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OLLI at Emory Instructor Listing

Allen, Bill

Bill began his lifelong generalist love of history, literature, popular culture, and musical theater when he studied the historical and literary aspects of the Broadway musical while getting his history and English degrees at the University of Louisville. After teaching at colleges in Kentucky and Indiana, he studied at the University of London (Royal Holloway College) and received the Master of Philosophy degree in English Language and Literature with a 500-page dissertation on W. S. Gilbert (Gilbert and Sullivan). Later he received a Master of Librarianship degree from Emory and did doctoral studies in the Institute of the Liberal Arts where he wrote a long, well-received essay on American lyricist E. Y. (Yip) Harburg. He held a research and archives position in the CNN Library for 19 years before retiring in 2005. He says dramatic and lyrical writing and teaching his special interest courses at OLLI-Emory now give him great pleasure and satisfaction.

Abramovits, Emanuel

Emanuel Abramovits has been a concert promoter since 2000, directly involved in many concerts by international artists, like Itzhak Perlman, Gustavo Dudamel, Sarah Brightman, Roger Hodgson, ASIA, Journey, Kenny G and many more. Designed and staged many original orchestral events, including an Event of the Year winner and several world premiers. He served as the Cultural Director at UNION ISRAELITA DE CARACAS from 2008 to 2019, releasing books, organizing film cycles, concerts and art exhibits. He has been consistently teaching for OLLI and other institutions online and in presence across the US in the last three years.

Ahuja, Nutan

Nutan Ahuja, a former Professor of Biomedical Engineering, has been a Reiki, wellness and energy healing practitioner and instructor for more than 15 years. She is an Emory University certified Health and Wellness coach, as well as a certified teacher in Ikebana – a Japanese healing art of flower arrangement – from Sogetsu School in Tokyo, Japan. In her practice, she combines her unique scientific perspective with her expertise in various philosophies of

spiritual wellness to foster positivity and holistic healing of the body, mind, and heart in an evidence-based manner.

Bash, Shavi

Research studies have shown that providing instruction in the game of chess to senior adults may be helpful in maintaining cognitive vitality and reducing the likelihood of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Furthermore, chess uses more cognitive processes than many of the popular word games (scrabble, wordle, word scrambles) so it may be found to be a superior tool for your mental "exercising" or "conditioning" routines.

This 4 week course will teach and review the elements of the game of chess, provide strategies and work through the opening, middle and end games in such a way that beginners can understand and learn to use this tool and be able to utilize the many online communities to "stay in cognitive shape" for years to come.

Bayne, John

John Bayne is a Tennessee native and Clemson alumnus, where he studied mathematics. He is retired from a 36-year career in the telecommunications industry. He is an avid opera buff, and had studied cemeteries for twenty years.

Bennett, Marty

Marty taught high school English for 20 years in Fairfax, VA. He also spent 22 years writing, editing and teaching report writing to defense department intelligence officers.

Mary is a retired magistrate judge who came of age in the 1960's.

Bernat, Robin

Robin Bernat is an artist and writer, and, since 2010, the owner and curator of Poem 88 gallery in Atlanta, Georgia. Her work has been exhibited locally, regionally, and nationally and has been collected by many important institutions including The Whitney Museum of American Art, The Kemper Museum of Art, the Library of the Art Institute of Chicago, The High Museum of Art, MOCA-GA, and The Weatherspoon Museum. Working primarily in film and video, Bernat's work explores the fleeting and the provisional. She is represented locally by Whitespace gallery.

In her professional life, Bernat has worked as an interior designer and lifestyle consultant, special events planner and fundraiser, personal chef, book designer and publisher, through the

aegis of Bernat Creative, a full-service design and media production company. In addition, she has had speaking engagements on collecting practices for young collectors, professional practices for emerging artists, on books arts and publishing, and community engagement strategies, in Atlanta and the southeast.

From 1992-2001, she was the proprietor of Circle B Press, a cooperative printmaking studio and publisher. From 2000-2005, Bernat was an instructor in the Atlanta Film Festival (formerly IMAGE Film and Video) Media program teaching filmmaking to under-served teens, and facilitating a discussion group on films of the avant-garde. From 2004-2006, she was the Manager of Youth and Family programs at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University creating educational programs, workshops, and publications focused on the museum's collections of antiquities.

She is a graduate of The University of Georgia and The Atlanta College of Art. In 1988-89, she completed coursework toward an MA in Art History at Emory University; in 2001, she was a Visiting Artist at the American Academy in Rome. She has twice been an artist-in-residence at the Kemper Museum of Art.

Brisotto, Alessandra

Alessandra Brisotto was born and raised in Prato, near Florence, Italy. After completing her studies, she worked for a travel agency for 10 years. She then moved to Bergamo, 25 miles east of Milan, where she worked for a travel agency and an airline company.

before moving to the United States with her husband Paolo.

She lived in Tampa Bay, Florida, for 10 years, and moved to Alpharetta in 2010. After working for Italiano Language Center in Sandy Springs, she joined OLLI at Emory in 2019, where she teaches Italian beginner and intermediate both in person and online. She is also teaching at Central Dekalb Senior Center in Decatur, as well as giving Italian lessons to private students of different levels.

Alessandra has two children, 24-year-old Marta and 19-year-old Pietro, both bilingual. She spends every summer with them visiting the family in Italy. She loves cats (she has two), playing tennis with her husband, and reading novels.

