

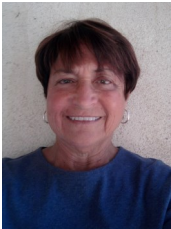
## Ombuds Outlook — September 2018

Ombuds/Dispute Resolution Services for Faculty

<http://ombudsfac.unm.edu>

### About Us

Ombuds Dispute Resolution Services for Faculty offers individual consultations, and joint meetings with trained mediators, for addressing workplace difficulties. The goal of ombuds work is to reduce conflict at the least adversarial level. For more information contact Jean Civikly-Powell, the Ombudsperson for Faculty, at 277-3212 or [jcivikly@unm.edu](mailto:jcivikly@unm.edu).



Ombudsperson **Jean Civikly-Powell** received her Ph.D. in Communication in 1973 from Florida State University. She has been faculty in Communication and Journalism, 1973-2001, with intermittent academic administrative appointments. She has served as Ombudsperson for Faculty since 1999. Her background in interpersonal communication and conflict resolution is a good fit for her work for Ombuds/Dispute Resolution Services for Faculty. Please feel welcome!



Graduate Assistant **Joseph Flores** received his master's degree in communication from The University of Texas at El Paso in 2015 and is now a third year doctoral student at UNM. He is a media studies scholar who focuses on social media and political communication.

The Ombuds for Faculty program also has the able assistance of three Faculty Representatives:

**Jonathan Bolton** is a professor of psychiatry at UNM School of Medicine, Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the UNM Health Sciences Center, and Director of the Office of Professionalism.

**Margaret Menache** is faculty emerita, Family & Community Medicine.

**Jay Parkes** is Professor of Educational Psychology and a former department chair in the College of Education. His professional interests include classroom assessment and educational measurement.

### Mediation Training for Faculty and Faculty Leaders—Spring 2019

This mediation training is designed to increase mindful practice of constructive communication and conflict resolution, with particular attention to faculty workplace settings. The training prepares faculty in the content, theory, and practice of conflict management and mediation.

Faculty who have taken the training have enthusiastically reported it is an informative and transformative experience.

**This is a 4-day/all-day training.** Should the training enrollment reach its capacity of 20, I keep a wait list, as schedules sometimes change between now and February.

**Friday, February 1st & Saturday, February 2nd, and  
Friday, February 15th & Saturday, February 16th**

To enroll, please contact Jean Civikly-Powell: [jcivikly@unm.edu](mailto:jcivikly@unm.edu)

### Ombuds Dispute Resolution Services for Staff

Ombuds Services for Staff supports UNM employees' efforts to build communication and collaboration which reduce the frequency and costs to individuals and the organization that are associated with ongoing conflict and adversarial process. For more information, contact JoEllen Ransom, the Staff Ombudsperson at **277-2993**, [jransom@unm.edu](mailto:jransom@unm.edu).

### Ombuds Dispute Resolution Services for Graduate Students

Nina Cooper currently serves as the Ombudsperson for graduate students. She works with graduate students to navigate difficult conversations and help them manage campus-related conflict. By providing a space for students to share their concerns, Nina can help them clarify the issues and assist by discussing communication responses and/or identifying additional campus resources. Graduate students can contact her at [nmcooper@unm.edu](mailto:nmcooper@unm.edu) or **277-1135**.

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Our website provides a wealth of information about Ombuds Dispute Resolution Services for Faculty. This is an easy way to browse at your convenience. Enjoy!

Faculty Ombuds Brochure:

<http://ombudsfac.unm.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Ombuds-Brochure.pdf>

What an Ombudsperson does and does not do:

<http://ombudsfac.unm.edu/what-ombudsperson-does-and-does-not-do/>

Ombuds Outlook: our newsletter issues with topics included in each:

<http://ombudsfac.unm.edu/newsletters/>

Summaries of Articles and Book Chapters:

<http://ombudsfac.unm.edu/articlechapter-summaries/>

I Choose Civility

<http://ombudsfac.unm.edu/i-choose-civility/>



### **Doing Your Homework Before Mediation Increases the Likelihood of Success**

Thinking of homework may evoke feelings that range from eagerness to anxiety. For mediation work, homework preparation significantly increases the likelihood of success. Sarah Malik (2007) notes that such work increases efficiency in resolving disputes and can promote civility. Four ways in which individuals can prepare are (1) emotionally, (2) by organizing thoughts and content, (3) through listening, and (4) by anticipating a spectrum of outcomes. First, when discussing areas that are essential and personally meaningful, individuals should not be surprised that **emotions** may surface among even the most composed individuals. Second, **organizing** your experiences, needs and interests in what matters most to you can expedite discussion at a mediation. Third, prepare to **listen** as this aids in mitigating or de-escalating potential conflict. Finally, individuals can prepare for an array of **outcomes**. Anticipating what constitutes mutual successes and landing within that vicinity signifies that your pathway to successful mediation has been achieved.

Adapted from Malik, S. (2017). Doing your homework before mediation: Increasing the likelihood of success. Prepared by Nina Cooper, Fall 2018.

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