



Molly R. Leach

Biographical Sketch & Curriculum Vitae

Bio

Molly Rowan Leach is an Executive Producer, Strategist, and Media Specialist.

She has been involved in multiple forms of media advocacy and hands-on community based work towards restorative systems change since her mother's incarceration which lasted fifteen years (1995-2014), and which led her to witness the dire complexities of a punitive justice system. As a result of her life experiences, a framing question arose: how can one's personal struggle with injustice across the board be transformed to service, to give back to the countless millions who suffer each day?

Molly founded [Restorative Justice on The Rise](#), an ongoing public dialogue and education platform, in 2011, and has trained in facilitation of Circles with Dominic Barter, Sylvia Clute, the late Dr. Beverly Title, and has participated in or led dialogues with both high-risk and misdemeanor conflicts. She has worked alongside civic leaders representing most areas of the criminal justice system, as well as teachers, principals and advocates for transforming school climate, most recently leading a training for the Durango School District with Dr. Martha Brown, author of *Creating Restorative Schools*. She has trained in NVC and Compassionate Listening with multiple guides in each field, and invested 1 ¼ years to help lead a local program where she lives. She served for four years as Restorative Justice Fellow for The Peace Alliance, and is a partner with the National Association of Communities and Restorative Justice in providing media and educational opportunities. She has produced and hosted numerous successful webinars including *Teaching Peace In Schools*, featuring multidisciplinary guides in mindfulness, Social Emotional Learning, restorative justice in education, and more; and has partnered to offer courses with the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at the University of Minnesota, as well as production of national political advocacy panels and free, open source public programs featured on iTunes. In addition, Molly's writing has appeared at a diverse array of online publications including TruthOut, YES! Online, Daily Good, Open Democracy, and HuffPost.

Her essay featuring a Colorado Police Officer whose opinion about RJ shifted drastically after he responded to a felony-level break in involving 10 and 11-year old boys was selected for inclusion in an Oxford University textbook, [Current Debates in Peace and Conflict Studies](#) (Oxford Press; Ed. Houston Wood, October 2017)

Molly believes that restorative justice is not just about systems, but the holistic integration of restorative values starting within ourselves, in our immediate lives, and how we have the opportunity to re-frame our relationships: with ourselves, one another, with conflict and harm.

Molly is mother to a wonderful 12 year old son and they live in the heart of Colorado. She has roots across the West and has also lived overseas in Prague, Czech Republic, inspired by Havel's *Living in Truth*, and by the study of the oppression of ideology on the human spirit. As a way of quiet and steady self-inquiry, her practices include Yogananda's Kriya Yoga, exercise, and plenty of time skiing and being outdoors with her family and friends.

Experience

Executive-Level Publicity/PR, Project/Book and Online Events Production

2008-Present

James O'Dea (Author, Speaker)

Managed email list and HTML based outreach (Constant Contact), Provided strategy and support around multiple book launches and pre-launches (*Creative Stress, Cultivating Peace*), Partnered with The Shift Network during inaugural International Webinar Sessions (Peace Ambassador Training, others, 2010-2014), Marketing and Outreach Strategy, Graphics and Layout Management, Editing and placing of Content, Website Content maintenance and Content Archives Logging and Management. jamesodea.com

Lee Temple (Author, Speaker)

Publicity Executive, Book and Website Production, *The Global Awakening Series*. primamundi.com

Philip Hellmich (Author, Speaker)

Publicity Executive, Book and Website Production, *God and Conflict*. philiphellmich.com

Sample of Simple Promo Graphic Work Included Below

Craig & Patricia Neal (Authors, Speakers)

Pre- and Post-Launch Publicity, *The Art of Convening*

The Metta Center for Nonviolence

Publicity and Strategy: *RoadMap for A Nonviolent Future*. Social Media and Cross-virtual-venue promotion and distribution. Mettacenter.org

The National Association for Community and Restorative Justice

Multi-media strategy and production, hosting—National Conferences in 2015, 2017; Production and Hosting, Web Events. Audio content editing and posting. Nacrj.org

ReSolutionaries, Inc.

Executive Strategy and Production, 6 Week Webinar on Restorative Justice in Schools. Content and Website Creation/Management, Publicity and Targeted Networking. Resolutionariesinc.com

The Peace Alliance

Restorative Justice Fellow, United States. Executive Strategy and Production, 12-Week Webinar on Teaching Peace in Schools. Grassroots Movement Building specific to Justice and Bias issues—Locally/Nationally. Lead Producer and Host for highly successful webinar series, ***Teaching Peace In Schools***, featuring 11 weeks of leads from SEL, RJE, Mindfulness Practices, and more. Peacealliance.org

Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, University of Minnesota (Partner for Webinar Series)

Executive Production for 3-Part Webinar Series featuring Mark Umbreit and Ted Lewis. Content relating to steps in building a restorative justice program.

