

L. Randolph Lowry Award

Each year the SCMA presents the L. Randolph Lowry Award to a member of the dispute resolution community who has honored and inspired us through their passion and dedication to education in the field of dispute resolution. The award is presented at the Friday Evening Dinner Reception.

We are proud to announce that the recipient of the 2019 L. Randolph Lowry Award is Professor Carrie Menkel-Meadow.



Professor Carrie Menkel-Meadow

Carrie Menkel-Meadow is Distinguished Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of California, Irvine and A.B. Chettle Jr. Professor of Law, Dispute Resolution and Civil Procedure Emerita at Georgetown University Law Center. She is one of the founders of the modern legal dispute resolution field and has been teaching negotiation, mediation and related subjects for over 35 years.

She has published over 15 books and 200 articles in the field. She was the first recipient of the American Bar Association's Award for Scholarly Excellence in Dispute Resolution (2011). In February 2018 she was awarded the American Bar Foundation's Award for Outstanding Scholar. Menkel-Meadow has taught law and dispute resolution to diplomats, lawyers, law students, mediators, government officials and ordinary citizens in 26 countries (on seven continents).

She has mediated and arbitrated hundreds of disputes in the United States including commercial, arts, and education cases, as well as many general civil litigation matters. She has also mediated and arbitrated cases outside of the United States.

Kids Managing Conflict Young Peacemaker Award

The Young Peacemakers Award recognizes an outstanding Peer Mediator from a Southern California School for their contribution to their fellow students and school. The recipient not only is a peacemaker at school, they also carry their mediation skills into their home and community. Kids Managing Conflict is proud to support the mediators of tomorrow.



Sarai Benitez

This year, the KMC Board is delighted to announce that Sarai Benitez is the recipient of 2019 Young Peacemaker Award (formerly the Directors Award). Sarai first became involved with Peer Mediation her junior year of High School, after she had gone through traumatic bullying. In her first year, she mediated over 50 students with her fellow mediators, earning her new problem solving skills, and deepening her compassion. Wanting to help more, Sarai began to take on more referrals, including from people who felt they had a conflict with themselves. She found that students felt much more safe and comfortable speaking to a peer about their emotions instead of a staff member. By the time she graduated high school, Sarai felt Peer Mediation completely changed her life. Sarai is now pursuing a career in Music Therapy, and will begin her second year at California State University, Northridge this fall.