Brown, John

John Brown has been writing his whole life. After 30 years in marketing, he's finally found his niche and writes for a living. John lives with his two dogs and his partner in Midtown and is a pretty good cook and avid cyclist.

Budak, Kemal

Kemal Budak is a Sociology PhD student at Emory University. He previously completed two M.A. degrees; one in Sociology at University of Houston-Clear Lake and the other in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary. His current research areas include religion, immigration, media, culture, and gender.

Camerino, Carol

Carol Camerino is an experienced mah jongg teacher with a passion for helping participants joyfully discover all there is to learn about this most wonderful tile game. With a background in teaching and corporate learning and development, she strives to make each class fun, memorable, and inviting.

Campos, Peter

I was trained as a Clinical Psychologist and I owned a consulting company to help community organizations get Federal grants and address agency evaluation needs. I was formerly on faculty at Emory Medical School's Psychiatry Department and SUNY-Binghamton's Psychology Department and taught undergraduate and graduate level courses for over 35 years. I have been teaching at OLLI-Emory since 2018. I enjoy studying Roman and British history, reading widely, learning languages, traveling, and researching my ancestral roots.

Canepa, Larry

Chef Larry P. Canepa is a Certified Culinary Educator and Le Cordon Bleu Chef, author, researcher, food historian, and lecturer of culinary topics. Chef Larry has a dynamic, innovative, and engaging style that incorporates food history, culinary arts, education, and 'food-tainment' into every class and event.

Clowse, Fran

Fran is a Master Certified Health Coach based in Atlanta, Georgia with 7 years of experience as well as a yoga instructor. She has worked in primary offices, in private practice as well as with virtual coaching companies. Her holistic approach brings clarity, direction and positive support for her clients. Fran helps people live their best life by filling the gap between where they are now, and where they want to be. By identifying vision, co-creating goals and objectives, as well as holding accountable, clients will reach their goals and change their lives for the better. We all have the ability to change within us. You are born with the qualities you need to be your

healthiest, best self! Fran helps her clients reach each milestone, one at a time with an ultimate end goal of satisfaction and success.

Cockrill, Don

Cockrill Don Cockrill is a retired lawyer who, before moving to Atlanta recently, taught history courses in the Furman University OLLI program in Greenville, S.C. for 7 years. He is interested in all phases of American history with an emphasis on the Founding generation, the Revolutionary War, and constitutional law.

Cohen, Howard

Howard has 35 years of experience in the music industry. He taught music at the American School in Rio De Janeiro, managed the Rizzoli International Music company, and was owner of an International Records and Music company.

Converse, June

A native Atlantan, June Converse received her Bachelors degree in Business from Shorter College and then started her adult life in healthcare consulting. After receiving her teaching certification at Mercer University/Atlanta, she worked as an educator in both the public and private sector.

She retired from teaching in 2012 and started her writing career. A lifelong love of learning, she has spent untold hours studying the craft of novel writing. With her first and second novels finished,, she realized she missed the classroom. Using her new knowledge of the craft of writing, she developed a class that seeks to prove that often the best novels are formulaic – that classroom theory does translate to real world application.

Crane, Milton

Milton had a 44 year career with the Atlanta Market Center where he specialized in women's apparel. Before retiring at age of 75, he became the Executive Director of Mart Relations and served as a liaison between manufacturers and retailers world -wide. His hobbies and interests include running, biking, hiking, tai chi, writing, and acting to name a few. Teaching at OLLI helps him to exercise his mind while enjoying the relationships of an eclectic group of interesting, talented and accomplished people.

Davis, Bonnie

After a 30+ year career in technical communication, Bonnie Davis dived into her passion as a Specialist in Aging. Along with an M.S. in journalism and MBA in management, this author, speaker, and consultant is a Certified Senior Advisor (CSA)[®], Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist (CAPS), and M.A. gerontology student.

Davis, Liza

Dr. Liza Davis received her Ph.D. in English from Emory University in 1980 and subsequently taught literature courses at the University of Alabama in Huntsville before marrying, returning to Atlanta, and continuing her teaching career at Kennesaw State University. For 20 years she served as KSU's Undergraduate Honors Director, retiring in 2016. Now Professor Emerita of English, she has taught interdisciplinary courses on topics ranging from utopian/dystopian literature to the intersections between literature and science (a good excuse to teach *Frankenstein*). But she has also enjoyed offering classes on eighteenth-, nineteenth-, and twentieth-century British and American poetry; on Arthurian literature and film; and on "Great Books" in world literature.

Her first OLLI course was on the poetry of the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Natasha Trethewey, who has shaped her experiences as a biracial Southern woman into remarkably accessible, thought-provoking, and beautiful verse. Dr. Davis hopes to teach this course to OLLI students again, as well as offer other classes in her repertory.

Dell, Tom

My interest in Rock and Roll and music in general began in Atlanta in 1957 when I got my Stella four-string guitar. Bands I was in played for high schools and colleges in the Southeast, along the East coast and clubs in Florida, Atlanta, and New York.

I still get together regularly with men I have been working with for more than 60 years and play music. We played at four Oakhurst "Porch Fests" and now that the pandemic is slowing down, we will play at future ones. We have also done high school and college reunions.

