Amira Shaham-Albalancy Ph.D., studied in the Animal Sciences Department of the Faculty of Agriculture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her specialty was the endocrine physiology of the reproductive system of dairy cows and worked as a private consultant to farms and firms in the agricultural industry. Dr. Albalancy moved to Texas from Israel in 2001 and started teaching at Collin College as associate faculty in 2004. She became full-time faculty for Collin College in 2006 and teaches human Anatomy and Physiology classes for science and non-science majors at the Frisco campus and a course of Introduction to Animal Science at the Wylie Campus.

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Michael Booth taught finance and investments 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.

Flora Brands has a B.A. in Criminal Justice/Pre-Law and is certified as an EMT Paramedic. She worked with Collin County Office of Homeland Security as Co-Coordinator of the Medical Reserve Corps. Flora fulfilled multiple roles serving on Command Staff, volunteer supervisor and “point of dispensing” volunteer, since 2010. She is Advanced Disaster Life Support and Advanced Incident Command System certified.

Andy Brooks is a financial services professional in Allen, TX. He is active in the Senior Services Coalition of the Allen/Fairview Chamber of Commerce and in other organizations that impact senior issues.

Jenney Chang came to the United States from a small island in the orient where she received an excellent basic art background at National-Taiwan Normal University. Her medium is Chinese brush ink painting and her subject matter comes from the world of nature which is deeply rooted in her soul. Since 1993, after receiving a Master’s degree in art from Texas A&M Commerce, color, collage and structures have played a strong role in her art.

Robin Cole-Jett is the Red River Historian. For over twenty years, she has researched, documented, and shared the history of the Red River Valley of the Southwest through her website, exhibits, presentations, books, articles, and a few TV and radio appearances. She teaches history at area colleges and works as a publisher, writer, and museum consultant.

Monica Cubberly has a Master’s Degree in History from the University of Texas at San Antonio and is currently a full-time faculty member on the McKinney Campus of Collin College. Monica has also taught part-time at the Rockwall Campus, the Frisco Campus and the Plano Campus, while working as a full-time public-school teacher. She has been teaching for Collin over 20 years. History is her passion and she loves to share what she considers to be the most interesting information the past has to offer.

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 DeVry University and Richland College. Richard has been a dedicated instructor for SAIL for many years and enjoys sharing his love of history with the SAIL members.
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Clayton Cummings grew up in Tom Bean, Texas. He went to the university of North Texas where he graduated with a Bachelors in History and a minor in Spanish. He earned an M.A. in History in 2017 and a Masters of Education in 2019. He has also briefly worked in politics in 2015, where he met many presidential candidates in New Hampshire, including Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders, and John McCain. His personal interests are global trade, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, advocating for an internationally recognized Kurdish state, the Protestant Reformation (obviously), the Enlightenment, the American Revolution, the Antebellum/Early National Period, and WWII and the Cold War.

Shiva Davanloo has a Ph.D. in Nutrition Sciences and has been teaching nutrition courses, both undergraduate and graduate for over 20 years during which she supervised different thesis and dissertations, practiced dietetics and has worked as the chair for the Clinical Nutrition department at her previous workplace. She has been with Collin College for the past 11 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.

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.

Bruce Eisen is a CPA with degrees in political science and economics and a master’s degree in accounting. Most of his career was spent as chief operating and financial officer for several Jewish Federations.

Jose Figueroa retired in 2018 after 42 years working in diverse areas of engineering, loss prevention, insurance and re-insurance. He is multilingual, and practiced re-insurance when he resided in Europe, Latin American and the U.S.A. Jose has demonstrated knowledge in various disciplines, including risk management, loss investigation, history and geopolitics. He is now a Public Notary, in addition to teaching in the SAIL program with Collin College.

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 43 years and has two grown children.

Jerry Frankel M.D. retired from the practice of medicine after almost forty years as a urologist. Now as a Bridge instructor, he feels like an ambassador for improving the lives of fellow seniors through this challenging and fun game.

Nicole Grose, Ph.D. earned her Ph.D. in Quantitative Biology from the University of Texas at Arlington. Her specialty is Cell Physiology. Nicole has taught various courses of Anatomy & Physiology for over 15 years. She will retire in August 2021 after teaching Human Anatomy & Physiology courses at Collin College for 12 years. Nicole is looking forward to this next chapter of her life teaching for SAIL.
Matthew K. 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 teaches academic and creative writing courses in the Doctor and Master of Liberal Studies program at SMU. She has retired several times, the first from UT-Dallas.

Margo Hicks taught high-school English for thirteen years in Houston ISD before retiring nine years ago to move to Dallas to be near her family. Before going back to teaching in 1999, she was an insurance broker for oil and gas companies and has a CPCU designation. Margo has a B.A. in English and Drama from Ouachita University and a M.Ed. from the University of Houston.

Chi Chi Hoquee is a retired I.T. consultant and has enjoyed the camaraderie of the SAIL group for the past 20 years. Born in the Republic of Panama from Asian descendants, she enjoys traveling and experiencing different ways of life.

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) as well as an MBA from Oklahoma City University. He holds several certifications in the wine and spirits discipline, notably WSET 1 and 2; World MasterClass of Whisky and Certified Bourbon Steward. Recently retired, Greg now pursues opportunities to share his knowledge and love of wine and spirits with his fellow enthusiasts.

David Katz speaks Yiddish and is a mathematics instructor at Collin College. He has completed summer courses in Yiddish at Oxford university, YIVO Institute in New York, Yiddish book Center in Massachusetts, and the university of Wisconsin. David believes that the Yiddish language is an essential gateway to a broader appreciation of the Jewish culture.

Gay Ann Kiser, M.Ed. is a retired English teacher who writes women’s fiction novels under the pen name, Tessa Gray. Her western themed, women’s fiction novels include (3) books published by SoulMate Publish. The remainder of her books are self-published on Amazon. In November of 2020, Gay published her memoir; a very poignant account of her life in the foster care system and the village of people who served as mentors. A retired school teacher, her teaching experiences range from kindergarten to college students. Drawn to writing while attending the annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine, Texas, Gay is a member of the Texas Mountain Trail Writers. She resides in Fairview on a 3-acre ranch with her husband of 48 years, Jim.

Jim Lamb, Ph.D., is a retired college professor and IT manager. After receiving a doctorate in philosophy from Brown University, he taught classes at SMU. He was also Director of Computer Services at Ebby Halliday Realtors for 28 years.

Steve Lund has taught writing and literature and music classes to adult, university, community college, high school, ESL (and even prison inmate) populations for 42 years. His Opera Society at Lutheran High School of Dallas was featured in the Dallas Morning News. He also sponsored and played in a jazz group at the school. Mr. Lund has also appeared on local radio stations (The Wolf, The Ticket and i93) talking about (believe it or not!) Mozart’s opera, The Magic Flute, and Wordsworth poem about “Tintern Abbey.” He is the author of a book about the James Joyce literary archives at Southern Illinois University and a grammar book entitled, Loving Grammar: Mr. Lund’s Guide to Professional Clamdigging.
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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.

Sonia Meltzer is a graduate of UT Dallas with a master’s in interdisciplinary studies with coursework in holocaust studies, literature, history, history of criticism and aesthetics.

Carrie Oransky is a CPA and an art history enthusiast. Since 2012, she has been teaching the History of Western Art to students in the home school community around Plano and McKinney. She believes that the intrinsic value of our shared humanity is discovered through our understanding of a culture’s art. She is looking forward to sharing her love of art with the SAIL students.

Lori Ruml 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. She has taught middle school art in the public schools, private lessons, home school art seminars and community art classes. Currently, she teaches at Collin College, Plano Parks and Rec, and the after-school art programs within the Plano school district. As the owner of The Art Experience, she also does murals, custom work, and art parties in addition to community art classes. Her interests extend to all mediums of art from acrylic, oil, and watercolor to sculpture and pottery. She has also had the honor of learning from Renaissance style painter, Frank Covino, focusing on oil painting in classical styles.

Steve Rummel is a 22-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force with experience in space and missile operations and has extensive experience developing and testing new satellite operating systems. He worked for Raytheon for 3 years developing the next generation GPS system. Steve has master’s degrees in Aeronautical Science and Business Management and Master’s Degree in International Relations.

Christine Smith is a professional artist whose career has spanned multiple areas of expertise. A graduate of The Art Institute of Dallas, she started her career right out of college in the video game industry, creating art and animation. She is accredited on 7 published titles over a decade long span in the entertainment industry. She spent years freelancing as a graphic designer, photographer and web developer until she founded the WERX Foundation, and served as President and Executive Director, assisting nearly 100 start-up companies to become successful small businesses. Christine is also a fine artist, an Adjunct Professor at Collin College and serves as President of the Visual Arts League of Allen (VALA). As an extension of VALA, she set up and curates the VALA Gallery in the Cotton Mill of McKinney.
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**Bulbin Sunar-Reeder** taught undergraduate and graduate classes as Professor of Medical Genetics and Biochemistry in Medical Faculties in Georgetown, Stanford, HIH (USA); University College London and Sussex University (UK), Hamburg University, Biochemistry Faculty (Germany); Marmara and Inonu University Medical Faculties. She has supervised clinical and research laboratories. A Turkish ex-patriot with a strong love of world travel, she has passion in archeology, history, anthropology, currently working as a self-employed Biotechnology Consultant.

**Candace Vogt** graduated from Auburn University and Vanderbilt University, School of Law. She has practiced and is licensed in both Alabama and Texas. She also taught law school in Alabama for three years as an Assistant Professor, concentrating in Estate Planning, Estate Tax, Real Estate and Elder Law. She has been a partner with a major Alabama law firm and is now a partner at Vogt Duff Law Group in McKinney. She practices mainly in the areas of estate planning, real estate and small business management. She is married to her wonderful husband Tod and has two adult children.

**Barbara Walters** has an M.A. in Human Resource Development from U.T. Austin. She has spent 30 years in the corporate world in Leadership Development, including designing and delivering training to managers at all levels and managing teams of trainers. She has been teaching as a SAIL instructor for several years and enjoys sharing her knowledge of “Brain Health” to the SAIL students.

**Herbert Weinstein, Ph.D.** received his B.S. from Tufts University and a Ph.D. from Princeton University in Chemical Engineering. After a 32-year career in industry and as a private consultant doing oilfield research, adjunct teaching at colleges and private tutoring, he chose to enter secondary education. Herb has taught math at all levels and fundamentals of computer programming at Yavneh Academy, The Hockaday School and Parish Episcopal School and is now retired after 13 years of secondary education.

“I did some great things in industry, but I feel that as a teacher, I have done even greater things; making a major difference in the lives of my students—students of all ages!”

**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 M.I.T. and a Master’s degree in Physics from Tufts University. He is a strong proponent of collaborative lifelong learning and volunteers as a speaker/presenter around the DFW area.