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### Education:

Mediation and conflict resolution, 1991-present  
George Washington University, undergraduate pre-med courses, 1979-81  
Smith College, B.A., government, 1978

### Experience:

Senior associate, Institute for Environmental Negotiation, University of Virginia, 1997-present. Design and facilitate public involvement, consensus building, and mediation processes. Design and conduct training in consensus building, group facilitation, interest-based negotiation, and collaborative problem-solving. Conduct research with public involvement. Co-founder and faculty for the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute and the Southeast Natural Resources Leadership Institute.

Certified mediator (#0054) by the Supreme Court of Virginia for circuit court civil cases, 1991-present.

Executive director, Virginia Urban Forest Council, 1995-1996. First executive director for state-wide nonprofit. Launched Tree Steward program, general grant, and project management.

Executive director, Greener Harrisonburg, 1991-1995. Co-founder and first executive director of community organization. Membership, newsletter, fundraising, public relations, grant writing, volunteer events.

Writer and publisher, Wooden Angel Communications, 1984-1996. Authored, designed, published, marketed, and sold out first run of an organic gardening reference book.

International Relations Officer, U.S. Department of Labor, 1978-1984. Specialized in international labor rights violations; analyses of PATCO (air controllers), Polish Solidarity, and cases of interest to the United States.

### Strategic planning, conflict resolution, mediation, and workshops:

Governor's Natural Resources Leadership Summit (2003, 2006); Loudoun County comprehensive strategic watershed planning (2005-2006); Coastal Program Assessment (1997, 2005); Cub and Bull Run Watershed Plan (2004-2006); Fluvanna Heritage Forums (1999, 2002); Heritage Tourism project (2002); Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Vision (2001); Historic courts facility, siting and design (2000); Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute, workshop faculty (2000-present); Certified 20-Hour Basic Mediation Skills Training and conflict resolution, consensus building, and communication skills workshops (1993-present).

### Publications:

"Linking Theory to Practice: A Theory of Change Model of the Natural Resources Leadership Institute,"

Mary Lou Addor, Tanya Denckla Cobb, Franklin Dukes, Michael Ellerbrock, and L. Steve Smutko,  
*Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No. 2, Winter 2005.

*The Gardener's A to Z Guide to Growing Organic Food*, Storey Communications, February 2004.

*Community Mediation Trends and Needs: A Study of Virginia and Ten States, Final Report and Recommendations*, contributing editor, NAFCM and VACCR, August 2001.