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**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.

**Chanda Allen** has a Bachelor of Science in English, Secondary Education and a Master of Arts in English/African American Literature from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She is a full-time English instructor at Collin College Wylie Campus and teaches dual credit courses at Lovejoy High School. Outside of the classroom, she uses her gift as a motivational speaker.

**Kannatha Blazosky Ph.D.** has over ten years of experience teaching Thai language for future educators in Thailand at a university level. Her special talents are Thai classical dancing and singing melodies. She loves nature and traveling and her hobbies are cooking Thai food and writing poems.

**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.

**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.

**Robin Cole-Jett** is the Red River Historian. For over twenty years, Robin has been researching, documenting, and sharing the history of the Red River as a college instructor, museum worker, consultant, author, and publisher of the website, redriverhistorian.com. An avid road tripper, she’s put 260K miles on her car’s odometer to make sure others can enjoy the river’s stories as well. She lives in Lewisville with her husband, son and way too many dogs.

**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 teaching with SAIL over 10 years.

**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, 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 12 years.

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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.

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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. Jose is now a Public Notary, Risk Management Consultant, in addition to teaching for SAIL.

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.

Nicole Grose, Ph.D. is a retired Anatomy and Physiology professor. Her doctorate degree is in Cell Physiology and she has taught multiple courses in biology, anatomy and physiology. Nicole has lived in Collin County for 24 years and enjoys teaching classes for Collin College’s SAIL program.

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 has taught literature and creative writing courses in the Master and Doctor of Liberal Studies programs at SMU and has worked as executive editor and acquisitions editor for royalty and independent publishers. She has retired four times, the first from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Margo Hicks taught high-school English for thirteen years in Houston ISD before retiring ten 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.
James (JP) Hogan spent almost 30 years as a U.S. Army officer, retiring as a Colonel. He now is the Co-Founder and Visionary for How2Lead.US, LLC, a Leader Development company providing coaching, teaching and mentoring services to commercial companies, U.S. Army units and senior ROTC cadets at several universities across South Central U.S. JP has led more than 20 trips to Normandy, France to examine leaders and leadership as displayed during WWII. He has a Masters of Public Administration and did post graduate work in Strategic Studies at the U.S. Army War College.

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.

Mike Howard is a retired Secret Service Agent who served and protected four presidents. He began working for the Secret Service in the late 1950’s and was recruited while he was attending Texas Christian University. He shares his recollections and insights gained from being part of the family at the White House and in their private homes.

Tony Howard is a professor of English and Comparative Religion at Collin College’s Wylie Campus and has been teaching with Collin College since 1986. He has two graduate degrees from Southern Methodist University and was ordained in the Liberal Catholic Church International. He is now a retired Bishop in the Independent Catholic Movement.

Larry Howe is a retired electrical engineering manager with the majority of his career spent working in the telecom industry. Larry has volunteered with “Live Green” in Plano since 2012 and with a climate education organization since 2016. He is active with a conservative action team building support for market-based economic opportunities for climate solutions.

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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.

Sally Kemble has a passion for art, especially the history of art. She holds a Master’s degree in Art History from U.N.T. and has taught elementary, secondary and college classes. She enjoys painting as a hobby. Her favorite students are the Collin College SAIL students and she enjoys sharing art topics and discussions.

Jim Lamb, Ph.D., is a retired college professor, computer programmer, and I.T. manager. After receiving a doctorate in philosophy from Brown University, he taught at SMU for 35 years. Jim was also the Director of Computer Services at Ebby Halliday Realtors.

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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.
Mike Maccioli is a graduate of the prestigious School of Visual Arts in NYC. He presently runs, “Chefs for Seniors”, a personal chef’s service for seniors. His passion for food is only matched by his passion for film. Growing up in the Golden Age of Hollywood, he spent many afternoons in movie houses, watching classics like, The Grapes of Wrath, Sullivan’s Travels, and of course every single Hitchcock movie, “They don’t make them like they used to! Ain’t that the Truth.”

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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.

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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.

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Herbert Weinstein, Ph.D. received his B.S. from Tufts University and a Ph.D. and Sloan Postdoctoral Fellowship at 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.

Kristy Yang Ph.D. received her bachelor’s degree from Seoul National University in South Korea. She obtained her Master of Music degree and D.M.A. (Doctor of Musical Arts) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She won several competitions and is featured in various concerts, including (8) solo recitals, (2) lecture recitals and chamber music recitals. After the completion of her degree, Kristy went back to Seoul and started teaching at Kookmin University, Myongji University and Chongshin University. She presented solo recitals at Seoul Arts Center and performed as a soloist with the Seoul Symphony Orchestra. Kristy was invited to present solo recitals at Dolby Hall in San Francisco and Sao Paulo, Brazil. She has been living in Frisco, TX since her husband moved to a company in North Texas a couple of years ago. She is a member of the Korean Piano Society, National Music Teachers Association, Texas Music Teachers Association and Frisco Music Teachers Association.