

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Anna Spain is an Associate Professor (with tenure) at the University of Colorado Law School and a scholar, mediator and lawyer specializing in the promotion of international peace and security.

As a scholar of international law, Professor Spain has published work addressing contemporary challenges in the areas of humanitarian intervention, international dispute resolution, peacebuilding and U.N. Security Council reform in edited manuscripts and law journals. Professor Spain's article, *The U.N. Security Council's Duty to Decide*, published by the Harvard National Security Journal received the American Society of International Law's 2014 Francis Lieber Prize for an outstanding work in the area of law and armed conflict.

As a professor, Professor Spain develops and teaches courses on international dispute resolution, international human rights, international humanitarian law, international law, legal ethics, mediation and national security law. In addition, she provides training for professional audiences and delivers an array of lectures and keynote speeches throughout the U.S. and in Asia and Europe. She is active in the American Society of International Law (former Co-Chair of the Dispute Resolution Section) and the Council on Foreign Relations (former Term Member).

As a mediator for over 20 years, Professor Spain specializes in international and cross-cultural matters. She has worked with an array of organizational clients in government and in academia as well as with communities, families and individuals. She is a founding member and former Board member of Mediators Beyond Borders International and a member of the Alliance for Peacebuilding.

Professor Spain has a background in international arbitration. In 2015, she served as counsel for two African nations in a case before the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. Previously, she served as an Attorney-Adviser at the U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser where she represented the U.S. before the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague in the B/61 hearings and earned two U.S. State Department Meritorious Honor Awards. She was also a U.S. delegate to the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva.

Professor Spain earned her Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School where she served as an executive editor of the Harvard Human Rights Journal and was a recipient of the Heyman Fellowship, the Irving R. Kaufman Fellowship and the Reginald F. Lewis Fellowship. She clerked for the Honorable Judge Raymond Finch in the U.S. District Court of the U.S. Virgin Islands. She earned her B.A. *magna cum laude* at Denison University in environmental studies with a minor in economics. She has trained in negotiation, mediation, conflict resolution and diplomacy with Professor Robert Mnookin and Professor Lawrence Susskind of the Harvard Program on Negotiation, Dr. Kenneth Cloke of Mediators Beyond Borders International, Professor William Zartman of Johns-Hopkins SAIS and at the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute.