SUMMER 2022 INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Michael Booth taught finance and economics as a hobby at 8 universities, including 10 years at UT Dallas. As a semi-retired independent contractor, he wrote and led managerial finance seminars for 20 years for TX Instruments, and for Sensata Technologies and others in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Israel, and India. His background includes commercial banking, startups, and turnaround projects.

Richard Cudlipp is a graduate of the Naval Academy and a twenty-year veteran of the Air Force. An engineer and a history buff, he previously taught at De Vry University and Richland College. Richard has been teaching with SAIL over 10 years.

Lishan Desta, Ph.D. earned a doctorate in political science from University of Texas Dallas. He is full-time faculty at Collin Colleges McKinney campus teaching Economics. He has lived on three continents and teaches from his varied background in history, culture and world affairs.

Paul Dolliver earned degrees in History and Geology from Baylor University. He is a geologist, Texas Master Naturalist, reader and frequenter of art museums. Paul currently teaches geology courses and SAIL classes at Collin College, in addition to Hill and Dallas Colleges.

Joe Dowdall, MBA has worked in the financial services industry for over 16 years and has spent the last 12 years as a financial planner in North Texas. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree from the State University of New York and his M.B.A. in Finance from Saint Joseph’s Haub School of Business. Joe is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®), Chartered Retirement Plan Consultant (CRPC) and a Retirement Income Certified Professional (RICP).

Kyra Effren has had an extensive and international experience in the world of food and cookbooks! She received her Bachelor's in Social Sciences from UCT Cape Town, RSA. Kyra did her post grad studies in Labor Relations at Columbia University. She is also a licentiate in Music Teaching from the Royal School of Music and University South Africa Schools. Kyra was the owner of Cours de Cuisine Cooking School and has worked with The Dallas Morning News for over 15 years. She currently is collaborating with the City of Dallas and other organizations to combat food insufficiency in Dallas with the elderly population.

Lisa Evans-Reagan is a self-professed foodie and career communications professional. She loves to learn and share knowledge that she has acquired. One of her favorite elective courses in college was “Meal Management.” The information she learned in that class has been put into practice for decades, whether she’s picking up take-out from a favorite restaurant or cooking (or reheating) at home.

Judith Fishman has been playing Mah Jongg since her teenage years. Besides playing “maj”, she has owned and operated her own retail store, founded and led a social service organization for women, and had a home staging/decorating business. She has been married to her wonderful husband for 44 years and has two grown children.

Greg Indelicato holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from Queens College, CUNY and a Master's degree in Earth and Space Sciences from Stonybrook University (SUNY). He has worked as a professional geologist in several capacities, including minerals exploration, petroleum geophysics, exploration geochemistry, geotechnical, hydrogeologic engineering and environment geology. He also had an opportunity to work with lunar rocks and glasses from Apollo 12 and 15. Greg has lectured on various subjects ranging from Physical Geology to exploration methods for base metals and uranium.

Matthew Hamilton, Ph.D. is a full-time faculty member of the History Department at the Collin College Central Park Campus in McKinney. He is a graduate of the University of North Texas with a Doctorate of Philosophy in American history. Dr. Hamilton’s area of expertise is the Antebellum South and has several scholarly publications and professional presentations to his name. Currently, he is working on Southern identity in the secession crisis of 1860-61.
Janet Harris Ph.D. has taught literature and writing for over twenty-five years, coached readers and writers in pursuing their personal goals, and reviewed books. As an editor, Dr. Harris has guided writers in publishing over 150 books. She has taught literature and creative writing and advises SMU graduate students in completing theses and dissertations. She has retired several times, the first from UT-Dallas.

Gay Ann Kiser M.Ed. is a retired English teacher. In November of 2020, she published her autobiography titled, Take Three, which traces her experiences growing up in the foster care system and the village of people who saved her. She has published 8 women’s fiction novels on Amazon under her pen name, Tessa Gray. Her true passion is teaching, and her career has included everything from teaching kindergarten to college students. To view the types of books Gay Ann writes, visit her website: www.tessagray.com

Daphne Lee holds a Master of Science degree in Instructional Design from Boise State University. While at Boise State University, she also earned a graduate certificate in Workplace e-Learning and Performance Support (WELP’s) where she developed e-learning and blended learning projects to address workplace performance interventions. In addition, Daphne has Microsoft networking certifications. She and her husband have been in the Dallas area for 25 years. They have two beautiful Golden Retrievers and enjoy classic, American cars. You can find her at https://www.facebook.com/matureadultstechntrain.

Sarita Malhotra is a Certified Personal Trainer with a special focus on nutrition and gentle yoga. She holds a B.S. in psychology from UTD. Sarita has a passion for healthy cooking and eating and is an advocate of a healthy lifestyle for both mind and body. She practices mindfulness meditation on a regular basis and teaches practical techniques for stress management.

Edward L. McClelland, Ph.D. has extensive economic and financial experience and expertise. He has authored numerous economic impact studies for both public and private organizations and directed the economic research activities as chief economist for RepublicBank Corporation. Dr. McClelland has briefed boards of directors of RepublicBank Corporation and the President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He is a skilled forecaster, speech writer, public speaker, has extensive experience with media relations and has taught as an adjunct professor.

Jennifer Parsley is the educator for the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site in Denison, Texas. She is a public historian, who has worked at a number of historic sites including the Alamo, and a Civil War fort in Delaware.

Ryan Pettengill Ph.D., earned a doctorate of philosophy in American history from Michigan State University in 2009. In that same year, he began teaching history at Dallas College. In 2021, Dr. Pettengill began teaching at the Wylie campus with Collin College. His scholarship and research interests are based in the history of labor and working-class activism and his most recent book examines community-based activism in Detroit throughout the 1940s and 1950s. Dr. Pettengill’s current research project involves the modern labor movement’s involvement in human rights. He resides in the area where he and his wife are raising two wonderful children.

Lori Runl has a M.A. in Art Education with a concentration in Watercolor. She has been teaching since 1995. She received a scholarship to an Art program in Europe to study with watercolor artist, Rob Erdle, while working on her M.A. While Lori enjoys working in all mediums, watercolor techniques and styles are a prominent element in much of her work.

Elizabeth Wallenberg is a psychologist and counselor with ample experience in bilingual school counseling and psychotherapy. She has a Master’s degree in Science and a Master’s in Education. Elizabeth is an L.P.C. and has worked in private practice.

Don Wolman is a teacher, world traveler and writer. He teaches classes in world geography, travel, history and science. Don holds a Bachelor’s degree in Engineering from MIT and a Master’s degree in Physics from Tufts University. He works part-time as a technical writer and volunteers as a speaker/presenter around the DFW area.