



Workshop:
“Exploring the Crossroads of Diversity and Spirituality”

Friday, October 3, 2008 – 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Workshop Leaders (left to right):
Homer La Rue, David Hoffman, Marvin Johnson, and Daniel Bowling

This interactive program will focus on how an understanding of racial diversity issues can be deepened by personal and spiritual insights, and how those insights can enhance our work on racial diversity issues in both our work and personal lives. In plenary session presentations and small group meetings, the workshop leaders will facilitate discussion and engagement about balancing and integrating mind, heart, and soul in an increasingly diverse world, with a particular focus on conflict resolution. Attendees will participate in dialogue that begins to break through the underlying psychological barriers that divide our world along racial lines.

Daniel Bowling is a mediator for the Federal District Court for the Northern District of California. He served as the first CEO of the Association for Conflict Resolution. A lawyer and former public defender, he co-founded in 1984 the first mediation organization in South Carolina. Along with David Hoffman, he is the co-editor of *Bringing Peace into the Room* (2003).

David Hoffman is the founding partner of Boston Law Collaborative, LLC, where he serves as a mediator, arbitrator, and lawyer. He teaches the Mediation course at Harvard Law School. He is the former chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution and co-chairs the Section's Collaborative Law Committee. Along with Daniel Bowling, he is the co-editor of *Bringing Peace into the Room* (2003).

Marvin Johnson is a mediator and arbitrator on the JAMS roster of neutrals. The founder of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution in Greenbelt, MD, he served 16 years as a Professor of Labor Relations, Law, and Conflict Management and received Presidential and Gubernatorial appointments to the Federal Service Impasses Panel and the Maryland State Labor Relations Board.

Homer La Rue is Professor of Law at Howard University School of Law, and is on the JAMS roster of neutrals. He is chair-elect of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution and a member of the Maryland State Labor Relations Board. He was previously president of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution and is a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators.

The Workshop Leaders: Who We Are

This workshop, *Exploring the Crossroads of Diversity and Spirituality*, is an evolving project emanating from the relationship of the workshop leaders, who have been meeting for several years as a group to discuss issues of race, spirituality, conflict resolution, and how these issues impact their lives and work. We grew up in different parts of the U.S., in different religions, and different cultures. Each of us has been involved in Alternative Dispute Resolution for more than twenty years. Each of us also had been involved in his own way with the struggle for justice and equality in our society and in our evolving profession. Issues of racial injustice, gender bias, homophobia, and other forms of discrimination that continue to plague our society are of deep concern to each of us.

We recognize that there are certain kinds of differences – for example, disability, gender, sexual orientation, and national origin – that we, as workshop facilitators, cannot address from personal experience. But we believe that placing a particular emphasis on racial differences, which have so deeply divided and continue to divide us, can provide a lens that will be useful for addressing other kinds of differences as well. It is our hope and intention that this introductory workshop will provide encouragement, insight, and support for all of us on the journey of awakening to cultural, racial, and other differences upon which we, along with many others in the dispute resolution community, have embarked.

Workshop Registration

Cost: \$150 - Workshop includes written materials and lunch

Workshop location: BLC's offices at 99 Summer Street, Suite 1600, Boston

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