

Sharon Seidler

Program Coordinator, Conflict Resolution Experiential Lab
Kansas State University, College of Human Ecology
School of Family Studies and Human Services
111, 1310 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502

EDUCATION

Kansas State University, College of Human Ecology
Certificate in Conflict Resolution 2017

University of Alberta
Certificate in Human Resources Management 2016

TRAINING IN THE PROFESSION

Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation and Settlement 2015
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts/American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers

Shared Parenting and Children in the Parenting Coordination Process 2014
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Interpreting Legislation and Plain Language for Writing Decisions 2009 / 2013
Foundation of Administrative Justice

Rapidly Evolving Field of Psychological Understanding and Services for Divorce 2012
Dr. Susan Gamache, Psychology Association of Alberta

Effective Clinical Assessment & Therapeutic Interventions for Alienated Children 2012
Dr. Kathleen M. Reay, International Institute for Parental Alienation Studies

Parenting Coordination / Advanced Parenting Coordination 2011 / 2012
Ret. Judge Michael Porter / Joan Kelly, Ph.D., Loyola University, Chicago IL

Dealing with High Conflict in Mediation 2011
Dr. Bill Eddy, High Conflict Institute

CINERGY Conflict Management Coaching / Certified Coach Practitioner 2010 / 2012
CINERGY Coaching / Certified Coaches Federation

Mediated Agreements and Related Court Orders 2010
Justice Institute, University of British Columbia

Professional and Continuing Education Certificate 2010
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

Family Law Procedures 2009
Grant MacEwan University

Arbitration I, II, III and Med/Arb-Arb/Med 2008 - 2009
Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society

Certificates in Restorative Justice / Family Group Conferencing 2008
Mediation and Restorative Justice Centre/ Blue Quills First Nations College

Domestic Violence Evaluation / Children Exposed to Family Violence 2006
Dr. Desmond Ellis, York University (AAMS) / Council of Women's Shelters and Alberta Solicitor General

Critical Incident Stress Management/Advanced Group Crisis Intervention 2006
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

From Problem Solving to Solution Building in Multi-Stressed Families 2006
McMan Youth Family Community Services

Certificate Program in Conflict Management 1999 - 2001
Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society (AAMS, now ADRIA)
392 hours covering the ethics, theory, skills, and procedures in Resolving Interpersonal Conflict and Mediation including Shifting from Positions to Interests, Designing Systems for Conflict Management and Negotiation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Program Coordinator, Conflict Resolution Experiential Laboratory** **2017 – present**
*School of Family Studies and Human Services, College of Human Ecology
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, United States*
Supporting the University's Conflict Resolution Program, its faculty and students by coordinating an experiential learning laboratory that delivers conflict resolution services to Kansans while mentoring new practitioners into the profession of conflict resolution.
- Program Coordinator** **2012 – 2016**
Strathcona County Community Mediation, Alberta, Canada
Provided operational, program and board supports to ensure that volunteers were engaged and that goals and activities of the society were successfully achieved. Engaged agencies and stakeholders to provide awareness and to build collaboration wherever possible.
- Founder, Mentor, Managing Director** **2009 – 2016**
Alberta Dispute Resolution Centre, Alberta, Canada
Provided a variety of alternative dispute resolution services to the public in conjunction with mentorship in the dispute resolution profession.
- Employee Assistance Trauma Event Counsellor, Workplace Learning Instructor** **2009 – 2016**
Morneau Shepell, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Canada
Assisted organizations, employees and families through traumatic and post-traumatic events. Provided instructional workshops for a variety of training solutions to leading organizational clients.
- Dispute Resolution Specialist, Managing Director, Founder** **2005 – 2016**
Bridge Builders Conciliation Services Inc., Alberta, Canada
Provided a variety of alternative dispute resolution service and training options to federal and provincial government branches, public and international organizations, private corporations, not-for-profit associations, teaching organizations, and to the public at large.
- Mediator, Arbitrator, Conciliator** **2002 – 2015**
Better Business Bureau of Northern Alberta, Canada
Provided mediation, arbitration and conciliation methods to members and the public to ensure resolution of their contract-related concerns and service delivery claims.
- Arbitrator, Conciliator** **2002 – 2013**
American Express, International
Provided arbitration and conciliation methods to American Express, their merchants and the public to ensure resolution of credit and related claims.
- Program Coordinator** **2007 – 2008**
Native Counselling Services of Alberta, Canada
Engaged community services and the public in developing new programming and won / maintained contracts to provide services to the Child and Family Service Authority in mediation, family group conferencing, and safe visitation services.
- Civil Court Mediator** **2002 – 2007**
Alberta Solicitor General, Provincial Court of Alberta, Canada
Mediating Civil Claims Matters of up to \$50,000 within the first Alberta Justice Court-Based Mediation Program.

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Founding Member **2012 – 2016**

Parenting Coordination Associates: Developed the profession of parenting coordination as a recognized practice within the court system in Central and Northern Alberta along with Greg Pickering, Ph.D. and Karim Mawani, LLB Family Law.

Board Member **2011 – 2014**

Collaborative Professionals, Ethics and Advocacy Board & Practice Advisory Board: Developed ethical standards and practices for collaborative professionals within the local context of an international association.

Commissioner for Oaths **2008 – 2016**

Alberta Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General: Administered oaths, took and received affidavits, affirmations and declarations in and for Alberta.

Victim Services Advocate **2005 – 2008**

Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo: Provided immediate, short-term crisis intervention services to people affected by crime, tragedy or disaster as part of a small team.

Mediator, Restorative Practitioner **2005 – 2008**

Mediation and Restorative Justice Center: Provided mediation and restorative services. Instructed in the practice of Restorative Justice and Mediation.

Committee Member and Chairperson **2005 – 2009**

Alberta Solicitor General: Acted as chairperson for local Youth Justice Committee committee with courts and probation officers, police and community to ensure punitive and restorative measures were developed and met in a way that was meaningful to the victim, the offender, and the community. Assisted in the redevelopment of training for committee members across Alberta in 2007/2008.

TRAININGS, PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Adjunct Lecturer - Restorative Justice **2014**

Grant MacEwan University, Restorative Justice and Correctional Services Diploma

Adjunct Instructor - Mediation Role-Play Practicum **2008 – 2015**

University of Alberta, Faculty of Law

Adjunct Instructor – Conflict Resolution in the Workplace **2007**

Keyano College

Customized Design and Instruction – Various Organizations **2005 – 2015**

Negotiation and Dispute Resolution (2005), Creating Community Cooperation (2006), Foreign Worker Orientation (2006), Crisis Management for Shelters (2007), Cultural Intelligence in Community (2007), Defusing Aggression in Our Schools (2007), Generations in the Workplace (2007), Restorative Justice for the Workplace (2007), Cultural Intelligence in the Workplace (2008), Healing the Heart of Conflict (2010), Helping to Understand Suicide and Self-Harm (2008), Best Me/Best You Workplace Culture (2010), etcetera

AWARDS

Volunteer of the Year Award, Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society 2002 – 2003

For participation in the redevelopment of Core Certificate Learning lessons and programs

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Conflict Resolution, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Heartland Mediator's Association, Peace and Collaborative Development Network.