, and we want to address this challenge head-on at NCDD Austin.

Join us for a panel discussion and dialogue featuring conservative leaders who support public engagement. Panelists will share their thoughts and ideas about the state of public engagement - including how our language and assumptions can inadvertently turn off people with more conservative views and/or traditional values. At a time of increasing division and polarization in the U.S., more effective ways of engaging with those whose worldviews differ from ours is critically needed. This is a unique opportunity to interact with four leaders who strongly value civic responsibility, engagement and community, but approach it from different points of view.

Joseph McCormick

Joseph McCormick is the co-founder of Reuniting America, a network of individuals, associations and organizations engaged in dialogue across divides since 2004. Joseph was a Republican nominee for the U.S. Congress in Georgia in 1998 in one of the most conservative districts in the country. As a veteran of our political civil war he recognizes the most destructive force in our country today is Americans taking sides against other Americans. As a result of his experience he has become a pioneer of the transpartisan movement, teaching people how to increase their political empowerment by constructively engaging across political divides. He is a former officer in the U.S. Army Rangers and a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and Yale University.

Grover Norquist

Grover Norquist, who is of Swedish descent, grew up in Weston, Massachusetts and has a BA and MBA from Harvard University. After leaving professional school, Grover became executive director of both the National Taxpayers Union and the national College Republicans organization. He founded Americans for Tax Reform in 1985 at the request of President Reagan, and has headed the organization ever since. Grover's book *Leave Us Alone: Getting the Government's Hands Off Our Money, Our Guns, Our Lives* looks at how the conservative movement can and will grow during the next 25 years. Grover also serves on the Boards of the National Rifle Association of America and the American Conservative Union.

Michael Ostrolenk

Michael D. Ostrolenk is a public policy consultant who works on health, education, privacy and national security related issues. Michael is the founder and national coordinator for the Medical Privacy Coalition, and Executive Director of the Transpartisan Center in Washington DC. He is also co-founder and President of the American Conservative Defense Alliance, which works to promote a traditional conservative foreign and defense policy. Michael has written for a wide variety of publications ranging from *USA Today* to *The American Conservative Magazine*. He has also done dozens of talk radio interviews on national security related issues.

Pete Peterson

Pete Peterson is the Executive Director of Common Sense California - an organization that supports and promotes citizen engagement in policy-making throughout California. He lectures at the Pepperdine School of Public Policy and teaches a course on deliberative democracy and citizen engagement.

AN EXPERIMENT...

"As I describe these [deliberative] experiments to my political and policy friends, I get a more enthusiastic reaction from folks on the Left than on the Right.... Conservatives wonder whether greater citizen engagement might undermine representative democracy or lead to even crazier policy ideas than are now on the table."

David Davenport,
Public Policy Professor at Pepperdine U.



A START...

"The act of collaboration must start with dialogue. You cannot build relationships without having an understanding of your potential partners, and you cannot achieve that understanding without a special form of communication that goes beyond ordinary conversation."

Daniel Yankelovich,
The Magic of Dialogue

"The only real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

Marcel Proust



Debriefing Issues Raised in Traces of the Trade

Harold Fields, *National Training Director for Traces of the Trade*, and Holly Fulton, *Facilitator and Family Participant in Traces of the Trade*. (Room: San Antonio)

How Can We Combat Climate Change with Dialogue and Participation? An International Perspective

Dr. Hans-Peter Meister, *President and Founder of Meister Consultants Group* and Janette Hartz-Karp, *Professor at Curtin University Sustainability Policy (CUSP) Institute in Western Australia*. (Room: Sabine)

Attracting Conservative Citizens to Dialogue Events: Liberal-Conservative Campus Dialogue & Mormon-Evangelical Interfaith Initiatives

Jacob Hess, *Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Illinois* and Rev. Greg Johnson, *Pastor and Director of Standing Together*. (Room: Concho)

How Can WE Revitalize Democracy with D&D? – Part 1

DeAnna Martin, *Executive Director of the Center for Wise Democracy* and Adin Rogovin, *Board Member of the Co-Intelligence Institute*. (Room: Frio)

Raising Revenue, Raising Awareness, Raising Expectations: Supporting Growth Through Business Development, Branding & Stakeholder Engagement

