

Dr. Larry Schooler

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Profile

- Accomplished, award-winning civic engagement, dispute resolution and facilitation professional, focused on strengthening democratic practice through enhanced public engagement
 - Highly skilled consensus builder with focus on public policy matters, including commissions, task forces, and stakeholder groups
 - Experienced and innovative educator with experience in higher education, professional development, and adult learning and training
 - Thought leader in dispute resolution, public engagement, and public policy; leadership roles in multiple professional and community organizations, published writer across multiple media platforms
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Education

Yale University, Bachelor of Arts – Major: History, 2000

Nova Southeastern University, Master of Sciences – Conflict Analysis and Resolution, 2012

Nova Southeastern University, Doctor of Philosophy – Conflict Analysis and Resolution, 2019

Teaching

Northwestern University

Adjunct Faculty, School of Professional Studies

2017-Present

- Develop and present public policy dispute resolution course

Southern Methodist University

Adjunct Faculty, Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution

2013-2015

- Developed and delivered public policy dispute resolution course offered to students of Law, Dispute Resolution

Professional

CD&P

2019-Present

Director of Consensus Building and Community Engagement

- Provide leadership to public engagement consulting practice with 13 employees. Responsibilities include project management, mentoring and training, client consultation, facilitation, and public engagement process design.

Public Participation Partners

Principal

2011-2019

- Provide consultation and direct public engagement assistance, facilitation, mediation, and consensus building to cities, state and federal agencies, and other organizations across U.S. and abroad. Clients include U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Texas Department of Health and Human Services; cities of Chicago, Washington, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Corpus Christi, Texas; Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale, FL; and Louisville, Kentucky.
- Assist in strategic planning programs for cities and organizations.
- Lead classes for multiple organizational clients including National League of Cities, National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Government Communicators and International Association of Facilitators

National Civic League

Senior Fellow

2017-Present

- Speaker and contributing writer on public engagement and dispute resolution topics
- Member, Council of Advisors working on national conference and redesign of Civic Index

100 Resilient Cities

Subject Matter Advisor

2018-Present

Provide technical expertise to leading metro governments to bolster public engagement.

City of Austin, Texas

Chief of City Public Engagement, Facilitation, and Dispute Resolution 2009-2017

- Established one of the first public engagement and dispute resolution divisions in a U.S. municipal government to involve public in policy decisions and facilitate consensus processes among dissenting stakeholders
- Helped numerous multi-stakeholder groups produce consensus on policy reform
- Developed and implemented cutting edge programs for diverse stakeholders and citizens:
 - **SpeakUpAustin.org** award-winning online engagement site
 - **Conversation Corps** award-winning training program for volunteer facilitators
 - **Mayor's Youth Council** educating and engaging high school students
 - **TV Town Hall** award-winning platform bringing thousands into single conversation

United States Department of Defense

Ombudsman 2010-2015

- Assisted in preventing, reducing or resolving employer or service member misunderstandings regarding employment rights and responsibilities for members of the National Guard and reserve units of our Armed Forces.

National Public Radio

Reporter/News Anchor 1999-2008

- Reported award-winning stories for the national and foreign desks at NPR. Also filed stories for Marketplace, Voice of America, *The World*
- Received multiple fellowships for reporting from Vietnam and the former Soviet Union
- Moderated numerous community forums on local environmental and public policy issues
- Anchored live and breaking news coverage

Select Leadership Roles

- President, International Association for Public Participation (U.S. affiliate)
- Leadership Council Member, Association for Conflict Resolution Environment and Public Policy Section
- Board Chair, Generation Citizen Central Texas
- Committee Member, Mediators Beyond Borders

Select Awards and Recognition

- Winner, *Peacemaker Award*, Austin Dispute Resolution Center
- Winner, *Top Public Affairs Programming*, Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors
- Finalist, *Distinction/Best Practice in Citizen Participation* International Observatory on Participatory Democracy
- Semifinalist, *Innovations in American Government* Harvard University Kennedy School of Government

Writing Samples

[Mediating "Hot" Public Policy Conflicts](#)
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[Answering the President's Call For Inclusive Democracy](#)
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