

2017 BOARD ELECTIONS

*The following are STANDING FOR ELECTION for 2018-20. Short biographies for these candidates and a proxy statement follow. Please complete the enclosed Proxy Statement and return **before the December 6, 2017** Annual Meeting to tdrucker@jamsadr.com.*

The following are the Nominating Committee's candidates for **election** in 2018-2020.

Genesis Fisher
Beth Fisher-Yoshida
Leslie Funk
Catherine Hannibal
Matthew Lattimer

The following are the Nominating Committee's candidates for Officer Positions in 2018-2020.

Glen Parker, President Elect
Regina Ritcey, Secretary
Justin Stroock, Treasurer (currently held position)

The following Board Members continue their terms (they are not up for reelection this year):

Todd Drucker, President
Denise Shaw, Immediate Past President
Eric Goldman, Director at Large
Melissa Appleton, Director at Large
Theo Cheng, Director at Large
Aldo Civico, Director at Large

NEW CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Genesis Fisher

Genesis Fisher is the founder of Fisher Law Practice, P.C., which helps businesses keep employees happy by providing regular, onsite conflict resolution. FLP provides mediation, one-on-one conflict coaching, and innovative trainings. FLP also helps individuals and families work through problems and move forward. Ms. Fisher is an adjunct professor at New York Law School. She is also a training coach and volunteer at the New York Peace Institute.

Ms. Fisher graduated from Smith College and New York University School of Law. She started her legal career at the Southern Poverty Law Center before returning to NYC to become a public defender. Ms. Fisher spends her free time making industrial furniture and competing as a powerlifter.

Beth Fisher-Yoshida

Beth Fisher-Yoshida is a faculty member and Academic Director of the Negotiation and Conflict Resolution program. Dr. Fisher-Yoshida teaches classes in conflict resolution and related fields and conducts participatory action research. Her focus in her classes is on improving communication through developing more self-awareness that leads to better relationships and improved negotiation practices. She is also Co-Chair of AC4, the Advanced Consortium of Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity, housed in the Earth Institute, also at Columbia University.

Some of the current projects in which Dr. Fisher-Yoshida is involved through AC4 are the Cosmopolis project in which she is working with a team of scholars and practitioners familiar with CMM, Coordinated Management of Meaning, to develop a virtual community in which people use CMM to co-create constructive communication patterns and better social worlds. Another project is the Urban Violence Prevention Program, which she co-leads with her colleague Aldo Civico. This initiative focuses on reducing violence in urban centers through a variety of grassroots and scholarly approaches working with youth and community leaders in Colombia and Newark.

She is the founder of FYI Fisher Yoshida International, LLC, a firm that partners with clients to develop customized interventions aimed at improving organizational performance. The firm focuses on professional and personal development to address change efforts through leadership development, conflict resolution management systems, intercultural communication and diversity, team development and effectiveness, and performance management. One major client is the United Nations and others have included organizations in the Fortune-100 private sector, nonprofit, and government sectors in the U.S., Canada, Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. She is a Certified Clinical Sociologist (CCS). She speaks conversational Japanese and lived and worked in Japan for 13 years.

Dr. Fisher-Yoshida is the author of numerous articles, chapters, edited books, and authored a book on transnational leadership. Her main areas of focus are Coordinated Management of Meaning (CMM), intercultural communication, conflict resolution and peace building and transformative learning.

She received her Ph.D. in Human and Organizational Systems and M.A. in Organization Development from Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, California. She received her M.A., with honors, from Teachers College, Columbia University. She received both a B.A. and a B.S. from Buffalo State College. Dr. Fisher-Yoshida is also a Certified Clinical Sociologist (CCS).

Leslie Funk

Leslie Funk is the Manager of Mediation Programs for Community Mediation Services (CMS), the Queens CDRC. She coordinates the CMS Elder Adult Dialogue & Mediation Program, CMS training opportunities, and is always looking for an excuse to develop a new Prezi! Leslie honed her mediation skills as a volunteer mediator with multiple small claims court programs in her home state of Massachusetts. Simultaneously she worked as a John Goodrich Scholar with the Massachusetts Office of Public Collaboration (MOPC) where she contributed to the development of a Massachusetts mediation manual. Prior to this, Leslie earned her J.D. at Hamline University School of Law in Minnesota, during which time she spent a summer interning at the New York Peace Institute (NYPI). She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, an artist, and an avid traveler, recently having visited a friend in the Arctic Circle.