I went to Grady High School in Atlanta, later graduated from Georgia State University earning a BBA while serving six years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. My working career involved being a working musician, owning and running a retail stereo equipment store, industrial sales of digital and fiber optic telephony hardware to the various operating telephone companies, sales management at the vice-president level, and building a functioning marketing department for a fiber optic equipment manufacturer.

Since retiring in 2013, I have enjoyed developing and delivering a series of courses for senior citizens involving the origins of Rock and Roll. I have been presenting my courses at Emory OLLI for the past five years. I also present at Central DeKalb Senior Center, Perimeter Adult Learning, and Brenau Univ. I have continued playing in a rock and roll band, served as a board member of the Grady High School Foundation, and have been watching our granddaughters (33, 15, and 13) grow into beautiful people. We have two daughters, and one son-in-law. The daughters are beautiful and talented, and the son-in-law is a keeper. Our oldest granddaughter had a girl in August 2022.

I have been with my sixth-grade sweetheart for going on thirty-five years. We married in 1999.

deMan, George

George is a published poet, essayist and sculptor - - and has taught all three as interactive courses. His career was in advertising, but his major accomplishments are in the area of cultural developments: A Founder of the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Co-chairman of Emory's MARBL Board, Pres. of Out of Hand Theater, and Friends of Emory Forests. He lives near Emory where he has solo maintenance of several acres of pristine forest, travels widely, continues to publish, and is a Teaching Consultant for Emory.

Dobbs, Bonnie

Bonnie Dobbs is a writer, a speaker and the founder of Medicare and Other Red Tape LLC, an Atlanta brokerage specializing in Medicare and Medicaid coverage with agents in several states. She chose to specialize in Medicare after witnessing the frustration and stress people had to deal with when she was a regular visitor to a family member in a memory care facility. She has studied the program and plans relentlessly ever since, and for the last 12 years has been one of the most sought-after speakers on Medicare, teaching thousands through workshops, seminars and panels. In fact, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution has chosen Bonnie to be the Medicare expert for their Aging in Atlanta series, and she is a contributing author in a new book featuring 20 top senior industry experts across the US that was released last year on Amazon by the National Aging in Place Council!

Drake, Robert

Robert Drake is a long time OLLI instructor and the Artistic Director of the Academy Theatre.

Drue, Abby

Abby is a seasoned facilitator and cognitive behavioral development coach. Her career in social justice spans over four decades of achievement and experience. She has a respected understanding of community relations, conflict resolution and social outreach programs. A gifted educator and lecturer, Abby was named by the Anti-Defamation League as "Woman of Achievement" for her work in the full spectrum of human rights issues. As Executive Director of the Ben Marion Institute, Abby often finds herself in national and international arenas of social justice activity.

Fletcher, Bill

Bill taught German at Emory for five years, was involved in Atlanta city planning and neighborhood activism, then pursued a successful career as a cabinet maker for thirty years. For the past decade, he has been an enthusiastic student of Islamic art and literature and has taught six OLLI courses in this field.

Flinchum, Gerald

History Instructor Olli since 2017, teaching up to 13 separate courses. Amazon author, Kindle Direct Publishing.

Garcia, Edward

Ed has an extensive and diversified background in the field of human behavior. He holds both an under graduate and graduate degree from New York University. While living in NY, he was Co- Director of Clinical Training at the Institute for Advanced Study in Rational Emotive Therapy. Upon moving to Atlanta, he served on the faculty of the Communications Department of Kennesaw State University where he designed and taught classes. He has lectured and conducted seminars at 35 colleges and universities throughout the U.S., Latin America and Europe. Conducted professional in-service training seminars at more than 60 hospitals and mental health centers throughout the U.S. Made guest appearances on national TV programs including ABC's Good Morning America and NBC's take it From Here. He also designed and appeared in a five hour TV presentation for WPBS entitled Developing Emotional Muscle. He recently served as a Nursing Development Consultant at Piedmont Hospital conducting in-service training programs with nurse preceptors. He is an accomplished sculptor and photographer. His fifteen foot three ton steel sculpture, Pathways to Wisdom, is part of Kennesaw State University's permanent collection.

Gelinas, Timothy

Tim is a graduate of UGA. Tim Gelinas is a former ordained campus minister at The University of Georgia. Tim and his wife Rachael have spent a total of over 25 weeks during 12 different trips to Israel. During these trips they have become friends with many influential people in the archaeological community who have provided the experiences Tim will be sharing with you during this class.

Giannasca, Antonella

Antonella was born and raised in Rome, Italy where she lived until 1998. She has a degree in Interpretation and Translation in English and French and worked in the field for many years. Before coming to the United States, she experienced the joy of being a tour guide for American groups in Italy and Europe as well as being an English teacher for Italian children. Since she moved to the States, she has enjoyed sharing the love for her country and for her beautiful language with the students she has met over the last 8 years. It is an incredible experience to see how they have grown in their knowledge of the Italian language and culture with the same passion and devotion that she puts into all her classes.

Gillon, Clive

Clive Gillon is a citizen of 3 countries and has worked in the IT and Communications industries for almost 5 decades. He has 20+ years of technical, marketing and management experience in each of the USA and Canada. His formal teaching experience covers a wide range of topics including sales techniques, operating systems and hockey. Courses taught at OLLI are Canada- Sorry Eh?, Evolution 101 and A Brief History of Britain. Clive has a B.Math degree from the U. of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

Harbour, Steven

Steven received his law degree from Columbia University, served as law clerk to the Honorable Lewis R. Morgan, United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, practiced law for over 30 year, was an adjunct professor of business law at Kennesaw State University, and currently is Of Counsel to the law firm of Anderson Dailey LLP in Atlanta.