Cherry Muse, *President of the Public Conversations Project*; Dr. Carolyn Lukensmeyer, *Founder and President of AmericaSpeaks*; and Amy Malick, *Communication Director at Everyday Democracy*. (Room: San Marcos)

Transforming Tensions: Enhancing Dialogue and Deliberation Practice through Practical Communication Theory

Barnett Pearce, *Professor at Fielding Graduate University*; Kimberly Pearce, *Professor at De Anza College and co-founder of The Public Dialogue Consortium and Pearce Associates*; and Linda Blong, *Program Co-Leader of the Dialogue, Deliberation and Public Engagement Certificate Program at Fielding Graduate University*. (Room: Pecos)

Speaking Truth to Power: Authentic Voices, Responsive Ears

Robert Stains, Jr., *Vice President of the Public Conversations Project* and Dave Joseph, *Program Director at the Public Conversations Project*. (Room: Nueces)

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Find full descriptions of our workshops at the conference registration table, or go online to the NCDD website for a complete listing.

Conducting a Deliberative Poll: Practical Issues

Jim Fishkin, *Director of the Center for Deliberative Democracy at Stanford University*, Robert Luskin, *Associate Professor of Government at University of Texas*, and Alice Siu, *Research Assistant and PhD candidate at Stanford University*. (Room: Frio)

Citizen Engagement in the Missouri River Basin Ecosystem Recovery Program

Janet Fiero, *Senior Associate of AmericaSpeaks*; Brian Manwaring, *Program Manager at the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution*; and Taylor Willingham, *Director of Texas Forums*. (Room: Trinity B)

What Moves You? Exploring the Spiritual & Moral Roots of Our Dialogue Practice

Sarah Beller, Nina Talley-Kalokoh and Kelsey Visser-Eason, *Masters Candidates at American University*. (Room: San Marcos)

Embedding D&D into Government Systems

Stephanie Nestlerode, *Partner at Omega Point International, Inc.*; Lori Alvarado, *Regional Director of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services*; and John Spady, *Executive Vice President of the Forum Foundation*. (Room: Pecos)

Sustained Dialogue: It's Not Just Talk—Students Committed to Changing Campus Climate

Christina Kelleher and Rhonda Fitzgerald, *Program Directors of the Sustained Dialogue Campus Network*. (Room: Concho)

Exploring How our Work in D&D Contributes to Social Change

Philip Thomas and Bettye Pruitt, *Co-Coordiators of the Generative Change Community*. (Room: Sabine)

Virtuous and Vicious Cycles: Beyond a Linear View of Outcome and Impact

Maggie Herzig, *Senior Associate of the Public Conversations Project* and Lucy Moore, *Independent Public Policy Mediator*. (Room: Trinity A)

Café U

Donald Proffit, *Northeast Region steward for The World Café* and Eric Haltmeier, *performing musician and educator*. (Room: San Antonio)

University and College Centers as Platforms for Deliberative Democracy

John Stephens, *Coordinator of the Public Dispute Resolution Program at the School of Government, UNC at Chapel Hill* and Martin Carcasson, *Director of the Colorado State University Center for Public Deliberation (CPD)*. (Room: Nueces)

Visit with the Listeners

This year's Listener Coordinators are PJ Longoni and Madeleine Van Hecke.

Since the second NCDD conference in 2004, we have had volunteer Listeners available for conference participants who need someone to talk to. Whether you need help processing something you experienced, you need to spend a minute decompressing or venting, or you have a concern you'd like to express, the Listeners are there to help.

Feel free to approach people with a "Listener" ribbon on their name tag – or visit the Listeners station in the Atrium. Our Listeners provide you with a nonjudgmental ear and safe space, help you reflect on your conference experiences in ways that enhance your learning, and convey concerns and problems to conference leadership when appropriate.

A CONVERSATION...

"Truth is the on-going conversation about things that matter, conducted with passion and discipline. It's not about conclusions, for those change; it's about staying engaged with passion and discipline."

Parker Palmer

"We measure goodness by what we embrace, what we create, and who we include."

from the film Chocolat, 2000



A GOAL...