Catherine Hannibal

Catherine Grace Hannibal, Esq., has been a Family Law Mediator and Collaborative Attorney for almost a decade with the New York City and Westchester-based Mediation Works, Inc. and The Law Offices of Jessica S. Rothberg. Catherine is an Accredited member of the New York State Council of Divorce Mediation (NYSCDM) and has served on the Executive Board and currently serves on the Board of the Family Divorce Mediation Council of Greater New York (FDMC). Catherine is also an Adjunct Professor and Supervising Attorney with the CUNY School of Law Mediation Clinic and is a certified mediator and mentor with the New York Peace Institute (NYPI). Catherine's practice areas also include prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, post-divorce mediation, child-focused divorce mediation (is certified and trained and has lectured), and Catherine is trained in Elder Mediation and Mediation to Stay Married. With FamilyKind Catherine is trained to teach parenting education both for court and non-court involved parents. She would like to promote awareness of new areas in mediation including Trusts & Estates and to cooperatively develop effective learning and support practices for mediators-in-training. Catherine holds a JD (2010) from Cardozo School of Law, and an MA (2002) and BA (2001) (Honors) from Stanford University, and is admitted to the NY and NJ Bar. Catherine lives with her family in Larchmont, NY.

Matthew Lattimer

Matthew T. Lattimer is a graduate of Columbia College, Columbia University in the City of New York with an AB in history and holds a law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. While in law school, he was part of a mediation clinic at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, he also had held internships at the United Nations with the Economic and Social Council and with Robert P. Patterson, Senior U.S.D.J. in the Southern District of New York. He has been a Conciliation Specialist with the United States Department of Justice Community Relations Service since 2008.

The Community Relations Service is the Department's "peacemaker" for community conflicts and tensions arising from differences of race, color, and national origin. Created by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, CRS is the only Federal agency dedicated to assist State and local units of government, private and public organizations, and

community groups with preventing and resolving racial and ethnic tensions, incidents, and civil disorders, and in restoring racial stability and harmony.

With passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, CRS also works with communities to employ strategies to prevent and respond to alleged violent hate crimes committed on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or disability. CRS facilitates the development of viable, mutual understandings and agreements as alternatives to coercion, violence, or litigation. It also assists communities in developing local mechanisms, conducting training, and other proactive measures to prevent racial/ethnic tension and violent hate crimes committed on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, or disability.

Before coming to the Department of Justice he worked as an account manager at LexisNexis--the legal, news and public records database where he was responsible for the account management, training and marketing of large national and regional law firms in New York City.

INSTRUCTIONS

If you expect that you will **not** be able to attend the Annual Meeting, please fill in this form ("Proxy Statement") and send a PDF (or copy and paste the text) to tdrucker@jamsadr.com **before** the December 6, 2017 ACR-GNY Annual Meeting. If you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, you will vote by ballot during the meeting. If you have any questions, please call ACR-GNY at (646) 580-9560 or email Todd Drucker tdrucker@jamsadr.com.

ACR-GNY ANNUAL MEETING 2017 ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROXY STATEMENT

To elect the entire slate listed on page 1 above, mark an X here: _____
Otherwise, indicate below Yes or No for individual candidates:

Candidates for Election

Yes/No **Genesis Fisher**

Yes/No **Beth Fisher-Yoshida**

Yes/No **Leslie Funk**

Yes/No **Catherine Hannibal**

Yes/No **Matthew Lattimer**

Yes/No **Glen Parker**, President Elect

Yes/No **Regina Ritcey**, Secretary

Yes/No **Justin Stroock**, Treasurer

I, _____ (Member Name), being a current member of ACRGNY, submit my vote as indicated above. I also appoint ACR-GNY President Todd Drucker to vote on my behalf should I not be present to vote in person at the Annual Meeting on December 6, 2017 or at any adjournment thereof. I understand that I may vote in person and this form will be revoked upon my attendance at the Annual Meeting.