Haveman, Jon

Jon Haveman is the Executive Director of the National Economic Education Delegation (NEED). He has a reputation for providing audiences with edible economic information that is readily

useful in their work and private lives. Previously, Jon was the Director of the Economy Program at the Public Policy Institute of California, a Senior Economist with the President's Council of Economic Advisers, an Economist with the Federal Trade Commission, and held a faculty position in the Business School at Purdue University. Dr. Haveman is an expert on economic policy issues and speaks regularly at events across California. His more than 400 talks have covered a wide range of policy topics. Dr. Haveman holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan.

Hing, Allan

Allan is a retired professor who has taught interior design and architecture at a variety of universities here and abroad. He continues to share these subjects in his teaching that include his interest in World Fairs (yes, they are still being held). A born wanderlust - living, studying, and traveling abroad are fulfilling – he has visited over 75 countries. Allan continues his search for beauty and has published articles on Sir John Soane and Carlo Scarpa.

Hubbs, Kelleen

Kelleen Hubbs is the Grand Regent of the Commanderie de Bordeaux USA, an organization with approximately 1300 members, which was founded in New York in 1957. She is an accredited Sommelier and formerly taught the International Sommelier Guild Wine Fundamentals I & II courses. She passed the Wine and Spirit Education Trust Level 3 exam with distinction and is a Wine Society of Wine Educators Certified Specialist of Wine. As the Commanderie de Bordeaux's head of education, Kelleen routinely leads Bordeaux wine classes and tastings both within and outside of the organization. She also plans wine events and leads tastings of wines from other world regions for corporations and other private groups.

Kann, Sally

Sally grew up in North Carolina in a musical family. While in high school and college, she studied voice under Janette Ogg, and sang in regional theater. She also began playing viola in the 4th grade, and continued playing for the next forty years with various school, university, and regional orchestras. She received a Bachelor of History degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since moving to Atlanta in 1983, she has taught violin and piano at the Suzuki School, performed with Orchestra Atlanta (now Georgia Philharmonic Orchestra), has given viola master classes and instrument coachings in East Cobb orchestra programs. A former staff singer with First Presbyterian Church, she joined the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus in 2000; in addition to her chorus commitments, she sings and plays viola with several local ensembles. Currently, she is Secretary of the ATL Symphony Musicians Foundation, Inc., a non-profit, tax exempt educational outreach program, started by members of the ASO. The Foundation partners with local schools to teach lessons, coach students in their instruments,

give live performances, and, working with orchestra and band directors, help promote and elevate the artistic level of symphonic arts in Atlanta schools. Sally is also co-founder and president of Save Our Symphony Atlanta, Inc. a non-profit citizensâ€™ awareness group, formed during the 2014 orchestra lock-out, which uses social media to raise public awareness of issues concerning the ASO.

Kaplan, Morris

Following a distinguished career in nursing home and dementia care, Morris Kaplan, also an attorney, spends his retirement providing pro bono legal representation to victims of domestic abuse. He also teaches introductory Spanish by Zoom to OLLI programs at Stony Brook University, Emory University, Duke University, George Mason University and Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Kaplan is fluent in Spanish and nearly fluent in Korean.

Kemp, Brandi

Brandi is an Exercise Physiologist and Healthy Living Director at Holbrook Decatur.

Lee, Georgia

Georgia Lee is an award-winning journalist, editor, writer and teacher. She was the first Director of Ivy Hall, the SCAD Atlanta Writing Center, from 2009 through April 2014. Prior to that, she was the Southeast Bureau Chief for Women's Wear Daily and magazine, where she won the Atrium Award for Business Reporting from the Henry Grady School Journalism at UGA and the DIVA Award for journalism from the Atlanta Apparel Mart. She has contributed to numerous national and local publications. She was a finalist in Glimmer 2012 New Author contest. Her short stories have appeared in literary magazines, blogs and e-book anthologies. She writes grant proposals; website copy and media materials. She judges literary competitions and mentors graduate students writing, editing and polishing theses. She is a content and line editor, helping new writers to take a book from conception to publication. In 2009, she launched The Ivy Hall Writers Series, featuring esteemed and beloved authors in personal appearances. Among them were Margaret Atwood, Richard Ford, the late Elmore Leonard, Augusten Burroughs and Bret Easton Ellis. She established the SCAD Writer-in-Residency program, held numerous events for high-profile organizations and presented local authors in lectures and seminars on topics such as social media and how to pitch books to agents and editors. She moderates yearly author panels for the Decatur Book Festival and is an accomplished public speaker to local writers groups. She is the former V.P., community outreach at the Atlanta Writers Club and teaches Memoir at OLLI, a continuing education division of Emory University. Her blog, www.georgialeesays.com, nominated by Word Press for

the most versatile blogger award. Twitter listed her under Great Writers, Must-Read Writers, Writers We Admire and Popular Women.