The Shift Network

Promotion and Publicity, Online Education and International Virtual Events.

Other Project Based Work and/or Partnerships with: Restorative Circles (Circuitos Restaurativos, Brazil), Growing a Global Heart, ONE: The Event and One Becoming One, Center for Spiritual Living (Boise, ID), Sun Valley Spiritual Film Festival

Education

College of Idaho B.A., English (1996)

Specialized in Slavic and Feminist Literature; Featured Artist, Senior Art Exhibition (Ceramics and Sculpture); Co-Editor, *The Coyote*

Northwestern and Charles Universities (1997)

Czech Literature and Language Studies, Prague, Czech Republic

Skills

BLUE SKY & PRACTICAL: Strategy Consulting that distills essentials of work, while meeting budgetary needs unique to each client, and support in seeking grants or donors where applicable (with proven success of over \$100,000 in Grant and/or Donor Monies raised for projects involved in or directing)

EDUCATION: Advanced working knowledge of Telecast and Webinar platforms including Maestro Conferencing, Instant Teleseminar, Skype, and Zoom (specific for highest quality audio-visual technology) and “on-the-ground” events and workshop production (PR, Registration, Accounting, Day-Of, and more) Advanced and Proven Success in Webinar Production and Strategy (200 Attendees and \$24K Gross Profit, Teaching Peace in Schools, February-April 2016)

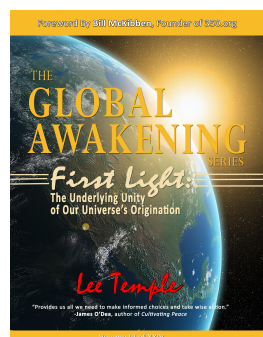
TECH SAVVY: Proficient and Advanced Skills in MS Word, Publisher, Excel, Quickbooks, Adobe Photoshop and InDesign, Mac and Windows Platforms, Audio and Web-based Production, more.

VISUAL CONTENT: Acumen in simple Graphics Design including Website Visuals, Book Covers, One-Pager Promotions, High-Level Report Layouts, and partnership with 10-year Web Design Partner in mapping stunning websites fitting to essence of project. Essential Content Creation by listening to goals, aims, essence.

GETTING THE WORD OUT: Advanced working knowledge of multiple Marketing Platforms including Constant Contact, MailChimp, Facebook Pages and Ads, and social media feed platforms.

TELLING THE STORY: Broadcast Host and Producer, leveraging online and radio technologies to tell stories, inspire. Knowledge of Audacity audio editing, Amazon AWS systems and online podcast platforms, including iTunes and Spotify.

FINANCIAL FLUENCY: Grants and Fundraising Acumen including Foundation and Private Donor cultivation for a wide range of progressive projects and clients.



Got Justice?

"To cultivate a safe and caring community, reduce crime and bring together those involved in crime or conflict to be heard, creating justice for all."



One of the US's leading organizations in Restorative justice & practices



Examples of graphics work include Endorsement bar for Website, Cover design and layout, Social Media-ready promos, and examples of Collaborative Partnership work.

Published Works & Achievements

- Founder/Host & Executive Producer**, [Restorative Justice on The Rise](#)
- Contributor**, [Current Debates in Peace and Conflict Studies](#) (Oxford Press; Ed. Houston Wood, October 2017)
- Journalist/Contributor**: [Open Democracy](#), [Daily Good](#), Huffington Post [Front Page Feature](#) and more
- RJ in Schools Lead Trainer**, Durango Unified School District, 2018
- Guest Lecturer and Featured Presenter**, College of Idaho, 2015-Present. Featured public presentation on Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*; Lectures on Restorative Justice
- Restorative Justice Facilitation Lead Trainer**, 2017-18
- Specialized Training in Nonviolent Communication, Restorative Justice Practices & Facilitation

Boards & Advisory Positions

[Sustainable Futures](#) Founding Member, 2008-9. Boise, Idaho, based program providing re-entry services and employment to female inmates, matching the Green For All concepts (via Van Jones), Personal Development and Restorative Justice.

[National Alliance for the Mentally Ill](#) (Boise, ID Chapter), 2007-9. Raised \$10,000 during Annual Walk and Represented Boise, ID Chapter at National Conference. Featured Speaker at local fundraising events.

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