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Education:
Mediation and conflict resolution, 1991-present
Smith College, B.A., government, 1978

Experience:
Director (2015-present), associate director (2008-2015), senior associate (1997-2008), Institute for Environmental Negotiation, University of Virginia. Design and facilitate public involvement, consensus building, group facilitation, interest-based negotiation, collaborative problem solving, and mediation processes and custom training in these areas. Teach graduate courses in group facilitation and food system planning. Serve as faculty for the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute (2000-present).

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

Co-founder and executive director, Greener Harrisonburg, 1991-1995. Led membership, newsletter, fundraising, public relations, grant writing, and volunteer efforts for community organization.

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:
Memorials and public spaces (2016-present); Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool (2015-present); Facilitation of Section 106 Consultation for James River Transmission Line (2015); Richmond Integrated Water Permit (2015-present); National Urban Forestry Ten-Year Action Plan (2014-15); Living Waters: An Interfaith Summit (2013); Virginia Food Heritage Project (2011-present); Dialogue on Tobacco Harm Reduction (2011-present); Sea Level Rise Listening Sessions and Focus Groups (2011-13); Local Governments Stormwater Capacity Building (2012-13); Governor's Natural Resources Summits (2003, 2006); Virginia Food Security Summits (2007, 2011); formation of Virginia Food System Council (2007–09).

Publications:
Reclaiming Our Food: How the Grassroots Food Movement is Changing What We Eat, Storey Publishing, 2011. "Virginia–An Emerging Leader in the Nation's Local Food Movement," *The Virginia News Letter*, University of Virginia, 2011. "The Waste Solutions Forum: An Innovative and Cooperative Approach to Support the Agricultural Community and Protect Water Quality," co-author, *Community Development*, Journal of the Community Development Society, Vol. 38, No. 4, Winter 2007. "Linking Theory to Practice: A Theory of Change Model of the Natural Resources Leadership Institute," co-author, *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No. 2, Winter 2005. *The Gardener's A to Z Guide to Growing Organic Food*, Storey Communications, 2004. *Community Mediation Trends and Needs: A Study of Virginia and Ten States,* 2001.