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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:

Associate director, 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.