



## Jennifer Pratt Miles

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### Summary

A Senior Mediator and Program Manager at Meridian Institute, with 14 years of experience serving as a convener, facilitator, and collaborative process designer. Expertise and experience in the areas of adaptive management, agriculture, climate change, endangered species, health, environment and natural resources, and indicators for measuring community health. Prior to joining Meridian, served as Director of the nonprofit Shaping Our Summit. Holds a B.A. in Government from Bowdoin College. Additional training includes completion of two seminars through the Center for Dispute Resolution: The Mediation Process in 1999 and Resolving Public Policy Conflicts in 2001.

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### Meridian Experience

#### Meridian Institute

1998–Present

Meridian Institute designs and facilitates collaborative processes that help diverse parties identify critical issues, build relationships and trust, construct innovative solutions, and implement durable decisions. These collaborative processes address challenges at the local, state, national, and international levels, and involve leaders from government agencies, industry, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions. Meridian also assists organizations in conducting strategy development and planning.

#### Senior Mediator and Program Manager

Manages and facilitates policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects involving teams of facilitators. Conducts convening assessments, designs processes, plans and facilitates meetings, helps participants develop consensus documents, and conducts implementation activities. Selected highlights are summarized below:

- Serves as project director for the Collaborative Adaptive Management Network (CAMNet), a network of scientists, resource managers, decision makers, citizens, and researchers that is dedicated to fostering the resolution of complex natural resource management problems through collaborative adaptive management processes.
- Served as project director for the Everglades Independent Scientific Review, which provided input to RECOVER (REstoration COordination and VERification)—the multi-agency science body for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan—on a performance measure relating to the restoration of the Everglades ecosystem in Florida.
- In addition, serves as lead staff on the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science

Center project; facilitated the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Federal Advisory Committee; and supported the negotiation and development of the Colorado Wolf Management Plan.

- Please see <http://merid.org/staff/jprattmiles> for a full list of projects completed.

## Previous Experience

### Shaping Our Summit

Summit County, Colorado 1997–2001

#### *Director*

Supported Shaping Our Summit’s mission to create and improve opportunities for citizen involvement and community collaboration to enhance the long-term social, civic, environmental, and economic well-being of the entire community. Responsibilities included serving as a spokesperson for the organization; forming strategic partnerships with local governments, businesses, and citizens; developing an annual strategic plan; creating and monitoring a \$100,000 annual budget; implementing projects and programs consistent with the mission; managing volunteers; fundraising; and facilitating community forums and strategic planning for local nonprofits.

### Office of the District Attorney

5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District 1995–1997

#### *Juvenile Diversion Coordinator*

Monitored a caseload of approximately 50 juveniles who were offered diversion as an alternative to criminal prosecution. Screened cases for eligibility for the program. Referred juveniles to appropriate services, including counseling, education, victim/offender mediation, community service, and wilderness learning programs.

Coordinated “Teen Court” for Eagle and Lake Counties (1995–1996) and for Summit and Clear Creek Counties (1996–1997). Recognized as the 1996 Employee of the Year.

### National Clearinghouse on Marital and Date Rape

Berkeley, California 1992

#### *Legislative Intern*

Drafted correspondence to attorneys, legislators, and judges regarding laws in their respective states. Researched statistics about rape for the media and the general public. Represented the Clearinghouse at the 1992 American Bar Association Convention, at the California State Conference on Women, and on KQED Radio.

### Africa Housing Fund

Nairobi, Kenya 1991

#### *Intern*

Conducted interviews of inhabitants of the Soweto community. Observed a session of the Nairobi Juvenile Court and discussed the problems facing street children with the magistrate and families in Soweto. Wrote a report analyzing relations between the Kayole-Muongano Women’s Group and local government officials, which was submitted to the Office of the President of Kenya.

## Education

### **Community Resource Center**

Nonprofit Management and Leadership Program

1998

### **Center for Dispute Resolution**

The Mediation Process

1999

Resolving Public Policy Conflicts

2001

### **Bowdoin College**

B.S., Government

1992

## Publications

Pratt Miles, J. (2009). Examining the applicability of the concepts of apology, forgiveness, and reconciliation to multi-stakeholder, collaborative problem-solving processes. *Law and Contemporary Problems: Group Conflict Resolution: Sources of Resistance to Reconciliation*, 72(2), 193-198.

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