

The 5th Annual Global Cyber-Conference on Dispute Resolution
April 15, @ 11 am to 1:30 pm Alaska time.

Hello Folks,

We have been working diligently on preparation for the upcoming **5th Annual Global Cyber-Conference on Dispute Resolution**. Be sure to note the date and pass along the information to friends, students, and colleagues who you think would be interested in participating.

The conference date is **April 15, @ 11 am to 1:30 pm Alaska time**. (Be sure to consider the time difference so that you will have the adjusted local time for your area).

We are very fortunate to have, as our Keynote Speaker, The Honorable Raf Gangat, former South African Ambassador to United Arab Emirates, Former Consul General in Pakistan, and Former South African Ambassador to The Palestinian Territories.

This year we have decided to address the theme of 'Inter-Cultural Conflict' with a particular emphasis on Indigenous Conflict Resolution.

We will have the following three consecutive sessions.

1. Therapeutic Jurisprudence and Inter-Cultural Conflict (facilitated by Mike Jones, Arizona Summit Law School and David Wexler, University of Puerto Rico School of Law, 40 min)

2. The Causes and Consequences of Inter-Cultural Conflict and the Value of Restorative Practices (facilitated by Bruce Barnes, Matsunaga Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution, University of Hawaii, 40 min)

3. Circle Peace-Making, Indigenous Knowledge, and Dispute Resolution (co-facilitated by Brett Shelton, Oglala Sioux, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado and Polly Hylsop, Athabascan Dineh, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 40 min)

How to Participate

If you would like to present a short piece under any of the three above headings, please contact me at bnjarrett@alaska.edu and physlop@alaska.edu and we will slot your discussion piece in the appropriate session. We will maintain our informal town-hall style format as we have in previous Cyber-conferences, so we expect short presentations mixed with lively discussion.

Be sure to reserve a conference room and the Cyber-Conference video-conferencing support at your institution well in advance of the event. Kelly Gitter at UAF will once again help us test the connections, prior to the conference. You can reach Kelly at klgitter@alaska.edu and video@alaska.edu. Kelly will arrange and test the video-conferencing hook up for you and/or your local tech-support person. Be sure to tell your tech support that the University of Alaska Fairbanks is "The Bridge". This fact makes your local tech support person's job a lot easier.

Kelly needs you to make the connection in advance of the April 15 date. Be sure to connect with Kelly well in advance in order to ensure you have an active video link. Also, this preparatory work allows Kelly to test the link so there are no glitches on the day of the Conference.

Advertising and Promotion

The inclusive philosophy of the Cyber-Conference is important. This conference does not belong to one organization or university. It is shared by all participating institutions and therefore relies on our all of our collective voices. Therefore, feel free to promote the event as *your* Cyber-conference at *your* institution, university, and/or center.

We look forward to an informative town-hall style discussion with practitioners, teachers, students, community members from around the globe. Feel free to invite your classes to the event. It is wonderful opportunity for participants to see what is happening in different countries around the world.

We are currently updating our website dedicated to the Cyber-conference that we will ready shortly. It is available at the following link.

<https://sites.google.com/a/alaska.edu/global-cyber-conference-on-dispute-resolution/?pli=1>

We are preparing a Flyer for the Cyber-Conference which you can use to post in hallways etc and we have left a space for you to type in the local organization and meeting time. We will send this to you shortly.

Paper Submissions

We welcome papers for both the website and the peer-reviewed written journal, namely, the *Alaska Journal of Dispute Resolution*, now in its fifth year.

We have received some paper submissions but we welcome more!

Please note if you wish to submit a paper to the *Alaska Journal of Dispute Resolution (AJDR, 2015)* please submit your paper (draft manuscript in APA format to bnjarrett@alaska.edu and physlop@alaska.edu

Graduate Student Posters

We are also welcoming graduate and law student posters to promote the work of all interested students. Please advise students to send posters to bnjarrett@alaska.edu and physlop@alaska.edu

We invite you to get the word out about this important global event as we work together to build peace and promote civil society. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at bnjarrett@alaska.edu or Ph. [\(907\) 474 6790](tel:(907)474-6790).

All the best,

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