Collaborative Discussion Coach Training

Meet Your Guest Trainers



Martín Carcasson, Ph.D.

Founder and Director of the Center for Public Deliberation at Colorado State University, Martín's work focuses on strengthening local democracy through improved public communication, collaborative problem-solving, and inclusive community engagement.



Kim Allonce, Ph.D.

Founder and Executive Director of Ayiti Civique Lab Inc., whose mission is to advance civic participation, inclusive dialogue, and public innovation in Haiti. In addition to Kim's work in deliberative democracy and public engagement, he also teaches public administration at Clayton State University.



Leila Brammer, Ph.D.

The Director of Curriculum at the University of Chicago's Forum for Free Inquiry and Expression, Leila is a nationally recognized leader in democratic pedagogy and civic learning. Her work focuses on curriculum design, assessment, and advancing democratic engagement through education.



Jes Friedrichs, MSW, MPA

Director of Education at the Interactivity Foundation, Jes contributed activities to the CDP Toolkit and offered certificates in collaborative discussion to her social work students as Assistant Professor and Field Director at Carlow University in Pittsburgh, before joining IF full time.



Don Waisanen, Ph.D.

Professor at Baruch College's CUNY Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, Don teaches communication and leadership and has authored more than 50 scholarly publications including *Improv for Democracy*. His work explores creativity, ethical leadership, and collaborative problem-solving to help individuals and communities thrive.



Jane Case, Ph.D.

Assistant Director of the SNF Ithaca Initiative and an associate professor at the University of Delaware's Biden School of Public Policy and Administration, Jane's experiences in the public and nonprofit sectors inform her work in undergraduate leadership development and civic engagement.

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