

38 Facilitators' Biographies

BECKETT, Tom

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

BELHASSEN, Dan

Dan is an expert in eMarketing. He does writing, training and consulting all over North America on the topic.

BOONE, Corey

Corey is an award-winning wood carver, having studied his vocation under master carver and world champion, Robert Ptashnik.

BUTT, Andy

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

CARDENAS, Carolina

Carolina holds a graduate degree from Memorial (MSc) and is bilingual in both Spanish and English.

CARROLL, Carman

Carman is an experienced archivist and has had a long career in records information, records management storage and retrieval.

COATES, Julie

Julie is vice president for information services at Learning Resources Network (LERN).

CONRAD, Rita-Marie

Rita-Marie is co-author of *Faculty Guide to Moving Teaching and Learning to the Web*, which assists faculty nationwide (US) with decisions regarding the move of a course to the web.

CRICKARD, Don

Don is the founder/operator of Crickard Communications.

CUERRIER, Edith

Edith has 21 years of experience as a photographer for the military and is an MA candidate for Ryerson's photographic preservation and collections management program.

DAWSON, Margarita

Margarita has extensive experience in teaching conversational Spanish.

DAWSON, Peter

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

DELLABOUGH, Kassia

Kassia has written on the subject of generational management and speaks on the subject all over the United States and Canada.

DIMITT, Heather

Heather is a Gen Xer who does educational programming and marketing to Generation X and Gen Y with the continuing education and career training program at the Columbia, Missouri, public schools.

DRAVES, William A.

William is a leading futurist, speaker and co-author of *Nine Shift: Work, Life and Education in the 21st Century*. He has been working from home for more than 10 years.

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 holds a B.A. and a B.Ed. and has extensive teaching experience. She is also an experienced baker for local restaurants featuring vegetarian cuisine, including St. John's Farmer Market, as well as a volunteer with NL Organics.

FALCONER, Brid

Brid is a teacher, broadcast and print journalist, academic, IT specialist and passionate promoter of the Irish (Gaelic) language; a vocation she has brought to Newfoundland this year: the result of a scholarship she's received to teach Irish at MUN as part of her MA in Translation Studies for the Irish Language in Queens University, Belfast.

FABRETTO, Cristina

Cristina is a graduate of the prestigious Universita' di Venezia.

FORTIER, Sylvie

Sylvie is a strength and conditioning specialist with Memorial's Allied Health Services.

GEORGE, Penny

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

GOSSE, Gail

Gail is an adult educator and has extensive secretarial, board member and chairperson experiences.

GOUGH, Frank

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

GRIGGIO, Consuelo

Consuelo, a native Italian, has a MA (teaching Italian language and culture to foreigners) from the University of Venice. She has been teaching foreign languages for 10 years.

HADDARA, (Dr.) Mahmoud

Dr Haddara is Imam of the Al-Noor Temple in St. John's.

HANCOCK, Tiffany

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

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.

HAYWARD, Ryan

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

HENDER, (Chef) Nick

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

HODDER, Sara

Sara, a graduate of NSCADU, is a local fashion designer whose apparel has been sold in boutiques in Montreal and St. John's.

HURRELL, Susan

Susan is an online marketing specialist. She helps clients know how to connect web viewers to the products, services or information they are searching for.

KART, Suzanne

Suzanne is director of marketing for a national association in lifelong learning. Her current work involves Twitter, eMarketing, social networks, and blogs, as well as traditional print and direct marketing.

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.

KELLOWAY, Rowena

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KLAUSS, Sally

Sally has an extensive background in management, employee training and development, total quality management and business management. She is also a leadership coach specializing in management development.

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!

LOMOND, Ted

Ted is executive director of the Newfoundland and Labrador 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.

MACKENZIE, Meagan

Meagan is a doctoral candidate in clinical experimental psychology, with significant experience in the usage and teaching of SPSS.

MACPHERSON, (Chef) Roary

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

MARSELLO, Greg

Greg supervises employees, contract workers and consultants from a distance and is an expert on operations, staff structure and organizational efficiency.

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.

MERCER, Kathleen

Kathy is a licenced Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine with Health for Life.

NEGRIJN, (Cpt.) Jan

Cpt. Negrijn has worked in numerous positions in the marine ecology sector. He holds national interpreter accreditation in the natural heritage category.

NEVILLE, Shelley

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

NEWBURY, Jennifer

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

O'NEILL, Jennifer

Jennifer has many years experience in the not-for-profit field and as fund-raiser she has managed everything from annual funds and events to corporate and individual major gifts.

PALLOFF, (Dr.) Rena M.

Rena is co-author of *Building Online Learning Communities*, and one of the managing partners of Crossroads Consulting Group. She is one of the foremost authorities on online learning and is a highly sought after presenter.

PERRY, Tammy

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

PRATT, Beth

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

PRATT, Keith

Keith is co-author of *Building Online Learning Communities*, and one of the managing partners of Crossroads Consulting Group. He is one of the foremost authorities on online learning and is a highly sought after presenter.

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.

RICE, Terry

Terry is a editorial and commercial photographer, with numerous years of portrait and wedding photography experience. His work has been found in MacLean's, NY Magazine and Fashion 18 magazines, and his clients range from L'Oréal to Provincial Airlines.

RIZVI, (Dr.) Hasnain

Dr. Rizvi has lead Six Sigma initiatives at Rogers and has managed complex programs and projects across North America. He conducts Six Sigma training globally.

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ROSALES, Janna

Janna honed her chocolate appreciation skills at a "chocolate school" run by one of her favorite Toronto chocolatiers. She has returned to St. John's to share with fellow chocolate-lovers the fun, flavor, and nuances of chocolate-tasting.

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.

RYAN, (Chef) Angie

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

RYAN, Rob

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

RYAN, Stephan

Stephan is an upcoming IT professional who has over 13 years of PC experience, with a particular focus on gaming, simulators and other applications.

RYAN, Wallace

Wallace has worked extensively as a freelance graphic designer and teacher. He has recently returned from New York City where he's worked since 2006 with such companies as Barneys New York, AOL and Guess Jeans.

SCATENA, Debora

Debora is an experienced ECE with a focus on languages and programming for multi-lingual children.

SELKE, Jennifer

Jennifer is speaker and consultant in the area of social media. She is also a faculty member in the University of California Berkeley, Graduate School of Education.

SHEA, Judy

Judy taught ASL for many years at the Newfoundland School for the Deaf.

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 wide-ranging 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.

SPIRIT of Newfoundland

Spirit of NL is a company of professionally trained vocalists who flaunt their Newfoundland heritage by singing passionate, vibrant and harmony-filled Newfoundland songs.

STEFFEN, (Dr.) Martin

Dr. Steffen 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.

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.

WALL, Sherina

Sherina has extensive experience with Information Technology and Project Management, with in depth knowledge and teaching experience with Microsoft Office.

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's worked as an art teacher, animator, portraitist and caricaturist.

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.

WOODROW, Janine

Janine is a Registered Dietitian within the Newfoundland and Labrador College of Dietitians and a certified group fitness instructor

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.

YETMAN, Meleny

Meleny has taught visual arts at numerous schools inside and outside the St. John's metro region. She is currently teaching art and clothing courses at Holy Heart of Mary High School and continues to practice painting and drawing in various mediums.

YOUNG, Robert

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