

38 Facilitators' Biographies

ARNIEL, Bob (Chef)

Bob is a certified chef de cuisine and is owner of Chef to Go, a local food management and consultancy service.

ASH, Geoff

Geoff is a professional photographer and an experienced IT instructor.

BECKETT, Tom

Tom is an Opimium Wine Society hall-of-famer and author of "Beckett on Wine".

BENNETT, Randy

Randy has played competitive Bridge at provincial, national and international levels.

BOYLE, Michael

Michael is a teacher who is active in local organizations and events that celebrate Newfoundland's rich Irish heritage.

BUTT, Andy

Andy has extensive experience in mediation, coaching, conflict management, workplace assessments and labour arbitration.

BUTT, Lee

Lee is an avid writer of creative poetry and has focused his academic work on popular culture studies particularly in the area of graphic novels.

CRICKARD, Don

Don is the founder and operator of Crickard Communications.

DAWSON, Margarita

Margarita has extensive experience in teaching conversational Spanish and is a busy translator and interpreter.

DAWSON, Peter

Peter has developed and taught numerous classes in landscaping, gardening and turf management.

DYMOND, Garry

Garry is a member of the Royal Astronomy Society of Canada and the province's representative on the Meteorite and Impacts advisory committee for the Canadian Space Agency.

EVANS, Amy

Amy is a creative journal maker. She has extensive experience in the areas of book arts, painting and sculpting.

GEORGE, Penny

Penny is a Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) with 10 years of combined experience in IT management and IT support roles.

GOUGH, Frank

Frank is a French instructor with the Association for New Canadians and has taught in the federal government's language training program.

HANCOCK, Tiffany

Tiffany is an experienced French and English tutor, particularly in the area of planning and organization of stimulating curricula for young children.

HANN, Yvonne

Yvonne is a PhD candidate (arts), specializing in British renaissance drama.

HAPGOOD, Carolyn

Carolyn is the director of the C-STEP Program with the John Howard Society of NL and has over 15 years of experience with community-based social programs.



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HAYWARD, Ryan

Ryan is a computer consultant with a local IT company and a school systems administrator.

HENDERSON, Tiffany

Tiffany has a wide variety of volunteer and coaching experiences involving youth.

HENDER, Nick (Chef)

Nick is an experienced sommelier and Red Seal chef, providing wine and food services and consultations for individual and corporate clients.

JEANS, Deborah

Deborah is a certified genealogist. Her work has been featured on local television and in a variety of publications.

KAVANAGH, Ed

In addition to being an award-winning writer, Ed has worked as an actor, director, musician, teacher, university lecturer and editor.

KEATING, Emily

Emily has extensive training in competitive dance, and advanced instructional workshoping in Canada and New York.

KNUTSON, Sonja

Sonja is manager of the International Student Advising Office at Memorial. She has extensive experience facilitating workshops dealing with cross-cultural communication issues.

KROLL, Mariana

With Portuguese as her first language, Mariana is a professionally trained German and English teacher, fluently bilingual in all three languages!

LEE, Mike

Mike is a middle-school teacher and also organizes Lego Robotics classes for youth.

LOMOND, Ted

Ted is executive director of the NL Regional Economic Development Association.

LONGTIN, Dan

Dan holds fourth degree black belts in Hapkido, Jui Jitsu, Ryukyu –Kenpo, as well as a fifth degree black belt in Black Arts Military Unarmed Combat.

MACPHERSON, Roary (Chef)

Chef MacPherson is a certified, award-winning chef de cuisine. He is also the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland's executive chef.

MATTHEWS, Craig

Craig is president of NewView Consulting. He's a certified emotional intelligence and effective intelligence coach.

MAUNDER, Jim

Jim is an award-winning artist, art teacher and adjudicator.

NEWBURY, Jennifer

Jennifer is a partner with Martin, Whalen, Hennebury & Stamp law office. She has extensive board governance experience with the both the provincial and national Canadian Bar Association.

NEVILLE, Shelley

Shelley has extensive experience as a voice teacher, adjudicator, clinician, music theatre instructor/performer and choral conductor.

