

Catherine Morris

Catherine Morris, BA (Alberta) 1974, LLB (Alberta) 1978, LLM (UBC) 2001, has been a leader in the field of conflict resolution since 1983. Based in Victoria, Canada, she has played key roles in numerous Canadian and international conflict resolution organizations and initiatives in academic, community, nonprofit, public and private sectors. She is a founding director of Peacemakers Trust, a Canadian non-profit organization for education and research in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. She is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia, the Canadian Bar Association and the British Columbia Mediator Roster (Civil).

Ms. Morris is an Adjunct Professor, Associate and a former Executive Director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution and an Associate of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives at the University of Victoria. Her teaching subjects include graduate level courses in conflict resolution, negotiation and international human rights. She teaches at the University of Victoria, Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in Toronto, and Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. She has been a guest lecturer at the Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Since 1994, Ms. Morris has been involved in design, planning, administration and presentation of workshops for senior public officials, leaders of non-governmental organizations, academics and professionals in Cambodia and Thailand.

Prof. Morris' research and writing has resulted in publications and papers on mediator ethics and qualifications, conflict and culture, ADR in legal education, the role of religion in peacebuilding, peacebuilding in Cambodia, and conflict transformation and human rights education. Her online bibliography, Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding: A Selected Bibliography, has been used by tens of thousands of people in more than 100 countries on all continents.

Ms. Morris is a member of the Board of Directors of the Conflict Resolution Network Canada, Canada's oldest national conflict resolution membership organization. From 1998-2002, she served on the Board of Directors of the British Columbia Mediator Roster Society which administers a roster of mediators for civil and family law disputes; she remains as Chair of its Roster Committee which selects roster members. In 2000 she was appointed a member of the corporation of World Vision Canada, the largest international humanitarian relief and development organization in Canada. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada.