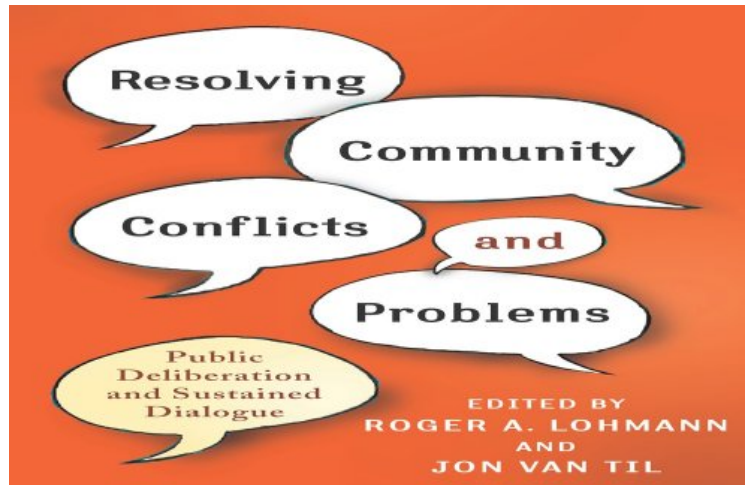


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Public deliberation and group discussion can strengthen civil society, even when participants share a historical animosity. Recently, scholars have begun to study the dialogue that sustains these conversations, especially its power to unite and divide. In these twenty-four essays, contributors read public exchanges and their sustained dialogue in the context of race relations, social justice, ethnic conflicts, public safety, public management, community design, and family therapy. They especially focus on the college campus and its network of organizations and actors, in which open discussion might seem like an idealistic if not foolhardy gesture, but nevertheless is a crucial component of civic harmony.

Resolving Community Conflicts and Problems is a very timely, substantive, and much needed addition to the literature. Far too little is available on the topic of public deliberation and sustained dialogue. I have little doubt that this book will provide an important contribution to the field. (Mark Umbreit, University of Minnesota) About the Author Roger A. Lohmann is emeritus professor of social work at West Virginia University, where he was the founder of the Nova Institute. He is also president of the theory section of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), former editor of the Nonprofit Management and Leadership Journal, and the author of numerous publications, including Breaking Even: Financial Management in Nonprofit Human Services and The Commons: New Perspectives on Nonprofit Organizations, Voluntary Action, and Philanthropy. Jon Van Til is professor emeritus of urban studies and community planning at Rutgers University. He is also past president of ARNOVA, the former editor in chief of the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, executive secretary of the Civil Society Design Network, and author of publications that include Mapping the Third Sector: Voluntarism in a Changing Social Economy; Growing Civil Society: From Nonprofit Sector to Third Space; and Breaching Derry's

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