

LAWRENCE E. SUSSKIND

- Over thirty years experience as a public and environmental disputes mediator
- Serves as a court-appointed special master, trainer and mediator for neighborhood, municipal, state and national agencies and organizations in North America, the Far East and Europe
- Mediated over fifty major domestic and international public disputes over the past twenty five years

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Urban Studies and Planning	MIT	Cambridge, MA
M.C.P City Planning	MIT	Cambridge, MA
B.A Sociology/English Literature	Columbia University	New York, NY

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

1995 – Present	Ford Professor of Urban and Environmental Planning
1982 – 1985	Professor of Urban and Environmental Planning
1978 – 1982	Associate Professor and Head of Department
1974 – 1978	Assistant Professor and Assistant Head of Department
1971 – 1974	Assistant Professor and Director of Undergraduate Program

Harvard Law School

2001 – Present	Vice-Chair, Instruction, Program on Negotiation
1988 – Present	Director, MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program
2004 – 2005	Visiting Professor of Law
2001 – 2002	Visiting Professor of Law
1993 – 2001	Senior Fellow, 2001 Executive
1982 – 1985	Director, Program on Negotiation

Other Visiting Professor Appointments

- European University Institute – Florence, Italy
- Stanford Law School
- University of California – Berkeley
- University of Hawaii
- University of Minnesota - Hubert Humphrey School of Public Policy
- University of Nebraska

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS (Partial Listing)

2000 – Present	American College of Civil Trial Mediators – Honorary Fellow
1994 – Present	Sustainability Challenge Foundation, (The Netherlands) - Board of Directors
1985 – Present	American Institute of Certified Planners
1983 – Present	Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR)
1973 – Present	American Planning Association
1993 – 2000	Ethics Committee
1985 – 1991	Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution – Advisory Board Member
1984 – 1987	National Planning Accreditation Board
1980 – 1987	New England Congressional Research Institute
1980 – 1982 Assessment	I n t e r n a t i o n a l S o c i e t y f o r I m p a c t

CONSENSUS BUILDING INSTITUTE, INC. (CBI)

- Founder and Senior Advisor
- A not-for-profit organization based in Cambridge, MA that provides mediation and dispute system design to both public and private sector clients
- Through CBI, various disputes have been mediated over:
 - The National Energy Policy.
 - The siting of low level radioactive waste repositories.
 - The siting of hazardous waste and solid waste facilities.
 - The proposed development in the Coastal Zones and other sensitive natural areas.
 - The setting of Environmental and Public Health standards.
- Clients include but are not limited to;
 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - The U.S. Department of Energy
 - The Centers for Disease Control
 - The U.S. Department of Interior
 - The National Science Foundation
 - The United Nations – UNDP, UNSSC, UNDB etc.
 - The World Health Organization
 - Several other Public and Private Sector Organizations

NEGOTIATION PROJECT ASSESSMENTS & LECTURES (Partial Listing)

- **Project Assessments**
 - **2005 - Offshore Wind Farm Game** (supervised by Prof. Larry Susskind and Dr. Herman Karl)
Developed by the students in the MIT graduate seminar on "The Use of Joint Fact Finding in Science-Intensive Policy Disputes " a role-play simulation that examines the scientific and political conflicts surrounding offshore wind energy development.

- **2004 - Framing a Joint Fact Finding Mission Statement in a Contested Ecosystem Management Situation** (with Marco Boscolo, Mieke van der Wansem) CBI and United States Geological Survey
7 stakeholders and 1 facilitator meet to discuss how to proceed with a fact finding mission regarding the likely impact of road construction through a forest environment.
- **2003 - Franklin Family Foundation and Westbrook Regional School District** (with Katherine Preston)
A school board and a community group meet separately and then jointly, to decide upon how to deal with the issue of ethnic minority students under-performing in comparison with their white peers.
- **2002 - Pursuing Environmental Justice in the Shadow of a Joint Venture: The Titanic-Small Oil Inc. appeal** (with Gregg P. Macey, Patrick Field) the Consensus Building Institute
A 6-party negotiation with 2 coalitions negotiating over the development of an oil refining project near a residential area.
- **2001 - Land use Dispute at Lighthouse Point** (with Patrick Field, Messich Homar) Consensus Building Institute and Western Consensus Council
A team meets to consider whether a consensus building approach is the appropriate method to deal with a problem involving beach access.
- **2000 - East Falls Brownville Redevelopment** (with Tracy Dyke and Susan Podziba), The Consensus Building Institute.
A 7-person, non-scorable game that demonstrates how parties involved in the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated properties can use consensus-building techniques to achieve better outcomes.

