

Bio information for Sarah Augustine and for Jonathan Neufeld

Sarah Augustine is Executive Director of the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties in Washington state, and is also an adjunct professor of Sociology at Heritage University, near Yakima, Washington. She holds a BA in Sociology and Psychology, and an MA in Whole Systems Design, with an emphasis in group conflict transformation. She is the co-founder of the Suriname Indigenous Health Fund, where she has advocated for vulnerable Indigenous Peoples since 2004. Sarah is a member of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition, a movement of Anabaptist people of faith. She has also worked as an organizational consultant in strategic planning, facilitation, and mediation, representing Indigenous communities to their own governments, as well as to a host of other international actors and corporate interests. Sarah has been a senior mediator for fifteen years.

Jonathan Neufeld is Pastor of Just Peace and Community Ministry at Seattle Mennonite Church. Along with his wife Melanie, he has been a member of the Pastoral Team at Seattle Mennonite for 13 years. He has also been involved in the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition for the past four years, and is serving as a member of the Coalition Steering Committee. Jonathan and Melanie are also the Directors of Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness, which operates a Hygiene Center and a Winter Shelter in Seattle. He is originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba.