

## Dr. Larry Schooler

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### Profile

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- Accomplished, award-winning dispute resolution and consensus-building professional, executive and educator focused on the public and nonprofit sectors
  - Extensive experience in facilitation of strategic planning, visioning, and organizational development for clients of varying sizes, from federal agencies to local nonprofit organizations
  - Vast teaching and training experience in both in-person and online settings at graduate, undergraduate, and secondary school levels
  - Thought leader in facilitation, dispute resolution, organizational development, and public engagement; leadership roles in multiple professional and community organizations; published writer and across multiple media platforms and accomplished speaker to international and national organizations
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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 and land use dispute resolution course

#### Southern Methodist University

*Adjunct Faculty, Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution*

2013-2015

- Developed and delivered public policy dispute resolution course

### Professional

#### CD&P

*Director of Consensus Building and Community Engagement*

2019-Present

- Provide conflict resolution training, consultation, facilitation, and mediation, as well as strategic planning and visioning support, to cities, state and federal agencies, and other organizations
- Clients include the City of Houston; City of Austin; City of Miami Beach; City of Corpus Christi; City of Fort Lauderdale; City of Scottsdale; Umlauf Sculpture Garden; Travis County (Texas); Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO); Texas Department of Transportation; and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

#### P3 Partners

*President*

2011-2018

- Mediated disputes and designed and facilitated consensus building, strategic planning, and visioning processes for wide array of clients including federal and state agencies, municipal governments, and nonprofit organizations. Past clients included: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Department of Defense; Texas Department of Health and Human Services; cities of San Antonio, Fort Worth, and Louisville; and Congregation Emanu El.
- Lead facilitation and conflict management classes for multiple clients including University of Texas Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life; National League of Cities; National Conference of State Legislatures; National Association of Government Communicators; and International Association of Facilitators. Also present at conferences of International Association for Public Participation, American Bar Association; National Association of Counties; National Association of Government Communicators; and Alliance for Innovation.

#### 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 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
  - **TV Town Hall** award-winning platform bringing thousands into single conversation

### **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

### **Divided Community Project**

*Senior Advisor*

2016-Present

Provide advice and guidance to dispute resolution program at Ohio State University focused on large-scale conflict in large metropolitan areas.

### **100 Resilient Cities**

*Subject Matter Advisor*

2018-2019

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

### **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

### **Publications**

Schooler, L. (2020) *Truth Talks: How North America's Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Engage the Public In Change*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

### **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
- Member, Government/Public Policy/Consensus Committee, American Bar Association
- 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

### **References**

Available upon request.