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**Profile:** I am a MA degree graduate with years of experience (Europe and US) working with people who are experiencing conflict by providing independent course development, consulting, research, and teaching. My work incorporates contemporary creative communication style using creative expression model in conjunction with participatory focus toward solution based mediation. I developed, completed and published a study/course with participating teenage offenders in juvenile justice (RAD unit, Multnomah County, Portland OR) at Portland State University. I continue to develop several ongoing projects (Chances for Choices, Negotiating Shadows and Relationships in Jeopardy) for conflicted people. I specialize in working with extreme conflict cases. These projects incorporate restorative justice, transformative mediation concepts, as well as conflict resolution and advanced communication principals.

## **Experience: Past and Present**

- Volunteered (practicum) at Outside/In, Risk Education Dept. (Portland, OR) as Guerilla Theatre Project leader, helping homeless youth express themselves exploring the use of theatre/drama arts as tool for social justice. (2006-07)
- Presented workshop 'Negotiating Shadows' at 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> annual Resolutions Northwest Oregon Peacemakers Conference for junior and high school students. (2007-08)
- Directed plays which cast street people, battered women, disabled children and elders, for Lee H. Salisbury Theatre and Wood Center stage in Fairbanks, Alaska. (2004-05)
- Hired by Fairbanks Native Association (Inroads for Healing) as case manager/counselor in recovery program for alcohol/drug abuse in elders and at-risk youth. Served as advisor and conflict resolution consultant for Board of the Alaska ADD/HD Testing and Treatment Center. Taught special courses for Women and Children's Center for Inner Healing, Fairbanks, Alaska. (2001-03)
- Member of Portland Area Theatre Alliance. (2009) Presenter at City Wide Fertile Ground New Works Theatre Festival Portland, Oregon. (2009). Workshop at Portland State University (PSU) sharing the process of working with drama for youth at-risk in juvenile justice. Work published by PSU. (2009)
- Published article for Oregon Mediation Association - *Negotiating Shadows: Working with Extreme Conflict* (2009)

## **Qualifications**

- Creative/Dramatic Expression researcher and instructor with ongoing projects with at-risk people. (2008)
- Certified Mediator, member of Oregon Mediation Association. (2006-2008)
- Adjunct faculty at UAF (University Alaska Fairbanks) developed and taught curriculum 'Holistic Approach to Addiction' for Tanana Valley Campus and special topics teacher for Honors program. (May 2003 to 2004)
- Employed as addiction counselor at Fairbanks Native Association. Worked with both elders and youth at risk. (Jan. 2001)
- Founded 'Alaskans Against Violence', served as concerned citizen for youth task force by invitation of Mayors of North Pole and Fairbanks Alaska. Recently gave talk to Gang Violence Task Force, Portland.

## **Education**

- MA Conflict Resolution Portland State University (Fall 2008)
- BA Drama Therapy University Alaska, Fairbanks. (May 2005)
- AAS (Association of Applied Science) degree in Human Services University Alaska Fairbanks. (May 2003)
- Certified Mediator/Negotiation Portland State University (Fall 2006)