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Dr. Michelle Garred is an applied researcher using her 20 years of experience to increase effectiveness within the peace and justice field. She is a leading facilitator of collaborative learning processes among global peace, advocacy, humanitarian, and development organizations. An expert in identity-based conflict, her work helps practitioners to navigate the complicated nexus between ethnicity, religion and everyday politics. Her latest book is [*Making Peace with Faith: The Challenges of Religion and Peacebuilding*](#).

As the Principal Consultant at Ripple – Peace Research & Consulting, LLC, Michelle advises mission-driven organizations on how to work more effectively situations of conflict, injustice and fragility. Her specialties include context-driven strategy development; monitoring, evaluation and learning for peace and justice initiatives; and customized support for faith-based and interreligious action. She is increasingly known for her innovative, contextualized approaches to the evaluation of interreligious peacebuilding.

In her previous work, Michelle was a Senior Advisor at CDA Collaborative Learning Projects, where she led CDA's contribution to the Effective Interreligious Action in Peacebuilding Project and the USAID Fragility and Conflict Technical Resource Service. She was also the Associate Director of Peacebuilding at World Vision International, where she established the global, multi-agency reach of the Making Sense of Turbulent Contexts approach to participatory macro-analysis that informs strategy development.

Michelle has directed conflict sensitivity and peacebuilding mainstreaming across the Asia-Pacific, and civil society development in the post-war Balkans. She has also spearheaded multiple action research efforts to adapt Do No Harm tools for multi-faith organizations, with research grants from the International Peace Research Association Foundation, the Peace and Justice Studies Association, and the Religious Research Association. She serves on the Board of Directors for Peace Catalyst International.

Michelle has lived in México, Kosovo, the Philippines, Singapore and the USA, and provided short-term technical assistance in 27 other countries. Her working languages are English and Spanish. She holds a PhD in Peace Studies from Lancaster University and a dual MPA/MA from the University of Washington. Currently based in Seattle, Michelle blogs and shares publications at <https://michellegarred.net>.