I joined OCDC in January 2007 and remained a member until graduating in May of 2010. OCDC and the ideas I learned there—the concept of multipartiality, the importance of stories and dialogue—were definitely a guiding force in my experience at Oberlin. They informed how I approached my class work in my comparative American studies and environmental studies majors, advocacy and programming in TAG and with the ELC, and tutoring in the Writing Center and with GED students at the Lorain County Joint Vocational School. After Oberlin, I brought my commitment to social justice to a nonprofit, supporting public education in Cleveland Heights, and I’m currently working with a special education class outside of Sacramento, where skills of letting students tell their stories without feeling like they have to be defensive helps me facilitate classroom conflict discussions daily!

OCDC meant so much to me as an Oberlin student, and I have countless fond memories. I loved the moments of seeing people in a mediation start to empathize with each other, OCDC meetings where a supportive community was fostered, and frequent visits to YB’s office to share stories. I am so pleased to celebrate its 10-year anniversary and look forward to hearing about many more fabulous years to come.