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This environmental conflict management short course is taught by Dr. Lara Fowler, an attorney, mediator, and faculty member at Penn State. She has mediated and/or facilitated challenging conflicts such as groundwater storage in the greater Los Angeles area; how to address flooding in a river basin in Washington State; and how to manage water supplies between agriculture, cities, and fish. She recently completed a Fulbright focused on managing complex water dynamics in Sweden's Uppsala University's Peace and Conflict Research Department. For more on Dr. Fowler, see <https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/faculty/fowler>.

What You Can Expect to Learn

- Analyze the complexities and dynamics of multi-party conflicts
- Understand how different parties — government agency staff, private sector leaders, advocacy groups, and citizens — engage in conflict, and how you can work more effectively with each
- Conduct situation assessments, both a “back-of-the-envelope” approach and an in-depth process to examine conflicts and design more effective resolution strategies
- Develop the capacity to design and implement effective and inclusive collaborative processes
- Develop and apply interest-based negotiation skills
- Improve facilitation and mediation skills through simulated public conflicts
- Respond creatively to parties' strong emotions – anger, fear, frustration, hopelessness- and communication breakdowns
- Develop new ways to implement inclusive processes

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