"Most of the knowledge in the world is in books in libraries and in computer data banks, but most of the wisdom in the world is in the minds of people walking the earth. We need to learn how to reach it."

Dick Spady
President, Forum Foundation

"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education."

Thomas Jefferson

Fireside Chat on Embedding Citizen's Voices in Our Governing Systems

Carolyn Lukensmeyer, *President of AmericaSpeaks*. (Room: Trinity A)

Vets4Vets: Iraq-Era Vets Show How They Use "Deep Democracy 2"?

Jim Driscoll, *Coordinator of Vets4Vets, and several Iraq-era vets who are V4V leaders*. (Room: Trinity B)

How to Teach a Course on Deliberation

John Gastil, *professor of communication at the University of Washington* and William Keith, *professor of communication at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*. (Room: Pecos)

Evaluating Dialogue & Deliberation: What are we learning?

Natasha Manji, *Senior Communications Advisor of Public Involvement at the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)*; Jacquie Dale, *President and CEO of One World, Inc.*; and Miriam Wyman, *Principal Consultant of Practicum Limited*. (Room: Concho)

Coming to the Table: Addressing Racial Reconciliation in America

Phoebe Kilby, *Associate Director of Development at Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding*; Betty Kilby, *CEO of Cultural Innovations*; and Amy Potter, *Associate Director of the Practice Institute at EMU's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding*. (Room: San Antonio)

The Power of Poetry to Facilitate Change

David Markwardt, *published poet and leadership development professional*; Michael Baldwin is *Director of the Benbrook (Texas) Public Library*; and Neil Meili, *founding member of Imago Relationships International's Peace Project*. (Room: San Saba)

Bullying: A Flexible Community Discussion Model

Nancy Polk, *Project Manager of Community Conversations About Education* and Penny Rogers, *Director of Community Programs at Community Mediation, Inc.* (Room: San Marcos)

Social Media and the Power of Conversation: Everything is Personal Again

Chris Heuer, *Senior Partner in The Conversation Group and Co-Founder of the Social Media Club* and Kristie Wells, *Co-Founder and President of the Social Media Club*. (Room: Nueces)

**The Role of the Facilitator in International Development:
Collective Reflection for Sustainable Change**

Patricia A. Wilson, *Professor of Participatory Development at the University of Texas* and Varun Vidyarthi, *Executive Director of Manavodaya*. (Room: Sabine)

Compassionate Listening: D&D from the Inside Out

Susan Partnow, *Certified CL Trainer and Coordinator of Advanced Training* and Rachel Eryn Kalish, *Certified CL Trainer and Principal of Workplace Connections*. (Room: Frio)



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Bluebonnet Hills Sunday Conversation

Dr. Landon Shultz, *Minister of the Bluebonnet Hills Christian Church*. (Room: Sabine)

The Inquiry Process: Zen Meditation and Dialogue as Liberating Intimacy in a Social Context

T. Flint Sparks, *Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and Zen Buddhist Teacher at the Austin Zen Center* and Margaret A. Syverson, *Ph.D., Director of the Undergraduate Writing Center and Professor in the Department of Rhetoric and Writing at the University of Texas*. (Room: San Antonio)

If There's Something Strange in Your Neighborhood, Who Ya Gonna Call? Ex-ten-sion! Li-brar-ies!

Mike Baldwin, *director of the Benbrook (Texas) Public Library*; Jan Hartough, *State Coordinator for Public Deliberation at Michigan State University Extension*; Tom Moran, *Program and Outreach Manager for the Austin Public Library*; Laura Walth, *Librarian at the Des Moines Public Library and Member of Iowa Partners in Learning*; and Taylor Willingham, *co-founder and director of Texas Forums, an initiative of the LBJ Presidential Library and Museum*. (Room: Concho)

Beyond the Choir: Using Film & Story for Cross-Sector Dialogue & Policy Change

Shaady Salehi, *Program Manager at Active Voice*. (Room: San Marcos)

Connecting the Dots: How Does Dialogue & Deliberation Work Lead to Change?

