Neuropsychology and Mediation Reading List
(Updated 11/10)

Here's where to start:

My published stuff:

Books

ELUSIVE PEACE: STRATEGIES FOR RESOLVING 21ST CENTURY CONFLICTS, (in press)
(Prometheus, Buffalo, NY (Spring 2011 release).

SEX, POLITICS & RELIGION AT THE OFFICE: THE NEW COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE, co-authored
with John Boogaert, Auberry Press (Fresno CA 2006).

Chapter 3: The Neuropsychology of Conflict in THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RESOLVING GLOBAL
CONFLICTS: FROM WAR TO PEACE, (M. Fitzduff & C.E. Stout, eds.) vol.1, Praeger

PEACEMAKING: PRACTICING AT THE INTERSECTION OF LAW AND HUMAN CONFLICT (Cascadia
Publishing House, Telford PA 2003)

Articles

“Dealing with Biases in Settlement Decisions,” ADVOCATE, (September 2010)

“The Myth of the Mediator as Settlement Broker,” DISPUTE RESOLUTION JOURNAL, (June-
July 2009)

“Deeper Dimensions,” ABA DISPUTE RESOLUTION MAGAZINE, (September 2007)

Columnist, “Peacemaking,” THE FRESNO BUSINESS JOURNAL, and WWW.MEDIATE.COM,
2000-2006

“Breach of Faith: Mediating Clergy Sexual Abuse Cases,” ARESOLUTION MAGAZINE
(Summer 2004).

“Interest-Based Negotiation,” THE SUCCESSFUL CALIFORNIA ACCOUNTANT, v.57, Summer,
2002,

“Warrior to Peacemaker: One Lawyer’s Journey,” CONCILIATION QUARTERLY, vol. 20, no.
4 pp. 9-10, Fall 2001,

“A Theory of Mediation,” DISPUTE RESOLUTION JOURNAL (Feb. 2001),

“Restorative Justice: A Framework for Fresno,”
http://www.fresno.edu/pacs/docs/rjframe0201.pdf,


“Peacemaking and Conflict Management,” THE SUCCESSFUL CALIFORNIA ACCOUNTANT,
v.55, Fall, 2000,

“Conflict Escalation: A Five Phase Model,” WWW.MEDIATE.COM,
Material I have found to be informative and provocative for mediation practice and theory:

Audio Lectures:

Sapolsky, Robert, "Biology and Human Behavior: The Neurological Origins of Individuality," The Teaching Company Course No. 1597--www.teach12.com--This is my recommendation for a starting place. I listened to this 12 lecture (in 30 minute segments) and found it comprehensive and very useful. Sapolsky is a great teacher and lecturer out of Stanford.

Books:

5. Allman, John, "Evolving Brains," Scientific American Library 1998--this is a great introduction to evolutionary biology and the brain--very readable.

There are hundreds, if not thousands of papers, studies, etc. that I can cite to you, but if you read some or all of the above, you will become grounded in the work.

A couple of tips. First, forget the nomenclature and geography of the brain. You are looking for the big picture, not the nitty-gritty technical stuff. My head hurts when I try to figure out what the nucleus accumbens is or where the medioventral hypothalamus is located, so I accept that the physical layout is not nearly as important has the concept of how it all works. Second, take your time--all of the books are written for well-educated, intelligent lay people, but the stuff is still highly technical. Third, don't expect to gain great insights into mediation practice or human conflict right away. Let this stuff percolate for awhile. Write down your ah-hahs and share them with me. We can talk or write as you move through this material.

Stay in touch.
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