



2024 PCM Conference

Save the Date:

April 5th – 6th

Join us for an in-person conference!
Connect with mediation colleagues!
Learn new skills!
Explore new developments in mediation!
Obtain PA-CLE credits and Social Work CEs!

Pre-Conference Training - April 5th - Jacqueline Font-Guzmán, MHA, JD, PhD

Disrupting and Connecting: An interactive workshop on the mediator's role in social justice advocacy

Our intent for this training is to co-create with participants an experience in which they can reimagine what is possible for them as mediators. We will explore how we can determine when and how to help people connect with those they are in conflict with as well as with potential allies. This training will invite us to reconsider our

assumptions, values, and beliefs about the mediation profession.

She serves as the inaugural Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and Professor in their Center for Justice and Peacebuilding.

Jacqueline's newest book (with Bernie Mayer, PhD) is *The Neutrality Trap: Disrupting and Connecting for Social Change*.

Most Valuable Peacemaker Dinner – MVP 2024 is Susan Jordan – April 5th-

As the Executive Director of Susquehanna Valley Mediation Center, Susan Jordan has led engagement efforts to include mediation and related modalities in both the human services and justice. True to the collaborative and listening ethics of our field, Susan has worked with diverse system partners to articulate the reasons for mediation, share the vision and implement numerous new services.

Plenary Session – April 29

Dr. Quaiser Abdullah, Klein College of Media and Communication, Temple University

Conference Workshops- April 6 –

To be announced at a later date!

Watch for full details in the upcoming brochure. Please forward this announcement with friends and colleagues. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Barbara Foxman at bef423@mindspring.com or Amanda Allis at info@pamediation.org.

Request For Conference Workshop Proposals

The Pennsylvania Council of Mediators is seeking workshop submissions for our 2024 Annual Conference that will provide an opportunity for mediators to network with other mediators, learn new skills, and enhance their mediation practice. Workshop sessions are 1.5 hours and will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 2024.

Previous conference participants have requested workshops on the following topics, but feel free to submit a proposal on a conflict resolution subject of your choice.

- Impact on children in custody disputes
- Resiliency, particularly in family and elder mediations
- Unconscious bias and micro-aggression
- Discussion of mediation styles of practice
- Elder abuse
- A mock mediation with challenging situations
- When to have a pre-mediation meeting. Effectiveness of different ways of opening mediations. When to use caucus
- How to handle a mandated mediation
- Working with disputants with capacity issues (ie: addiction, capacity, etc..)
- Special Education mediation
- Marketing for the small mediation practice
- Forms of agreement—nuts & bolts; getting good documentation of the settlement
- Ethics (unauthorized practice of law, dual practice)

In addition, this year, presenters who plan to attend the full conference will receive one free registration fee for the day of the conference. Presenters receive double CLE/CEUs for their own workshop at no cost; CLE/CEUs or other parts of the conference will be provided at the regular rate.

Please email the following information to Barbara Foxman at bef423@mindspring.com. Questions can be directed to Barbara at 215-620-4218.

1. Presenter(s) name and work/professional title/affiliation for brochure description:
2. Address:
3. Daytime Phone:
4. Evening Phone:
5. Workshop Title:
6. Email:
7. Target audience or expected experience level:
8. Number of minimum and maximum participants
9. Workshop Description (please indicate content, goals and objectives):
10. Will your workshop have an ethics component for which we can offer CLEs? (Yes-1.0 hour; Yes-1.5 hours; No) If you have an ethics component to your program, please advise as they are always appreciated