Will Friedman, *Executive Vice-President and Director of Public Agenda's Center for Advances in Public Engagement* and Alison Kadlec, *Associate Director of Public Agenda's Center for Advances in Public Engagement*. (Room: Trinity A)

Beyond the Tools: Applying D&D Principles to Online Engagement

Brian Sullivan, *Founder of Practical Evolution, LLC and developer of CivicEvolution* and Janette Hartz-Karp, *Professor at Curtin University Sustainability Policy (CUSP) Institute in Western Australia*. (Room: Nueces)

Tools for Dealing with Uncertainty, Ambiguity, and Paradox: Reflective Methods for Group Development

Tom Murray, *Chief Visionary & Instigator at Perspegrity Solutions*; Sara Ross, *President/Founder of ARINA, Inc.*; and Jan Inglis, *Director of the Integrative Learning Institute*. (Room: Pecos)

Lessons Learned from Facilitating Dialogues about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict within the Jewish Community

Rachel Eryn Kalish, *Principal of Workplace Connections*; Mitch Chanin, *Executive Director of the Jewish Dialogue Group*; and Dave Joseph, *Program Director at the Public Conversations Project*. (Room: Frio)

Signs of Successful Facilitation

Lynne Wiesman, *Founder & CEO of Signs of Development*. (Room: San Saba)

Evolutionary or Misapplication? The Use of Innovative "Large Group" Techniques for Dialogues about Diversity

David Campt, *Principal of The DWC Group and Senior Associate with AmericaSpeaks*. (Room: Trinity B)

AN INSIGHT...

"For the human species to evolve, the conversation must deepen."

Margaret Mead

"In dialogue, individuals gain insights that simply could not be achieved individually."

Peter Senge

The Fifth Discipline



A NEW HOPE...

"Transformation comes more from pursuing profound questions than seeking practical answers."

Peter Block

"There may be no pat political answer to the world's problems. However, the important point is not the answer, but rather the softening up, the opening up of the mind, and looking at all the opinions."

David Bohm

"The Straight Talk Dialogues" From Practice to Research

Julie Graves, *doctoral candidate at the University of Colorado at Boulder* and Paul Alexander, *Director of the Institute on the Common Good at Regis University*. (Room: Frio)

Findings About Public Participation from the New National Academy of Sciences Report—A Briefing and Commentary From Practitioners

Roger Bernier, PhD, MPH, *Senior Advisor for Scientific Strategy and Innovation, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and others*. (Room: San Saba)

Interactive Theater and Dialogue

Trip Barthel, *Founder & Executive Director of the Neighborhood Mediation Center in Reno, NV* and Shamil Fattakhov, *Russian screenwriter, director and television producer*. (Room: Sabine)

Taking It To The Streets: Innovative Approaches to Dialogues Addressing Racism

Judith Mowry, *Effective Engagement Solutions program specialist for the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement*; Catherine Orland, *trainer and facilitator*; and additional presenters TBD. (Room: Trinity B)

Just Vision: Israeli and Palestinian Peacebuilding Narratives Open New Channels for Dialogue and Action

Irene Nasser, *Outreach Associate at Just Vision*. (Room: San Marcos)

Facilitation as Inquiry: Methods Employed in Classrooms, Training Seminars and Public Forums

Erika Mason-Imbody, *Project Coordinator for the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy (ICDD) at Kansas State University* and Tim Steffensmeier, *Assistant Professor of Speech-Communication at Kansas State University*. (Room: Nueces)

How Can WE Revitalize Democracy with D&D? – Part 2

DeAnna Martin, *Executive Director of the Center for Wise Democracy* and Adin Rogovin, *Board Member of the Co-Intelligence Institute*. (Room: San Antonio)

Direct Democracy in the Mountains: Lessons from the Past, Prospects for the Future

Susan Clark, *adjunct faculty member at Woodbury College*. (Room: Pecos)

Thinking More Deeply About What We Do: An Introduction to the Practice of Civic Reflection

Deva Woodly, *Project Associate of the Project on Civic Reflection at Valparaiso University* and Elizabeth Lynn, *Director of the Project on Civic Reflection*. (Room: Concho)

Visual Thinking Tools for Policy Change

Virginia Hamilton, *Principle of Conversations Waiting to Happen* and John Baker, *President of Strategies for the Future*. (Room: Trinity A)





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