

CURRICULUM VITAE – MARINETTA CANNITO HJORT

EDUCATION

- MA in Conflict Transformation, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, 2005
- MA in Theological Studies, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., Summa cum laude, 1999
- BA in Theology, Facoltà Valdese di Teologia, Rome, Italy, 1997
- BA in Modern Languages, Istituto Universitario Orientale, Naples, Italy, Cum laude, 1978

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Conflict transformation, peacebuilding and mediation services to organizations, companies and government agencies for Pollack Peacebuilding Systems – Washington, D.C. metropolitan area

October 2019 – Present

- Provides a variety of workplace peacebuilding program services involving conflict analyses and interventions to reduce organizational conflict, improve conflict management and communication skills for executive and employees.

Global expert Consultant, Conflict Transformation, Peacebuilding, Restorative Justice and Community Mediation

2005

– Present

- Offers lectures, training and context-oriented services aimed at providing governments, non-governmental organizations, civil society groups and individuals, with skills and tools to constructively address conflict and engage in collaborative efforts to become agents of change for reconciliation and peacebuilding.
- Designs curricula and manuals for conflict transformation and restorative justice trainings and facilitates such trainings for small and large work-teams.
- Facilitates conferences between victims of crime, perpetrators and members of the affected community.

Baptist Chaplain, American University Washington, D.C.

08/15/2000 –

05/31/2010

- Helped nurture a thriving interfaith culture among the American University students, organizing, leading and supporting panels, workshops, trainings, social activities and interfaith dialogues on the campus.

Restorative Justice Facilitator in Schools for Northern Virginia Mediation Services, Fairfax, VA

2008 – June

2011

- Facilitated restorative circles processes in Fairfax Public Schools.
- Trained school personnel on applying a system of restorative practices as an alternative to disciplinary action.
- Trained high school students in peer mediation and assisted in the development of girls' leadership programs.

Restorative Justice Facilitator & Mediator, General District Court, Office of Dispute Resolution, Manassas, VA

Nov. 2005–Oct. 2009

- Facilitated conferences between victims, juvenile offenders and community members (separate pre-conferencing, direct conferencing, assistance in compilation of agreement, evaluations, monitoring of agreement) for the Juvenile Court.
- Mediated General District and Circuit Court-Civil cases.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS UNDERTAKEN

- **Victim Outreach Consultation for the Federal Public Defender Office for the Eastern District of Virginia** – In collaboration with the Victim Outreach Specialist, provided support for research, information and contact with families and survivors of victims in the case *US v. Alexandra Amon Kotey, Case 1:20-CR-239-TSE (04/19-2021 – 11/02/2021)*
- **Mediation and Restorative Justice workshop for the University of California Hasting College of the Law, San Francisco** (*May 20-24, 2021*)
- **Victim Outreach Consultation for the Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania** – In collaboration with the Victim Outreach Specialist, provided support for survivors of one the victims in the case *US v. Higgs, D. MD CR No. PJM-09-0520 (12/10-2020 – 01/21/21)*
- **Design and implementation of a conflict transformation, peacebuilding and reconciliation process and training for the Italian Baptist Churches - Italy** (*04/24/20 – 10/31/2020*)
- **Manual / guiding document design - Côte d'Ivoire**: Developed a Mediation Training Manual and Guide as part of USAID's five-year, ProJustice activity support project in Côte d'Ivoire (*12/01/2016 – 01/02/2017*).
- **Curriculum and training development on Restorative Justice – Viet Nam**: Supported Hagar International Vietnam's work on fighting domestic violence & human trafficking through developing and facilitating a comprehensive curriculum and training program on restorative justice approaches for government entities and community organizations. (*Vinh city and Hanoi 03/01/2016 – 03/21/2016*)

- **Program and impact evaluation of the Alternative Dispute Resolution component of the USAID-funded Projustice Project – Haiti** (08/01/2014 - 08/13/2014; 09/09/2014 - 09/19/2014).
- **Community Mediation Trainings–Haiti**, for USAID-funded Improving Justice Service Delivery proj. (May - Aug. 2011)
- **Training of Trainers facilitation on *The Process of Restorative Justice, Step by Step***, for the Center of Victims Assistance & the Supporting Program to Rule of Law in Mexico/USAID/MSD (Mexico City, 2009).
- **Youth Leadership Training Program *Tools for Conflict Transformation for Adolescents*** for the Trafficking in Persons Shelter in Mexico City, for the USAID/MSD project (Mexico, 2009).
- **Workshops on *Restorative Justice, for the National Conference Finding Ways to Overcome the Culture of Mafia for the Center of Civil and Criminal Mediation - Italy*** (Palermo, and Bari, Italy, 2005).

