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### Online Ceremony to Honor the 2020 Recipient of the International Advocate for Peace Award: Mediators Beyond Borders International

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Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution

## Dates & Updates

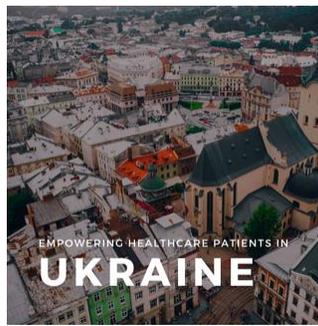
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### Save the Date!

Please Save the Date for an online ceremony to honor the 2020 recipient of the International Advocate for Peace Award: Mediators Beyond Borders International for its exemplary work in conflict resolution as an international advocate for peace!





The ceremony will take place, on a Zoom platform, on **September 23, 2020 beginning at 5 PM (EST)**. [More details to follow later in the summer.] President and CEO Prabha Sankaranarayan, and founder Kenneth Cloke, will accept the Award, on behalf of Mediators Beyond Borders International. They will be joined by select members of this global organization who will share their work and experience from around the world, which include brokering peace agreements in the midst of the pandemic, reintegrating former combatants back into a workable social fabric, creatively countering hate and extremism, instituting national policy change, and advancing peace building in these perilous times. Their stories provide needed inspiration.

[Register Here](#)

## **Message from Lela Love, Director of Cardozo's Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution**

We have had a rocky start to 2020: the COVID pandemic is isolating individuals, families, communities and nations with social distancing, behind masks, and in quarantine, while it proves fatal to record numbers; the economic crisis flowing from the pandemic is posing unprecedented hardships to some of the most vulnerable; and the crisis created by



incidents of police and community brutality and discord and a lack of any political dialogue or collaboration is escalating tension and making problem-solving difficult. What can happen next? Is there a rainbow or silver lining?

Here are some hopes for positive outcomes from this situation, particularly relevant to the dispute resolution field: that the health and economic crises will engender conversation, collaboration and creativity within national and across international borders; that the spotlight on police misconduct will lead to a societal

awakening to hardships of the past for Americans of color and to means for addressing and repairing damage done, including “radical” collaborations between community and police and restructuring and reimagining of policing. As many signs say, we’re in it together. We cannot give up now.

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**Cardozo was ranked Number 5 for its Dispute Resolution Program in the US News and World Rankings!**

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**Pandemic Creates Seamless Program Shifts**

**A NEW CLASS!!!**

# THE POWER OF LISTENING

**DO YOU WANT TO HAVE MORE INFLUENCE WITH FAMILY, PARTNERS, AUTHORITIES, AND FRIENDS?**

*Use Talking Circles! Explore Communication Skills! Become a Skilled Negotiator!*

- Become a good listener with skills and practice
- Experience the power of a talking stick and a circle
- Improve all your communication abilities
- Develop negotiation and life skills
- Learn how to promote your interests

**SIX FRIDAYS FROM 12:30–2:30 PM:  
MARCH 13, 20, 27, APRIL 3, 10 AND 17**

The class will be led by:

**Lela Love**, a law professor at Cardozo Law School and a mediator. The author of several books on mediation and negotiation.

**Richard Brewster**, a mediator and attorney who has practiced in the criminal justice area much of his career.

**Andrew Bonfilio, Anna Chuen, and Jennifer Swift**, law students at Cardozo Law School.

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS!!!!**

The Restorative Justice Prison Project, led by Professors Lela Love and Richard Brewster, withdrew from classes that brought law students into prisons (Queensboro and Taconic Correctional Facilities) after only two classes were held in the Queensboro Correctional Facility, as the prisons closed to outsiders coming in for educational programs.

The in-prison classes focused on restorative justice talking circles, and communication and negotiation skill-building. Without missing a beat, students turned to the project of refining and creating more materials for future Prison Projects. We expect to have a Teaching Manual, as well as a Manual for Participants, available soon for anyone wanting to start up a Prison Project! Stay tuned for that material.

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Several programs and clinics in the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution shifted to a virtual set-up considering the coronavirus pandemic.



### [Learn about Cardozo's Mediation Clinic](#)

*Professor Donna Erez-Navot, Director of the Cardozo Mediation Clinic, is pictured here with Gila Sohn-Levinson '20 preparing for their EEOC mediation on Zoom.*

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“I was surprised to see how simple it was to conduct mediations with myself, three student mediators, and the couple ‘in’ the room” noted the Clinic’s Director, Professor Bob Collins. “And since everyone is on camera in close-up view, it’s actually easier to track the expressions and emotions flitting across spouse’s faces without them feeling as if we were staring – as well as (for the very first time) my being able to monitor in real time any reactions being revealed on the mediator’s faces.



*Professor Bob Collins*

We may not have a statistically significant sampling yet, with only some five weeks of experience, but it also seems to me that the couples are marginally more relaxed having their discussions over Zoom instead of negotiating in person down

at the Courthouse. Now, instead of going to court, passing through Security, and having to sit next to each other at a conference table, people are sitting separately at their respective dining room tables -- I suspect wearing their comfy pants... and it just makes the back and forth that much more productive.”

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## **ADR Competition Society Has Another Great Year!**

Cardozo's 2019-2020 ADR Competition Honor Society's had a great year, considering the challenges posed by the pandemic.



*ADRCHS students advanced to the top 16 at the 2020 ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris. From left to right: Federico Zepeda '20, Brendan Gilmartin '21, Lwam Stefanos '20, Geena Caporale '21, and Sean McLaughlin '21.*

[Read about our record of competitions and awards](#)

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## **Professor and Alum Brian Farkas presents at ABA Dispute Resolution Conference on 2020 Presidential Election and Arbitration Law:**

How will the 2020 elections impact arbitration law? That question was the subject of a provocative panel at the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Dispute Resolution's [Annual Spring Conference](#) featuring [Professor Brian Farkas](#).



*Professor Brian Farkas is pictured presenting on Zoom at the ABA with Professor Maureen Weston (Pepperdine University School of Law) and Professor Stephen Ware (University of Kansas School of Law).*

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