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***Professor Lela Love, Director of Cardozo's Kukin
Program for Conflict Resolution***

You Are Invited!
Annual Jed D. Melnick Symposium
Monday, November 13, 2017

Persistent Human Divides: Creative Initiatives for Communication, Collaboration and Cohesion

Presenters include: Keynote Speaker Professor Michael Tsur (Shakla and Tariya); Speakers and Moderators Professor Robert Bordone (Harvard), Elizabeth Clemants (Hidden Water), Filmmaker Abigail Disney, Professor Donna Erez-Navot (Cardozo), Professor Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin (Cardozo), Professor Lela Love (Cardozo), John Marks (Search for Common Ground), Ashok Panikkar (Meta-Culture), Professor Glen Parker (Cardozo/NYS Unified Court System), Professor Carol Pauli (Texas A&M), Brad Roth & Prabha Sankaranarayan (Mediators Beyond Borders), Professor Maria Volpe (John Jay) and Professor David White (Cardozo)

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Coming in 2018/2019: Symposium on Enforcement of Mediated Agreements

The Cardozo Journal for Conflict Resolution's 2017 International Advocate for Peace Award Goes to Dr. Rajiv Shah



On April 6, 2017, students, alumni, faculty and administration gathered at Cardozo School of Law to honor Dr. Rajiv Shah, president of the Rockefeller Foundation. Dr. Shah's career has been spent in development and conflict prevention in troubled countries. He has spent his life building a better world in order to minimize or avoid devastating conflict, according to Benjamin Dynkin '17, editor in chief of the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution. Many past recipients of the award were honored for helping resolve a conflict, such as Ambassador Richard Holbrooke (Dayton Peace Accords), President Jimmy Carter (Camp David Accords), Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu (Peace and Reconciliation Commission) and Senator George Mitchell (Good Friday Agreement).

Shah spoke about his time as the head of USAID and his new role as president of the Rockefeller Foundation. He has been inspired by past International Award for Peace recipients, and by other icons of justice, including Justice Benjamin Cardozo. He said, "the pursuit of peace, and even more so, the pursuit of its close cousin, justice, is something we should all be passionate and committed and energetic about." According

to Shah, this fight is more important now than ever, as addressing the root causes of conflict is the key to preventing unending cycles of conflict.

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Faculty Profile/Interview with Professor Donna Erez Navot

Tell me about the classes you teach at Cardozo



For the 2017-2018 year, I will be the interim director of Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution, as Professor Lela Love will be out on sabbatical. In that capacity, I direct Cardozo's Mediation Clinic and introduce 16 J.D. and LL.M. students to mediation theory and practice. I graduated from Cardozo in 2006 and have been passionate about teaching mediation and conflict resolution ever since. So, this is a wonderful opportunity!

In the fall 2017 semester, students will be mediating in Manhattan and Brooklyn Civil Courts and Community Mediation Centers where they will be helping the community at large. In the spring 2018 semester, I will be teaching an Advanced Mediation Practicum for Mediation Clinic students and an ADR Writing Seminar, which is open to J.D. and LL.M. students.



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Cardozo Hosts the 16th Annual Association of Conflict Resolution of Greater New York Conference

On June 15, 2017, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law hosted the 16th Annual Conference of the Association for Conflict Resolution - Greater New York Chapter. Over 170 people -including attorneys, mediators, conflict resolution professionals and

students-assembled to participate in over 15 thought-provoking sessions and a lunch with awards and speakers.

During the awards luncheon, Professor Lela Love acknowledged the contributions of various speakers and highlighted the panel entitled Lessons Learned from Mediating Disaster. With particular pride, she recognized Cardozo alumni Daniel Weitz '96 (ADR Coordinator for the NYS Unified Court System), Tracey B. Frisch '06 (American Arbitration Association), Simone Lelchuk '10 (Weinstein Melnick Mediation Team), Robyn Weinstein '09 (ADR Administrator for the EDNY), Todd Drucker '95 (JAMS), Glen Parker '11 (ADR Office at the NYS Unified Court System) and Giulio Zanolla '10 (Zanolla Mediation), who were part of this event and are accomplished ADR professionals in New York City.



