



Ted Kheel making a presentation of three signed Rauschenberg prints to Sara Cobb of George Mason University, Maria Volpe of John Jay College-CUNY, Melanie Greenberg of the Hewlett Foundation at the Hewlett 2002 conference.

NYC DR ACTIVITIES AFTER 9/11

The NYC-DR group, formed post 9/11, continues to meet to address issues facing the dispute resolution field in New York City. Some of the group's activities have included:

- Monthly brainstorming and work sessions, currently held the first Thursday of each month at John Jay College from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
- Creation of NYC-DR listserv, providing information about dispute resolution in New York City.
- Development and distribution of tipsheets on "How to Make Talk Work" comprised of guidelines for those facilitating discussions without the professional training or background to do so.
- Presentations to groups including the Housing Court Committee of the Association for the Bar of the City of New York about the benefits of mediation in such disputes and the University Faculty Senate of CUNY on facilitation of discussions in the classroom after 9/11.
- Outreach to the media including a television interview with Bronx Talk by Dr. Maria Volpe and Professor Steve Lee. NYC-DR's work has been featured in several issues of *Alternatives*, the newsletter published by the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution.
- Interactive sessions with diverse experts to assist in furthering dispute resolution in New York City including David Addams, Vice President of the New York Urban League, Jacob Marini of John Jay College's Grants Office, and Jerry Capecci of John Jay College's Public Relations Office.

For information on upcoming meetings of the NYC-DR, visit <http://johnjay.jjay.cuny.edu/dispute>.

THREE R's: READINESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

On April 23, the CUNY DRC, together with the New York City Board of Education District 75, hosted a teleconference entitled "The Three Rs to Dealing with Trauma in Schools: Readiness, Response and Recovery" at John Jay College. The broadcast was held in partnership with the Harvard School of Public Health, the Prevention Institute, and the Education Development Center and was designed to share important information about how schools and communities can cope with trauma resulting from September 11th.

CROWN HEIGHTS, TEN YEARS LATER

Two leaders from the Brooklyn Black and Jewish communities spoke about "Crown Heights: Where Are We Ten Years Later?" during Multicultural Awareness Week at John Jay College of Criminal Justice on April 17. The session featured Richard Green, Executive Director of Crown Heights Youth Collective and Bentzion Meltzer, Executive Director of Project Care in Crown Heights. The speakers focused on where the community is ten years after the turmoil of 1992 and on efforts to improve Black-Jewish relations.

SAFE SCHOOLS, SAFE YOUTH: BUILDING CHARACTER AND CREATING ENDURING PEACE HELD

On February 8 and 9, Hunter College School of Education hosted a conference on Safe Schools, Safe Youth, co-sponsored by the CUNY DRC and Educators for Social Responsibility, which explored the causes of youth violence, focused on issues affecting urban youth from pre-K through high school and addressed social action strategies to enable schools and communities to promote nonviolence and caring. Over 200 participants from thirty states attended the conference coordinated by Professor Janet Patti of Hunter College School of Education. Keynote speaker was Linda Lantieri, author of *Schools with Spirit* and co-author of *Waging Peace in Our Schools*.

Fostering Dialogue Post-9/11:

Lessons Learned

On April 4, The Coexistence Initiative and the CUNY DRC sponsored "Fostering Dialogue after 9/11: Changes, Opportunities, and Lessons" bringing together those who have organized, fostered and promoted dialogues in different communities since 9/11. Maggie Herzig, Senior Associate at the Public Conversations Project, shared her experiences as the group examined the development of coexistence-related dialogue in the months post 9/11. Questions addressed included: What obstacles have practitioners faced in bringing people together post 9/11? What unique needs have arisen in the field as a result of 9/11? The event was held at John Jay College.

JPAC: Conflict Resolution Training

The CUNY DRC provided conflict resolution training to members of the Joint Public Affairs Committee (JPAC) for Older Adults in Manhattan in November 2001. JPAC is a multi-cultural social action coalition of older adult representatives from more than 200 senior centers and JPAC community groups throughout Metropolitan New York. Sponsored by the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged (JASA), the objective of JPAC is to assist seniors in promoting policies that will increase positive and constructive development and change.