

Science, Politics, and Governance

Constructing Better Dialogues and Producing Better Results

November 12 & 13, 2015

Workshop Agenda

“Science,” “politics,” and “governance” proceed on different premises, goals, timetables, and operating cultures. Conflicts between them are critically important because they shape the way laws and regulations are made and then enforced. Many collisions in these three domains turn ugly. Amplified by unrestrained Internet outrage and absolutists on all sides of any given debate, some turn into vitriolic battles that fracture communities of common interest. One result: eroding confidence in all three institutions: science, governance and politics.

Hawai‘i has a hard history in this area with battles that have often produced sub-optimum results in terms of solutions to bigger problems: Oahu’s rail project, Super Ferry, genetically modified agriculture, cane burning, and telescopes on Mauna Kea and Haleakala. These tactical fights often missed opportunities to solve bigger problems. Further battles lie ahead as Hawai‘i undergoes more demographic, political, and economical change.

Are there alternative ways to anticipate, prevent, and manage these kinds of conflicts to better effect? Can we construct less acrimonious dialogues that simultaneously produce better results? Can we invent procedures that complement and augment legal, regulatory, and legislative decision-making and honor the always-tenuous connections between peace and justice?

This conference on November 12 and the optional workshop on November 13 will explore both the problem and future pathways and offer new insights and practical skills.

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Post-Conference Strategy and Skills Workshop

Friday, November 13, 2015 • 8:00am to 12:00pm

Collaborative Leaders Network Conference Room • Hawai'i Leadership Forum
700 Bishop Street, Suite 1701 (Topa Financial Center)

- 8:00a** **Coffee**
- 8:30** **Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Morning**
- 8:45** **Part 1: Initiating Up Front Collaboration on Science Focused Teams** – Howard Gadlin, Ombudsman, National Institutes for Health
- Partnerships, alliances and collaborations that involve scientific inquiries often bog down at the back end because the stage wasn't set at the front end. This session by NIH's Ombudsman will report on a specific strategy being used at NIH and other institutions and provide examples of front-end "prenuptial agreements".
- 10:00** **Break**
- 10:15** **Joint Fact Finding: A Way Through Some Legal and Political Expert Wars** – Peter Adler and Keith Mattson, Accord3.0 Network
- Joint Fact Finding (JFF) offers increasing promise as a way of grappling with the science-intensive, politically "snarky" conflict. This workshop explains the basics of JFF and how to organize, finance, and implement JFF processes.
- 11:30** **Questions, Answers, Discussion**
- 11:45** **Announcement of Future Workshops**
- 12:00p** **Adjourn**

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