Pictured from left to right: Vikram Kapoor, Tracey Frisch '06, Robyn Weinstein '09, Honorable Robert M. Levy, and Special Master Kenneth Feinberg

Brian Lehrer, host of the Brian Lehrer Show on WNYC, interviewed attorney Kenneth Feinberg during the luncheon. Feinberg explained that a mediator should acknowledge a wide range of emotions and behaviors, in contrast to a lawyer who is taught to act rationally and logically. Mediations can be messy and encourage venting about feelings, rather than getting to one simple-often positional-answer and argument. Feinberg urged lawyers who are entering into the conflict resolution field to recognize that it is important for them to take off their lawyer "hat."

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Cardozo Hosts NYSBA DR Section's Commercial Arbitration for Arbitrators and Counsel

On June 19, 20 and 21, 2017, New York State Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section's Commercial Arbitration training was held at Cardozo School of Law. The program directors were the Kukin Program's Distinguished ADR Practitioner in Residence Charles J. Moxley, commercial arbitrator Edna



Pictured from left to right: Luis M. Martinez, International Centre for Dispute Resolution; Edna Sussman, Past Chair, Dispute Resolution Section of the NYS Bar; E. Alexandra Dosman, New York

Sussman, and arbitration counsel Lea Haber Kuck of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

International Arbitration Center (NYIAC); Camille M. Ng, International Chamber of Commerce; Lea Haber Kuck, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; Sherman Kahn, and Charles J. Moxley, Past Chair, Dispute Resolution Section of the NYS Bar.

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Professor Love Appointed Scholar in Residence for International Academy of Mediators for 2017-2019



Pictured from left to right: Hal Abramson (New York), James Peter (Switzerland), Marvin Johnson (DC), Lela Love, Paul Monicatti (MI), Michelle Reinglass (LA), Cliff Hendler (Toronto), and Dwight Golann (Boston)

Professor Lela Love has been named a Scholar in Residence for the International Academy of Mediators (IAM) for 2017-19. Pictured here is a group at the recent IAM conference in Memphis, including Professor Love (middle). IAM is an invitation-only society of professional mediators. Its mission is to define standards and qualifications for the professional mediator of commercial disputes and to promote the mediation process as the preferred means of resolving disputes.

Cardozo Law Takes Israeli Delegation to Visit Red Hook Community Justice Center



On June 29, 2017, 36 Israeli students from the Haim Stirks School of Law, The College of Management Academic Studies, visited the Red Hook Community Justice Center as part of a week-long program at Cardozo Law focusing on ADR and IP law. The students were accompanied by Professor Donna Erez-Navot and Cardozo Summer Fellow Mansi Karol, and Professor Roy Peled and Professor Assaf Tabak from Haim Stirks. During the visit, the students were able to observe Judge Alex Calabrese preside over his innovative restorative community court. In addition, the students met with a prosecutor and defense attorney who represent clients in Red Hook and talked about the therapeutic model of justice.

Alumni Spotlights

Simone Lechuk '10, JAMS and Weinstein Melnick LLC

Simone K. Lechuk has been a mediator since 2014 at JAMS mediation and arbitration services and Weinstein Melnick LLC, a mediation firm specializing in large, complex, and high profile disputes in the United States and in Europe. As a mediator, Lechuk works with two highly esteemed professionals: Judge Daniel Weinstein (Ret.), the recipient of Cardozo's 2014 International for Peace Advocate Award, and Cardozo alumnus Jed D.



Melnick '99, a mediator who generously supports the annual Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution fall symposium.

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David Reinman LL.M. '12 at EEOC



David Reinman received his LL.M. in Dispute Resolution and Advocacy from Cardozo Law in 2012 and was hired as a staff mediator for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) New York District Office in August 2014. He mediates employment discrimination disputes, where he helps employers and employees in private organizations reach settlements. Prior to this position, Reinman worked closely with Seton Hall Law's Conflict Management Program, where he instructed law students on topics such as negotiation and mediation advocacy.

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Mariam Zadeh '95 at First Mediation Corporation

Mariam Zadeh is a full time independent commercial mediator. In 2004, she partnered with Jeffrey Krivis, a pioneer in the field and founder of First Mediation Corporation. She specializes in mediating complex, high risk litigated matters involving class action, employment, insurance (life, health and disability), catastrophic personal injury and commercial matters.



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