Lilly, John

John's an Emory graduate (BA Physics 1967), a 22 year Air Force veteran, and has taught Air Force officers electronic warfare. He retired from Learning Services at AT&T in early 2014, where he developed and managed technical training. John is currently an instructor for BH Technology Group, helping seniors become comfortable with the iPhone and iPad.

Lubliner, Irv

Irving Lubliner, a professor emeritus at Southern Oregon University, pulls together his mother's compelling accounts of her many trials, in "Only Hope: A Survivor's Stories of the Holocaust." Irving Lubliner notes in the foreword that he got to say goodbye to both of his parents, something his mother did not get in her life.

Martin, Dennis

Dennis earned his BS in mathematics at Georgia Tech and his PhD in philosophy at Emory University. Dennis has taught, lectured, or presented papers at more than 15 universities on topics including ethics, business ethics, logic, decision-making, humanities, and the history of ideas. Additionally, Dennis directed a four-year college program in Atlanta from 1985 to 2000, hiring and supervising a faculty of 50 while raising enrollment from 180 students to over 800. After retiring in 2014 to care for his dying mother in North Carolina, Dennis returned to Atlanta in 2018 and has taught five different courses at OLLI.

McDavid, Michael

Michael McDavid has been interested in history since the second grade. Over the years his primary focus settled on European history, although if it happened in the past it was of potential interest. Michael majored in history as an undergrad at Furman University, then received masters degrees in European history and library science from Emory University. To earn money he was a library manager at Equifax Inc and Georgia State University. During this same time to satisfy his historical itch Michael taught history at Georgia Perimeter College as an adjunct faculty member. Now after retiring from the Boston Consulting Group, he is privileged to offer courses at OLLI on favorite topics such 19th century Europe and his favorite "sub-specialty", the role of monarchy past and present.

Medical Students, Emory

Current Emory Medical Students are in the CLSM curriculum. The CLSM course provides a structured learning experience that combines community service with preparation and reflection. This 4-year curriculum begins with a preparation and action phases over the first 3 semesters of medical school with a total of 66 course contact hours.

Mencos, Isidra

Isidra Mencos holds a PhD in Spanish Contemporary Literature from the University of California, Berkeley, where she taught Spanish language, literature, and creative writing for 12 years. In 2022 she published "Promenade of Desire—A Barcelona Memoir." Her essays and articles have appeared in *Diálogo*, *WIRED*, *Chicago Quarterly Review*, and *Stirring Literary Journal*, among others. Her piece "My Books and I" was listed as Notable in *The Best American Essays 2019*. Originally from Spain, Isidra lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Mengert, Jim

Jim has an AB from Princeton University; a Ph.D. from Yale University; and was Teacher of the Year at University of Mississippi. Jim served as the Vice-President for Speakeasy Inc. He has authored articles in scholarly journals on the poetry of John Milton and co-authored books on effective communication with Sandy Linver (published by Simon & Schuster).

Milner, Virginia

Virginia discovered the joy of designing jewelry at a young age. She graduated from Holy Family University with a degree in Management-Marketing and has been making and teaching jewelry making for over 15 years. One of her passions is sharing her knowledge of reconstructing and upscaling vintage jewelry and creating modern culturally inspired statement pieces made with recycled beads and components from around the world.

Milsteen, Jeff

Jeff has been an avid photographic enthusiast for over 30 years. He is a past president and five-time Photographer of the Year of the Southeastern Photographic Society. His work has been featured in a number of publications and exhibitions, most recently in a solo exhibition at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center entitled "Shuttered: The Art of Abandoned Places." His work can be seen online at www.milsteen.smugmug.com.

Jeff received a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and a J.D. from Emory University. Prior to his retirement, he served for 19 years as Chief Deputy Attorney General of Georgia.

Misticawi, Gina

Gina Misticawi is currently registered with Yoga Alliance as an E-RYT 200 (Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher) and RYT (Registered Children's Yoga Teacher). She became certified through AFAA as a Personal Trainer/Fitness Counselor and Group Exercise Instructor in 1997. She then completed her 200-hour yoga certification through Atlanta Yoga Fellowship/Peachtree Yoga Center. Gina is also a Spin instructor with Mad Dogg Athletics and Schwinn and holds numerous other fitness certifications. In 2016, Gina became a Certified Elevated Grounded Teacher to teach Kids Yoga. Teaching allows Gina to give back to those around her. She truly enjoys helping others find their own sense of self-acceptance and realize their full potential. Gina helps provide a safe haven where you can benefit from the grounding, stress-reducing gifts of physical movement. She leads a lively, heart-centered practice that builds core strength, flexibility and ease. Gina meets each student where he or she is, and helps each person find their own ideal alignment and unique beauty. She finds the balance between knowing how to challenge students without forgetting who they are. What she loves most about teaching is that anyone, at any age, can practice. is available to all, no matter what the experience and physical ability...everyone can benefit from the practice of yoga.

Morris, Everett

Everett Morris runs a law practice that focuses on tax, estate, and asset protection as part of a comprehensive wealth management approach.

Oblinger, Dave

Instructor with BH Technology Group for 8 plus years with the mission to teach older adults technology. A retired electrical engineer with both engineering and manager positions during working life. Teaches courses on both the Android, iPhone, and technology devices along with microsoft windows and office products.

Owens-Smith, Patti

Patti is a professor of psychology and women's, gender and sexuality studies at Oxford College of Emory University. She was named a Carnegie Scholar in 2001 for her work on epiphanies in learning. Her areas of research have focused on women, children and poverty.

