

John Gastil@All: Hello everyone!

Keiva Hummel, @ncdd@All: Hey everyone! Welcome and thanks for joining us on this Confab!

Keiva Hummel, @ncdd@All: We will be getting started here in just another minute or so, please feel welcome to introduce yourselves here in the chat!

John Gastil@All: If anyone wants to peruse the research and reports on the Oregon Citizens' Initiative Review, here's a repository for everything: <https://sites.psu.edu/citizensinitiativereview/>

Larry Schooler@All: Thanks for doing this, all

Keiva Hummel, @ncdd@All: Hiya Larry! Thanks for joining us!

John Gastil@All: No worries, Larry S.

Larry Schooler@All: thank you, John G. Hi, Keiva H. :)

Viewer 26@All: Thanks for organizing this. I'm happy to be with you all.

Manju Lyn Bazzell@All: Delightful to see who is here for this important conversation :-)

John Gastil@All: Gotta love Lyn Carson photobombing Ned Crosby and Pat Benn in the pic

John Gastil@All: <https://www.newdemocracy.com.au/board-and-executive/>

Robin Teater@All: I'm telling Carson you said that, John.

John Gastil@All: Currently showing: Elliot Shuford, who co-created the Oregon CIR with Ty Reitman

John Gastil@All: You'll be seeing pics of the Citizens' Initiative Review from 2010-2018, all kinda jumbled up in order.

Manju Lyn Bazzell@All: Yay, Katie! So great to hear your voice. Thanks for this good recap of the CIR.

Robin Teater@All: Hi Manju. :-) (Robin here)

John Gastil@All: Robin Teater just handed it off to Linn Davis

<https://healthydemocracy.org/about/#staff>

John Gastil@All: For those curious, Healthy Democracy (incl Robin and Linn) does more than organize CIRs, but they've developed its design from its inception. Katie and I are free agent academics and do independent evaluations of the CIR in the course of our scholarly research. It's an ideal practitioner-researcher partnership, which is one topic we can discuss if you like.

Viewer 50@All: Just wondering if you've researched the antiprejudicial or antiracist impact of the process?

Larry Schooler@All: I have a question; not sure how to unmute. lmk if i should just type

Martin Carcasson@All: How difficult would it be to adapt this for a local community (either sponsored by a city, community foundation, or a newspaper?)

Courtney Breese@All: Larry, I will unmute you next!

Larry Schooler@All: no worries!

Manju Lyn Bazzell@All: If you have a slide of a statement, might be interesting to see. Also, participant feedback data was of great interest to me when initially introduced to the CIR.

Prabha Sankaranarayan@All: Thank you for the great work! It sounds similar to the Irish Citizens Assembly. Is that correct?

Bob Barrett@All: Here's a question for John and Katie: How many deliberative processes relying on citizens have you studied, to compare with CIR?

Viewer 38@All: 1. A CIR's mandate is to clarify arguments for and against a ballot measure. I imagine that sometimes they think that the issue being addressed is important but that a different approach would actually be far better. Do they have any leeway to articulate such a view outside of the Pro/Con framing of ballot measures? Why or why not?

2. When does a CIR publicize the pro/con votes of its members and when is that not publicized? - and Why?

Prabha Sankaranarayan@All: Thank you for the clarification re. Irish Assembly. The role of the legislature and elected officials is critical in many contexts.

Simon Wright@All: CIR is a rare example of public deliberation being institutionalised. Presumably it's raised the profile of these processes. Are deliberative processes now being used for other decision processes by other authorities in Oregon

John Gastil@All: One of you asked to see a CIR Statement. Here's a whole stack of them <https://sites.psu.edu/citizensinitiativereview/files/2015/02/CIR-Statements-2010-2018-2nfcuxi.pdf>

Courtney Breese@All: Just pulled this up on my screen for those wanting to take a look

Bob Barrett@All: Thank you for your answer to my question. I would like to know more about your work in this area.

Katie Knobloch@All: Bob, we have a chapter in Democracy in Motion that's all about our approach to evaluation. You can also see more details about our evaluations at the site John linked to above. And here's a plug for the CPD. Our website includes reports that detail a lot of our processes: <https://cpd.colostate.edu>

Larry Schooler@All: Great job on this all

John Gastil@All: A great short essay on the Irish experience is published by Cornell U Press, as a result of that process winning the Brown Democracy Medal here at Penn State <https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9781501749339/reimagining-democracy/#bookTabs=1>

John Gastil@All: (The website says the ebook version is *FREE*. Hope that's true. If anyone tries it out, let me know.)

Bob Barrett@All: Thank you, Katie. I was the program officer at the Hewlett Foundation in charge of grants in conflict resolution from 1983-91. During that time we supported a number of deliberative processes in various areas. And I know since then that there have been many different kinds of deliberative processes, so this area would be a "target rich" field for study.

Viewer 50@All: What has been your strategy to expand adoption of these newer tools of democracy?

Manju Lyn Bazzell@All: Thanks so much, John, Katie, Robin & Linn. Thanks for hosting, NCDD!

Prabha Sankaranarayan@All: Keep up the great work, thanks again.

John the report is no longer available.

Manju Lyn Bazzell@All: Congratulations on the book. I have it :-)

John Gastil@All: Thanks Manju. It was a long journey. (-:

John Gastil@All: Prabha - send me an email if there's a dead link from the CIR site. (There's lots of reports there, so I don't know which one you couldn't find.) jgastil@psu.edu

Bob Barrett@All: I'm looking forward to buying and reading the book. Thank you.

John Gastil@All: That's the spirit Bob! And when done, please please please leave a review at Goodreads, Amazon, or wherever. Those really feed the algorithms that make books live.

John Gastil@All: Ooh! Great pic now showing with me, Katie, and Robert Richards

Manju Lyn Bazzell@All: Great photo!

Katie Knobloch@All: i almost wore that jacket today!

John Gastil@All: Both Katie and Robert went from grad students studying CIR to tenure-track profs <https://www.clintonschool.uasys.edu/about/our-people/33/robert-c-richards-jr>

John Gastil@All: huzzah!

Simon Wright@All: thanks for a really interesting presentation. keep up the great work. I have hope!

Keiva Hummel, @ncdd@All: Thank you so much to our presenters and everyone who joined us today on the call! Stay tuned to the NCDD blog next week for the recording of this call. Find it at <http://www.ncdd.org/news>.

Robin Teater@All: Thanks for your interest, everyone!

Cheryl Graeve@All: great session thank you all presenters and NCDD!

Katie Knobloch@All: Thanks to all of you, and thanks for your patience with my technical issues! You all give me hope!

John Gastil@All: hasta luego, folks!

Viewer 50@All: Thank you!!