Wayne State University's Urban Public Policy Resolution Conference will present and discuss latest approaches and concepts of professional conflict resolution practice in dealing with intractable policy disputes related to cities and metropolitan areas. Professional dispute resolution experts from around the country will present methodologies and models appropriate to public officials as well as civic and grassroots organizations, and panels will discuss the best means of implementation. Among the main speakers will be Detroit federal bankruptcy mediators Judge Gerald Rosen and noted attorney Eugene Driker.

Register here for the conference:
http://specialevents.wayne.edu/public-policy-conference/

The conference is free and open to the public!

Student Center Ballroom
5221 Gullen Mall
Detroit, MI 48202
(parking available at a rate of $7.00 in WSU Parking Structure Lots 1, 2, 5, 31)

May 11, 2015 (Day 1) 8:00 am - 8:30 registration
Conference 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Lunch will be provided, required registration)

May 12, 2015 (Day 2) 8:00 am - 8:30 registration
Conference 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**WORKSHOPS OFFERED:**

"Negotiating New Agendas for Inter-Group Cooperation in Public Space"
by: Jay Rothman, Associate Professor
Graduate Program on Conflict Resolution and Negotiation
Bar-Ilan University in Israel

In this workshop Rothman will present case studies and share tools for applying collaborative visioning and agenda setting processes in situations of intense, multi-stakeholder conflicts. Cases will be drawn from his work between Palestinian and Israeli leaders in Jerusalem and students Northern Israel, between Fisherman, Environmentalists and Regulators in New England, and Police and Community in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Thinking Out Of The Box: Building Relations Between Police and Community"
by: Maria R. Volpe, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Sociology
Director, Dispute Resolution Program
Director, CUNY Dispute Resolution Center
John Jay College of Criminal Justice - CUNY
New York, New York

In this workshop Volpe will present techniques and tips for maximizing safe, respectful talking space for all including where, when and how to start, how to prepare the parties, facilitation concerns, and moving beyond talk. Gain insight about a variety of approaches from small dialogues to large scale town meetings aimed at fostering collaborative relationships between the police and the communities they serve.

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