Lessons from Poe: Detecting the Inner Mediator

Poe is acknowledged by many as the genius who invented the detective story and inspired the genre of science fiction. Over 150 years after his death, we can still learn much from the imagination of this author and poet. A skilled mediator is a supreme detective. The foremost, primary, and threshold mystery to solve: What method of mediation is best suited to the individual conflict professional, the parties, and the conflict. We will use an assessment approach to facilitate that first solution. The clues a mediator must be able to read with precision involve self-awareness and self-knowledge, discovery of purpose, theory of mind (or discovering what's in the minds of other people), and razor focus on solutions, not problems. We will take our magnifying glasses to those topics and sharpen those skills. What's science fiction have to do with mediation? Currently conflict resolution training is full of neuroscience that is fiction. We will separate the facts from the fiction and hype. We'll look at several reasons why mediators seem to be so attracted to brain science, and how the goals they want to achieve by looking at the brain often can be achieved more successfully by other solutions. Bringing science fiction to a situation may have worked for Poe but, for us, it's probably not a good tool. Just yards from the crypt of Edgar Allan Poe, let's learn from him and his detective character Auguste Dupin. Let's have fun while looking at dispute resolution with the eyes of Dupin. The roots of the word "detective" are the same as those of "discover," "uncover," and "reveal." The day will be full of discovery and revelations, as we uncover your best mediator intuition, artistry, and discernment.
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PROGRAM

6:30 – 7:00  Networking

7:00  Opening Remarks
  David Simison

Bell Award Comments
  Jonathan Rosenthal
  Hon. Robert M. Bell

7:15  Award Presentation
  Rachel Wohl

7:30  Dinner

7:30—9:00  
Keynote Address
  Stephanie West Allen

Brains on Purpose: Traits and States to Shape Your Conflict Fate

Our brains are changing all the time. We can be in control of those changes or we can have accidental brains, ruled by habit. Stephanie will show you how you can break bad habits, set and reach goals, and maximize your ability to handle conflict through the process of self-directed neuroplasticity. By using some basic techniques, you can take charge of how your brain changes. You can rewire your brain on purpose.