



SUMMER 2021 INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Joseph R. Black is a researcher who was President of *Expert Witness Services, Inc.* investigating explosions, fires and unusual accidents and a consultant to corporations, the White House and the U.N. In Texas, he founded Video Reader Co., inventing Magic Flashcards for schools. Joe and his wife Sandi, more recently produced Broadway and London theatre.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.



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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). Robin works as a community college instructor, is the author of five books, a tour guide, and a museum educator.

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.

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.

Brenda Nibert is a world traveler, CPA and teacher with degrees in Religion and Near Eastern Studies from Wellesley College and Berkeley. She volunteers as a docent at the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum.

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.

Jill Schilp grew up believing that a girl and her dog could change the world. She has been reading and telling dog stories ever since. After a thirty-year career as a master's level registered nurse and educator, she retired and became a humane educator, dog writer and therapy animal handler and instructor. Along the way, she discovered she was right about dogs changing the world and she decided to tell their stories. Her latest book, "Dogs in Health Care: Pioneering Animal Human Partnerships" is the story of the dogs who changed health care. Jill is a member of the Dog Writers Association of America and the Pet Partners of Greater Dallas animal assisted therapy group. She and her retired therapy dog partner, Junior, enjoy reading together, swimming and peanut butter (but not necessarily in that order!)

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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Fred Smith has been a SAIL instructor going on thirteen 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.

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 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.