

## **Navigate Difficult Conversations**

Friday, September 8, 2023 at School of Government

**9:00 am** Welcome, overview, introductions

**9:25 am** What makes some conversations so difficult?

**9:55 am** Break

**10:05 am** Respond, don't react: learning to use the "ladder of inference"

10:55 am Break

**11:05 am** Pairs exercise: "lowering your ladder"

Noon Lunch

1:00 pm More tools to reduce frustration & increase understanding

2:00 pm Break

2:15 pm Small group breakout sessions: set the stage for success

**3:30 pm** Creating your personal action plan

3:45 pm Evaluation and adjourn