SELECTED LECTURES, KEYNOTES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Periodic online lectures on *Restorative Justice and Organized Crime* for the class of Restorative Justice at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, the Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia (From 2016 to 2020).
- Conference presentation on *Restorative Justice and Organized Crime*, Foro Internacional de Prácticas Restaurativas, Attorney General's Office of State of Baja California (Rosarito, Mexico, August 2018).
- Conference presentation on *Women in Peacebuilding*, as part of the award ceremony of the 3rd International award for Peace and Nonviolence presented to Dr. Bernice A. King (Monteleone di Puglia, Italy, March 2018).
- Assistant Lecturer for the US Institute of Peace on *Empowering Communities to Counter Violent Extremism* (United Arab Emirates, Feb 2015); *Building Safer Communities: Options for Government/Civil Society* (Kenya, June 2015).
- Lecture on *Nonviolent Conflict Transformation and Applications of Restorative Justice in Identity-Based Conflicts* at the US Institute of Peace (Washington, D.C., 2011, 2012, 2013).
- Keynote Address: *The Application of Restorative Justice in the Criminal System*, Conference for Lawyers and Psychologists, (Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, June 2011).
- Keynote Address: *Women: From Victims to Survivors*, the International Forum on *Women, Constitution and Restorative Justice* (the Dominican Republic, 2009).
- Keynote Address: *Restorative Justice and Organized Crime: Challenges and Hope*, International Conference on Restorative Justice: *Humanizing the Justice Process*, Rule of Law in Mexico/USAID-MSI (Oaxaca, Mexico, Sept 2008).
- Lecture on *Women, Healing, and Reconciliation in Restorative Justice*, Yale Divinity School (New Haven, CT, 2008).
- Periodic lectures on *Theory and Practice of Restorative Justice* for the Washington Semester Program and the School of Public Affairs of the American University, Washington, DC (from 2004 to 2008).

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct Faculty, course on *Strategic Peacebuilding* for the Women Leadership Program of the Center of Justice and Peacebuilding of Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) (Kenya, June 2015 and Fiji, June 2014)
- Co-Instructor, course *Designing Peacebuilding Programs* for the EMU Center of Justice & Peacebuilding (May 2014)
- Adjunct Faculty, course on *Strategic Peacebuilding* for the Women Leadership Program of the Center of Justice and Peacebuilding of Eastern Mennonite University (Kenya, June 2015 and Fiji, June 2014)
- Adjunct Faculty, course on *Restorative Justice and Social Change*, for the Starr King School for the Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, USA (Jan 2010)
- Adjunct Faculty, course on *Conflict Transformation* for the Protestant Faculty of Theology Rome, Italy (2007 and 2013)
- Assistant teacher, *Restorative Justice* course, for the Center of Justice and Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, USA (Summer of 2006 and 2007)
- Periodic lectures on *Theory and Practice of Restorative Justice* for the Washington Semester Program and the School of Public Affairs of the American University, Washington, DC (from 2004 to 2008).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- La Trasformazione dei Conflitti. Un Percorso Formativo (Conflict Transformation: A Formative Journey), Claudiana editrice, Torino (2017): <https://www.claudiana.it/scheda-libro/marinetta-cannito-hjort/la-trasformazione-dei-conflitti-9788868980023-1933.html>.
- “La Comunicazione Nonviolenta” (“Nonviolent Communication”), Servitium, Mediagraf Spa eds. (2018), 59-62
- “Frontiere, Identità e Conflitto” (“Borders, Identity and Conflict”), Gioventù Evangelica (2012):27-29.
- “Restorative Justice and Organized Crime: A Challenge to Overcome the Culture of Mafia,” Conflict Transformation and Restorative Justice Manual, Mennonite Central Committee eds. (2008), 320-323.
- “La Giustizia Rigenerativa: Promessa e Sfida per una Trasformazione Sociale” (“Restorative Justice: Promise and Challenge for a Social Transformation”), Mediores 9 (2007), 169-197.
- “Una Prospettiva di Speranza: La Giustizia Rigenerativa”, *Satyagraha* 4 (2003), 83-96.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, French, Italian (mother tongue), Spanish.