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Dr. Cobb is widely published. Her book, *Speaking of Violence: The Politics and Poetics of Narrative in Conflict Resolution* (Oxford University Press) lays out the theoretical basis for a narrative lens on both conflict analysis and conflict resolution; this perspective presumes that conflict is a struggle over meaning, anchored in and by the stories we tell. Formerly Executive Director of the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, she has been a leader in the fields of negotiation and conflict resolution studies, conducting narrative research on environmental conflicts, complex adaptive conflict systems, serious games (wargames), and, more recently, risk reduction within polarized, as well as violent narrative landscapes.