▪ **Video Lectures**

- **Mediating Public Disputes**, (95 minutes). Distributed by the Clearing House of The Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.
- **Mediator Responsibility and Accountability in Public Disputes**, (49 minutes). Distributed by the Clearing House of The Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.
- **Negotiation and Mediator Practice in Public Decision Making**, (46 minutes). Distributed by the Clearing House of The Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.
- **“Good Offices” in a War Weary World**, (34 minutes) Distributed by the Clearing House of The Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.
- **Negotiation Pedagogy Video Series, Part Two**. (1 hour, 56 minutes). Distributed by the Clearing House of The Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.

RESEARCH INTERESTS & PROJECTS

▪ **Interests:**

- Dispute Resolution in the Public Sector
- International Environmental Treaty-making
- Mediation of Science-intensive Policy Disputes
- Trade and Environment
- The Management of Sustainable Development
- Facility Siting and Hazardous Waste Management
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Citizen Participation in Government Decision-making

- **Projects**

- **Environmental Technology and Public Policy Program, Co-Director**

An ongoing research project focused on the relationship between regulatory policy and environmental technology innovation in the United States, Europe, and Japan. (www.mit.edu/dusp/ettp)

- **MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program, Director**

A twenty-year action-research project aimed at improving the theory and practice of dispute resolution in the public sector. Emphasis is on improving the theory of negotiated rule making, negotiated rate-setting, the mediation of environmental disputes, and the mediation of science-intensive policy disputes. Practical applications include siting radioactive and hazardous waste disposal facilities, strategies for handling prison overcrowding, regulation of electric utilities, national energy strategy, and international environmental treaty-making process. (www.pon.harvard.edu)

- **MIT – USGS Science Impact Collaborative (MUSIC), Co-Director**

An on-going internship program that places MIT graduate students in field-based assignments with United States Geological Survey and other branches of the U. S. Department of Interior. Focuses on introducing joint fact finding procedures in science intensive policy disputes. (<http://web.mit.edu/dusp/epg/music/>)

PUBLICATIONS (Partial Listing)

- Susskind, L. and J. Cruikshank (2006) “Breaking Robert’s Rules: *The New Way to Run Your Meeting, Build Consensus and Get Results.*” (Oxford University Press)
- Susskind, L., W. Moomaw and K. Gallagher (2002) “Transboundary Environment Negotiations: *New Approaches to Global Cooperation.*” (Jossey-Bass)
- Susskind L., R. Jain and A. Martyniuk (2001) “Better Environmental Policy Studies: *How to Design and Combat More Effective Analyses.*” (Island Press)
- Susskind, L., S. McKeaman and J. Thomas-Larmer (1999). “The Consensus Building Handbook: *A Comprehensive Guide to Reaching Agreement.*” (Sage Publications) - **Winner of the Best Dispute Resolution Book of the Year Award 2000**
- Susskind, L., P. Levy and J. Thomas-Larmer (1999). “Negotiating Environmental Agreements: *How to Avoid Escalating Confrontation, Needless Costs and Unnecessary Litigation.*” (Island Press)

- Susskind, L. and P. Field (1996). “Dealing With an Angry Public: *The Mutual Gains Approach to Resolve Disputes.*” (The Free Press) – **Winner of the Best Dispute Resolution Book of the Year Award 1997**
- Susskind, L. (1994). “Environmental Diplomacy: *Negotiating More Effective Global Agreements.*” (Oxford University Press) (Japanese in 1995), (Arabic in 1996)
- Susskind, L. (1990 -2000) Publisher, *Consensus*: a quarterly newspaper distributed by the Public Disputes Network.
- Susskind, L. and J. Cruikshank (1987). “Breaking the Impasse: *Consensual Approaches to Resolving Public Disputes.*” (Basic Books) (Chinese in 1995)
- Founder, *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*
- Susskind, L. (1981 – 1996) Senior Editor, *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*: a peer review journal published in New York and Holland.