Page, Jiffy

Jiffy is the founder and CEO of Pixorium, an Atlanta-based photo and story company. She began Pixorium in 2006 with a clear mission: to help individuals and families save and share the photos and stories they love with the people they love.

Whether scanning old family prints, slides, negatives and the like, organizing family photo collections or crafting custom books, Pixorium and Jiffy make sure family photos and stories aren't lost to time or disaster and can easily be shared.

As a former high school yearbook editor, English major, family history nerd and magazine printing professional, Jiffy's been documenting life experiences in words and pictures for a long time. She remains delighted to be doing this "work" (which doesn't feel like work at all!)

Pagliasotti, James

James Pagliasotti was the first rock 'n' roll columnist for The Denver Post, where he covered music and the counterculture from 1968-74. He worked on-air for two freeform radio stations, has written for Rolling Stone magazine and numerous other publications, created www.radicalradio.media website, and is the author of three books.

Parks, Bert

Bert Parks has lived in Atlanta most of his life. He participated in the Civil Rights Movement in Atlanta in the 1960's and 70's, working closely with Howard Zinn. He received his MA from Georgia State University. He did his PhD dissertation at NYU on Saul Bellow. He has taught literature, film, and screen writing at Georgia State, NYU and Morehouse. He sold an original screen play to the actor Stuart Whitman, a Deliverance type adventure film taking place in South Georgia. He also owned Atlanta Trailer City, with 1000 tenants, for 18 years. He has taught over 30 different classes at OLLI at Emory since 2007.

Parks, Jill

Jill Fein Parks was born and raised in San Francisco, California. She holds a BA degree in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley and did graduate work in education at the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. She taught in the public schools for several years in Rhode Island, Arizona, and Florida. She left teaching to become the first female switchman for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Salt Lake City in the early 1990's.

Ms. Parks became politically active while at the University of California, Berkeley, protesting the war in Vietnam. After moving to Rhode Island in the early 1970's, she became a leader of the

Pro Choice Movement giving speeches around the state, debating, and publishing articles. Due to her involvement in Pro Choice activities, she was followed by the FBI for months. She received her FBI file of over 100 pages from the Freedom of Information Act. She helped organize marches in Washington DC and around the country for the Equal Rights Amendment and for the Right to Choose.

In 1986 Ms. Parks ran as a socialist candidate for US Senate in Washington.

In 2015, Ms. Parks participated on a visual arts tour of Cuba with The University of New Mexico Latin American & Iberian Institute and Tamarind Institute. She shared her experiences at a Lunch and Learn at OLLI.

She has taught several classes at OLLI since her retirement in 2012 from Kaiser Permanente as HR Manager. She is also a co-leader of the OLLI Book Club.

Raynor, Denise

Denise Raynor MD MPH is Professor Emeritus, Emory University School of Medicine in the Department of OB/GYN as a perinatologist. She remains an adjunct professor in Emory College Department of Psychology. She also has an MPH from Harvard School of Public Health in General Hospital Management.

At Emory, she conducted basic laboratory and clinical research; provided clinical care primarily at Grady Hospital where she directed the perinatal ultrasound unit; served as GYN/OB Residency Program Director. She taught perinatal fellows and residents in OB/GYN, Emergency and Family Medicine who practice across Georgia and the US. She has published numerous scientific articles in obstetrics and fetal behavior. She is currently writing books on unknown African Americans in history and the impact of racial bias in medical education on disparities in health outcomes.

Rehkop, Angela

Certified Financial Planner

Richards, Charlie

B.A. in English from Davidson College in 1970, J.D. from Emory Law School in 1975. Retired from the Georgia Attorney General's Office in 2013 after 34 years of service in various capacities, first in civil litigation, and later as a prosecutor and Director of the Georgia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Study of U.S. history, especially of the Civil War, has been a lifelong interest.

Born in Decatur, and have lived in Atlanta all my life. Married to the former Peg McGinty, also a native Atlantan, for almost 53 years. Two children, and six grandchildren.

Robkin, Shai

Shai (pronounced “Shy”) Robkin works with small and mid-size business executives to leverage the power of behavioral economics. A serial entrepreneur, Shai, together with his wife Judy, opened in 1981 Israel’s first combination bookstore/coffee shop. They returned to Atlanta in 1984 to care for aging parents, using the proceeds from the sale of the Israeli store to acquire Vernon, a manufacturer and distributor of library supplies. Vernon’s technology division was sold in 2011 to One Equity Partners, a division of JP Morgan. The library supplies part of the company was sold in June 2019. He is an active volunteer on behalf of a number of causes, including instant runoff/ranked choice voting and living kidney donation. His work as a behavioral economist led him to explore behavioral science in general and to start and lead a social psychology podcast club.

Rozzi, James

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Rubin, Cookie

I am a retired public high school teacher. My interest in mindfulness began in the late 1970's. This interest led me to do training in mindfulness and to continue to practice each day. I have taught this at OLLI since 2010.

Rush, Steve

Graduated from Emory with a BS in Biology in 1973. Retired and moved back to Atlanta from Los Angeles about 4 years ago. Have been a volunteer with the Peace Education Program since then.

Samoluk, Elizabeth

Elizabeth has worked as an artist throughout her life and professionally since 2010, capturing portrait, figure, animal, still life and landscape motifs!

