

FACILITATING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES
Continuing Series on Leadership Development



Lunch 'n Learn via Zoom

February 25, 2021, 11:30-1:00 p.m.

As part of the Lunch 'n Learn Educational Program Series brought to you by Juneau County Extension



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As the Organizational and Leadership Development Program Manager, Sarah works across the state to conduct applied research and design locally relevant programs that grow the capacity of leaders and organizations. Sarah is responsible for overall coordination, support, resourcing and vision for the Organizational and Leadership Development Program. Sarah has 18 years of experience in the fields of community and leadership development. Most recently she served as the Leadership Wisconsin Program Manager. Leadership Wisconsin Programs focus on connecting, cultivating and amplifying the effectiveness of leaders. Sarah, as Executive Director, traveled to Kazakhstan with Gary Kirking on the LW International Seminar. Sarah was instrumental in launching the Local Government Leadership Academy, a program designed to help local government leaders enhance their leadership skills, expand their networks, and implement tools to address issues impacting local government. Sarah lives in Madison with her husband and son, Anwar.



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Myles Alexander supports community development by local governments, non-profits and community groups. He facilitates strategic planning, public participation, and serves on the Community Vitality and Placemaking Team. Myles has graduate degrees in Architecture (Minnesota) and Urban and Regional Planning (U of Ill. at Urbana-Champaign). Myles worked at the Center for Engagement and Community Development at Kansas State University. Myles is a member of the International Association for Public Participation, Community Development Society and National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation. His hobbies include reading and singing in the *Sacred Harp* shape note tradition.

- **Explore key tools and strategies to engage dialogue on controversial local issues**
- **Learn methods to make conversations inclusive and respectful**
- **Learn how to move community discussions and concerns to action**

RSVP by February 23, 2021 4:00 p.m.

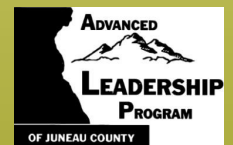
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You will be sent the Zoom link for the program on Feb. 24.



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As an Associate Professor and Community Resource and Economic Development Agent for the UW-Madison Division of Extension in Juneau County, Kirking works with communities, organizations, and business and industry in the areas of strategic planning and problem solving, economic and business development, and new business startups to help them develop and maintain a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Kirking coordinates the Juneau County Lunch 'n Learn Professional Development Series, and Advanced Leadership Program and served as Co-Chair of the Leadership Wisconsin International Seminar. He has helped over 500 start-up companies in western Wisconsin and has presented his work on rural development and entrepreneurship internationally. In 1999 Governor Tommy Thompson recognized Kirking for having one of the top rural development initiatives in Wisconsin. He is a certified Achieve Global facilitator, a Dale Carnegie Graduate Assistant and completed the full Covey 7 Habits coursework.



Gary Kirking