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Brett Adams has a Master's Degree from the University of Tulsa and has been teaching history at Collin College since 2004. Brett is a current board member of the Heritage Association of Frisco and past president. He founded and coordinates the "Saturday at the Museum" lecture series for the Frisco Heritage Museum.

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.

Denise and George Bouhasin are your experts when it comes to travel! They have visited more than 75 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and South America, as well as Australia and New Zealand. Since George retired in 2009, they have made 23 international trips. Through his work before George's retirement, they had the opportunity to live for an extended period in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and China. They have familiarity with several languages. Denise and George are looking forward to more enriching experiences through travel.

Andy Brooks is an independent financial planner with Investment Services Center in Allen, TX. He is active in the Senior 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 has been researching, documenting, and sharing the history for the past twenty years as the Red River Historian (publishing company, museum consult-redriverhistorian.com). a community college instructor, the author of five books, a tour guide, and a museum educator.

Shiva Davanloo, Ph.D. graduated with a Doctorate in Nutrition Sciences from Texas Woman's University in 1996. She has been teaching different nutrition courses, both undergraduate and graduate ever since. She had her own private "dietitian" office and worked as the Dean for Clinical Nutrition Department/Clinic at her previous workplace. Her research focus had been on different dietary proteins and the effect on mammary tumorigenesis in rats. Dr. Davanloo is currently a full-time professor at Collin College at the Frisco Campus.

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 semi-retired geologist, Texas Master Naturalist, and avid reader. Paul currently teaches geology courses and SAIL classes at Collin College, in addition to Hill and Dallas Colleges.

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.



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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.

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. and **Tracy Meyer, M.S. M.A.** have taught at Collin College's Frisco campus for over 10 years. Combined, their interests are cell physiology, development neuroscience and human sexuality.

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.

Mike Howard is a retired Secret Service Agent who served and protected four presidents. He shares recollections and insights gained from being part of the family at the White House and in their private homes and lives.

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 and hydrogeologic engineering, 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.

Sally Kemble is an artist and Art Educator. She has taught all levels of art from kindergarten through college seniors. She graduated with a major in Art from Centenary College of Shreveport, LA and holds a Master's degree in Art History from the University of North Texas. Sally loves teaching as an instructor in SAIL! She has a son, daughter-in-law and 4 grandchildren who keep her and her husband busy.

Gay Ann Kiser, M.Ed. is a retired English teacher. In November of 2020, she released an 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 3 books published by SoulMate Publishing, and 5 others solely on Amazon, published under her pen name, Tessa Gray. Her true passion is teaching, and her career has included everything from teaching kindergarten to college students. Between creating YouTube videos on writing (Tuesdays with Tessa), and taking silly pictures to post on Instagram, she stays busy, but she is never too busy to pursue her hobbies. These include quilting, singing, milking the family goat and making her special goat's milk hand lotion.



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James 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.

Barney Lane holds a B.A. in Fine Arts and an M.S. in Radio-TV and has worked as a professional broadcaster, real estate manager and middle school teacher. His outside interests include flying as a private pilot, wood carving and distance road cycling.

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*.

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.

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, CPA Carrie 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.

Kathryn Pinkney, Ph.D. Kathryn (Kathie) is a native of Ohio who arrived in Texas with her family in 1986. She earned a B.A. in American history at Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) an M.A. and a Ph.D. in American history at the University of North Texas.

Bulbin Sunar-Reeder taught undergraduate and graduate classes as a 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 (Turkey). She has supervised clinical and research laboratories. A Turkish ex-patriot with a strong love of world travel, she has a passion for archeology, history and anthropology. Bulbin is currently working as a self-employed Biotechnology Consultant.

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.



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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. She also founded the WERX Foundation, and served as president and Executive Director, assisting nearly 100 start-up companies over to become successful small businesses. Christine works as a fine artist, an Instructor at Collin College and serves as President of the Visual Arts League of Allen (VALA).

Fred Smith has been a SAIL instructor going on twelve years. He is a native Texan with degrees from Abilene Christian and University of Arkansas in Nuclear Chemistry. He served forty years in the Army, both active and reserve, and retired as a Brigadier General in 1995. He was on the staff at SMU for several years, then retired to teach his passion, modern history, much observed first hand.

Shirl H. Terrell, Ph.D. holds a doctorate in Humanities with a concentration in Applied Linguistics and Aesthetic Studies from the University of Texas Dallas (UTD) and holds a Masters in Jungian and Archetypal Studies from Pacifica Graduate Institute. She is a Language and Communication Specialist and taught at Collin College for 22 years. Shirl is a member of the Board of Directors and past president of the C.G. Jung Society of N. Texas and serves on the Advisory Board to the Arts and Humanities at UTD. Dr. Terrell has worked with Traffick911, an organization seeking to free youth from sex-trafficking, and volunteers for NAMI NTX (National Alliance on Mental Illness, N. TX Division). She also loves to dance!

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 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.