Elizabeth completed a ten-year mentorship from American Expressionist William Arthur Herring of San Antonio, Texas, in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, 2009 - 2018,

and returned in 2022 to take class once again. She trains in both Eastern and Western Art Technique and Philosophy. She has spent the last 6 years, prior to COVID, including 2022, traveling and plein air painting in the fabulous US National Parks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Elizabeth serves on the Grandview Avenue Gallery/Atlanta Artists Center (AAC) Board of Directors as the First Vice President and Community Outreach Corporate Chair. By taking her thirty years of outside corporate sales experience, Elizabeth calls on corporations to find satellite show locations for AAC and curates these exhibits.

Elizabeth enjoys passing on the valuable art training she has received to students interested in learning how to train in the skills of drawing and painting!

Elizabeth served as a volunteer docent for the High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia, from 1992 - 1996, giving tours to middle and high school students with an emphasis on the Renaissance to Contemporary art.

Saul, Lawrence

Following enlisted service, then-Sergeant Saul was commissioned into the Field Artillery from Officer Candidate School (OCS). For the next 30 years he served in a variety of positions, around the world, including three tours with the British Army, two additional tours in Europe, twice in Alaska and elsewhere in the USA. In his final assignment he was as the Senior US Army Liaison Officer to the British Army. His last day on active duty was 1 September 2008. He was one of the last 10 Vietnam War veterans still serving when he retired. Since retirement he worked as a consultant to the British Army in the field of Knowledge Management, then, he helped with the reorganization of the Armed Forces of the nations of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria and Romania. He was a Senior Lecturer at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey California and then Vice President at the Army and Navy Academy in Carlsbad, California. COL Saul is a member of the

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Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, The Ancient and Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, the Order of Saint Michael, and the Order of Saint Maurice. He was inducted into the US Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. His highest military decoration is the Distinguished Service Medal. In retirement, he lectures on Military History and leads historical tours to the European battlefields including WW I, and, D-Day and the Battles of that followed. He has a Bachelor in History from Georgia State University as well as two Masters degrees.

Shaffer, Michael

Civil War historian, instructor, lecturer, newspaper columnist, and author. Shaffer is a member of the Society of Civil War Historians, Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, and the Georgia Association of Historians. He teaches Civil War Courses at Kennesaw State University's College of Graduate and Professional Education and at Emory University, and frequently speaks to various groups across the country.

Shalhoub, Jane

I am a retired educator (MS.Ed) with a background in Literature and The Language Arts. Reader's Theater is a particular favorite genre of mine and I enjoy the collaborative talents and energy that comes with reading aloud and pretending to be a famous actor/actress. Let's start "PLAY-ING" together!

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Simpson, Joe

B.A. in History from UNC-Chapel Hill (1973) Joe has researched Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War Era for over 30 years. He is a retired real estate developer. Member of the Lincoln Forum and the Abraham Lincoln Association. Since 2019, Joe has taught OLLI Lincoln courses at numerous Universities. Joe and his wife, Melissa, live in Raleigh, N.C

Smith, David

Dr. David E. Smith grew up in the world of fundamentalist religion. As an adult he gradually moved away from that worldview and became a religious progressive/skeptic. After earning an M.A. in philosophy of religion, he received a second M.A. and a Ph.D. in religious studies from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Formerly a full-time philosophy and religious studies faculty member at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA, he now teaches for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Washington and offers independent seminars and personal consultations in comparative religion and philosophy. He has published widely in these areas, as well. His mission is to empower people to think well for themselves about things that matter.

Sobelson, Roy

Professor Emeritus, Georgia State University College of Law (1985-2018); Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2006-2016; Director, LL.M. Program, 2016-2018; Visiting Professor at Emory Law several times.

Sollish, Ari

Rabbi Ari Sollish, a noted author and lecturer, is the founder and director of Atlanta's Intown Jewish Academy, a warm learning community that gives participants from a diverse spectrum of life the opportunity to experience the richness and authenticity of Jewish learning and heritage.

Before moving to Atlanta in 2006, Rabbi Ari was the Managing Editor at Kehot Publication Society in New York, where “ among other things -- he worked on transcribing, translating, editing and preparing ancient Kabbalistic manuscripts for publication.

Rabbi Ari lives in Virginia Highlands with his wife Leah and their six children

Soper, Susan

Susan is a longtime journalist from Newsday in NY to CNN and the AJC where she was a senior editor overseeing all the features sections and writing coach. In addition to teaching now, I work with writers on developing their memoirs and edit other projects. Author/founder of The ObitKit and publisher of: Age is a Stage; Older? Wiser!; and If Not Now...When? Working on The Memoir Kit: Your Good Life, One Story at a Time.

Spano, Jim

Mr. Spano is a certified Safety and Health Program Manager. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Safety Management Systems from West Virginia University and an undergraduate teaching degree, BA, from Marshall University. He is an authorized National Safety Council and American Red Cross First Aid-CPR-AED instructor.

Spasser, Herbert

Dr. Spasser is a retired dentist and former clinical professor at NYU College of Dentistry. He is a Certified Wine Educator with the Society of Wine Educators and has visited almost all the significant wine regions of the world.

He has been giving wine courses in New York, New Jersey, and Atlanta since 1976. He is Bailli Honoraire and Grand/Commandeur of the Atlanta Chaine des Rotisseurs and was Wine Adviser to the Restaurant Society of New York.