O'BRIEN, Susan

Susan is a graduate of Memorial's School of Music (1984). She has conducted the St. John's Choir for several years and has won several conducting awards for her work with school choirs.

O'LEARY, Theresa

Theresa is an experienced mediator and conflict management professional and has extensive experience as a trainer in communication training.

PERRY, Tammy

Tammy is a multimedia specialist with Memorial's Faculty of Medicine.

PICKETT, Stan

Stan is a button accordion instructor and plays the instrument in two local bands.

ROY, Ruth

Ruth has taught French to a wide range of participants, from primary students in the K-12 system to private- and public-sector employees.

PRATT, Beth

Beth is an experienced instructor with a passion for the history of fine art.

RYAN, Angie (Chef)

Angie is an award winning chef and a pastry master for nearly 14 years. She is currently chef de partie (pastry) at the Sheraton Hotel for the last five years, and has been a pastry master for nearly 14 years.



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RYAN, Beth

Beth is an award-winning fiction writer and a former journalist, whose talent and training has taken her into the web writing and web usability fields.

RYAN, Patricia (Pat)

Pat is an art education instructor with Memorial's Faculty of Education. Her works hang in private residences and businesses in Canada and the U.S.

RYAN, Rob

In addition to being a highly-skilled IT specialist, Rob has years of experience teaching accounting and computerized accounting.

REYNISH, Tamara

Tamara is an experienced instructional designer and editor. She holds an MA and has over 15 years of experience in technical and academic documentation.

SHEPPARD, Thomas

Thomas is a middle-school teacher and also organizes Lego Robotics competitions around Newfoundland and Labrador.

SKIRVING, Louise

Louise has been educating the hearing impaired for almost 30 years, serving as an instructor, interpreter and evaluator.

SLANEY, Debbie

Debbie obtained her payroll manager designation from the University of Waterloo. She has a broad background in accounting and payroll administration.

SNOW, Michelle

Michelle is an etiquette coach and has more than 12 years of experience as an organizer of strategic events.

SQUIRES, Gerald (Gerry)

Gerry is a member of the Order of Canada and a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts.

STACK, Andrea

Andrea is an associate investment adviser with CIBC Wood Gundy, as well as a Fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute.

STEFFEN, Dr. Martin

Martin has been teaching music theory and composition across Canada and the U.S. for more than 15 years.

SWAIN, Darrell

Darrell is manager of corporate risk for Johnson Inc.

THOMPSON, Dr. Marilyn

Marilyn is director of organizational management and design for the province's Public Service Secretariat.

TWELLS, Alex

Alex has over 18 years of experience with some of the world's best-known businesses such as Coke, Anheuser-Busch and Unilever, working in senior roles in marketing, supply-chain management and as an organizational consultant.

WARREN, Dianne

Dianne has 35 years of experience in textile arts with a special focus on rug hooking. She is director of the Guild's rug hooking school.

WHALEN, Doreen

Doreen has been facilitating workshops and seminars in office procedures, time management and communications for more than 25 years.

WHALEN, Julie

Julie studied art at Sheridan College and classical animation at Algonquin College. She has worked as an art teacher, portraitist, caricaturist and animator.

WHIFFEN, Bruce

Bruce has been a meteorologist for almost 25 years and has extensive experience presenting meteorology to the public through a variety of media.

WICKS, Andrew

Andrew holds a B.Mus from Memorial University in Guitar Performance and Theory/Composition. He has been touted as a superb guitarist and has over six years of teaching experience.

WRIGHT, Marie-Beth

Marie-Beth has been teaching core and immersion French for more than 15 years. She also has bilingual experience within the federal public service.

YETMAN, David

David is a doctoral candidate in Community Health, focusing on ethics, knowledge mobilization and public engagement. He has eight years senior management experience with knowledge mobilization and community development, is a certified project manager and has been a private consultant for women in business for six years.

YOUNG, Robert

Robert is owner/operator of Celebrity Photo Studio. He is an experienced photography teacher and an accomplished commercial photographer.

XING, Xianli

Xianli is an experienced teacher of Mandarin and provides contractual services as an interpreter and translator.