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EDUCATION

- 2019 Nova Southeastern University, Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Ph.D.
Dissertation: *Truth Talks: How North America's Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Engage the Public in Change*
- 2000 Yale University, History, B.A.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023-pres. Assistant Professor of the Practice (see courses below)
- 2020-2023 Lecturer
Department of Communication Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
Courses Taught: Conflict Resolution; Facilitative Leadership; Plan II Honors Course in the History of Conflict and Its Resolution; Communication and Leadership Degree Internship Course
- 2013-2017 Senior Fellow
Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2012-2015 Adjunct Lecturer
Department of Conflict Resolution, Southern Methodist University
Course Taught: From Chaos to Collaboration: Managing Public Disputes

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2024. Senior Director and Senior Mediator/Facilitator
Kearns & West
- 2017-pres. Senior Fellow
National Civic League
- 2011-pres. President
Public Participation Partners
- 2017-2019 Subject Matter Advisor
Rockefeller Foundation / 100 Resilient Cities
- 2009-2017 Chief of Public Engagement, Facilitation, and Dispute Resolution
City of Austin, Texas (municipal government)
- 2010-2015 Ombudsman
United States Department of Defense
- 1999-2008 Reporter/News Anchor
National Public Radio
Voice of America

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2025 (forthcoming) *Truth Talks: How North America's Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Engage the Public in Change*. New York: Bloomsbury.

Book Chapters

2023 “Beyond the Town Hall: From Chaos to Collaboration in Community Listening.” In *Listening, Community Engagement, and Peacebuilding: International Perspectives*. London, UK: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group.

Journal Articles

2018 “Volunteers and Public Engagement.” *National Civic Review*, 107 (3), 48–53.
doi: 10.1002/ncr.2018.107.issue-2

2018 “YOU’RE ON THE AIR! How Government Access Television Enhances Public Engagement. *Re-Imagining a 21st Century Democracy*,” 1(1), 19–24.

Public Scholarship (last five years)

2020, June 07. “After Floyd killing, we need a truth and reconciliation commission on race and policing.” *USA Today*.

2020, June 05. “The Argument for a National Truth and Reconciliation Commission.” *Texas Standard*.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

“Beside (Not Above) The Law: Dispute Resolution in Law Enforcement.” *American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, Annual Conference*, April, 2024.

“Renewing Democracy Series: Public Participation.” *Patman Center, Lecture Series*, March, 2024.

“From Chaos to Collaboration: Building Our Future Together.” *Leadership Austin, Annual Conference*, February, 2024.

“Planning for Encounter and Dialogue.” *American Planning Association Texas Chapter, Annual Conference*, November, 2023.

“What Should We Remember? Memorials and Historic Preservation Challenges for Conflict Resolution.” *Association for Conflict Resolution, Annual Conference*, October, 2023.

“Why Conflict Matters: An Alternative Perspective on Resolving—and Leveraging—Your Thorniest Issues.” *International City County Management Association, Annual Conference*, October, 2023.

“Dialogue for Healing: Truth and Reconciliation in the U.S.” *National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, Annual Conference*, October 2023.

“Beyond the Town Hall: Municipal Civic Engagement for the 21st Century.” *National League of Cities University, City Summit*, November 2019.

“Listening to the Community: A New Paradigm for Public Engagement.” *International Listening Association conference*, March 2019.

“Changing the Way We Communicate with the Public.” *National Association of Government Communicators*, June 2018.

“Technological Assets in Participatory Democracy.” *International Observatory for Participatory Democracy*, June 2017.

“When the People Mediate: How Citizens Build Community Consensus.” *American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section*, April 2014.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

President, International Association for Public Participation (U.S. affiliate)

Board Member, National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation

Leadership Council Member, Association for Conflict Resolution, Environment and Public Policy Section

Executive Committee and Board Member, Interfaith Action of Central Texas

Board Chair, Generation Citizen Central Texas
Board Member, Congregation Agudas Achim