He is a wine judge, lecturer and writer and has presented various sessions at meetings and cruises.

Starr, Irma

Irma has an accomplished career which includes 30 years effort in the pursuit of social justice and the celebration of human value.

Irma is a life coach and certified mediator for the State of Georgia. She holds a Doctorate and M.S. in Human Organization Development, a post masters degree in Gerontology, a M.A. in Guidance and counseling and a B.S. in K-12 Education.

Her far-reaching expertise in, and understanding of organizational management, program development, curriculum design, facilitation and training, as well as community relations, has made Irma a sought-after educational consultant and trainer.

Aside from teaching on the University level, Irma is a respected lecturer and presenter nationwide at state, regional and national educational conferences and symposiums, as well as public and private school systems.

Over the years, Irma has been the recipient of many awards and accolades for her contribution to action, education, and advocacy. Her authenticity, genuine kindness and far reaching sense of what is fair and right, endear her to all who seek her skills and advice.

"In a just society, educators need to be diplomats and ambassadors of tact, sensitivity, and empathy. Our role is to facilitate positive interactions among the multiplicity of personalities and cultures, beliefs, ethnicities and ideals of those around us." ~Irma Starr Ph.D.

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Steinberg, Karen

Dr. Steinberg received her PhD in experimental pathology from Emory University in 1980 and began working at the National Center for Environmental Health, CDC. She served as Chief of the Molecular Biology Branch from 1991 to 2004. She also served as Acting Director, Office of Women's Health, CDC, from March 1998 through April 1999. From 2004 until 2010 she was Senior Science Officer for the Coordinating Center for Health Promotion which was home for CDC's activities in chronic disease, birth defects, and genomics. She has authored more than sixty peer-reviewed articles on genomics, cancer, osteoporosis, women's health, ethics, and environmental health.

Stephens, Carolyn

While attending seminary (as a nontraditional student), I completed a course on Dreams and Ministry. This course sparked an interest in how God communicates to us through dreams. I have studied dreams for the past 10 years and conducted Dreams Speak Workshops. It is my desire to use my Spiritual Gift of Teaching to equip people with the guidance needed to understand their dreams.

Stone, Richard

Richard Stone is a nationally recognized speaker on the power of story and its applications in business, healthcare, and education. He got his start over 30 years ago developing story-based training programs for team building and leadership development and has been a leader in work on narrative reminiscence. He has worked with diverse organizations such as Walt Disney Imagineering, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Hewlett Packard, Eastman Chemical Company, Kraft Foods, and Novant Health. His current work at StoryWork International is focused on using the power of story to assist leaders to transform their organizations and their approach to leading, infusing their work with deeper purpose and meaning. Richard has authored *The Healing Art of Storytelling*, *Stories: The Family Legacy*, *The Kingdom of Nowt*, and co-wrote *The Patient Survival Handbook*. His new book, co-authored with Scott Livengood, entitled *Story Intelligence* was released March 2021. Previously he was the StoryAnalytics Master for the IDEAS Innovation Team, a former division of the Walt Disney Company. Richard also co-created the award-winning board game *Pitch-A-Story* and is an accomplished artist (www.richardstoneart.com). Finally, Richard is a member of the board of PCI Media, an international organization located in New York City committed to improving health, environmental, and social justice outcomes around the world using the power of story.

Susan Carlin, Enid

I have a master's degree in History and a Ph.D in counseling psychology from the University of Georgia. I have been in private practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist for over 35 years and have taught self awareness classes through Brandeis University.

Tarah, Angela

Introduced to crocheting by my grandmother at the early age of 8. Love the creative process of actually watching the development of the piece. I am at the very advanced level and have created a wide range of items - tops, hats, baby and youth ensembles, jewelry, handbags and household decor. and Looking forward to sharing the creative process with you.

Technology Group, BH

BH Technology Group Instructors. The BH Tech Group is a fully incorporated 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides technology education to older adults. The mission of the BH Tech Group is to improve the health and well being of older adults. We believe teaching seniors how to use today's technology promotes a more productive lifestyle by enabling connection, independence, and lifelong learning. By receiving hands-on workshops, BH Tech provides a safe learning environment on how to use technology, find information online, and stay both mentally alert and active.

Trachtenberg, Joe

Joe Trachtenberg is an Emeritus Professor of Political Science. Clayton State University, Department of Social Sciences. Emory University Ph.D. in Political Science 1978. Fields of Study: American government, the Presidency, Congress, the Judiciary and the Courts, Foreign Policy, State & Local Politics. Contract consultant to several local governments Political campaign advisor to several local and state candidates

Tribble, Paul

I was born in Pampa, Texas, to parents who were native Texans. At 18 months of age, my family and I moved to Omaha, Nebraska where I lived until I was 15 years old (explains my Midwest accent). I graduated from high school in Liberal, Kansas (how's that for an oxymoron?) and consider that to be my hometown. I attended college in Kansas State University and developed a lifelong interest in faraway places and other cultures. I received my M.S. degree in Anthropology with a keen interest in health and disease in foreign cultures. My Master's thesis

examined the cultural context of tuberculosis (TB) and intestinal parasites found in a sample of Southeast Asian refugees to northern Illinois.

I worked for three years in Malaysia and Thailand interviewing and processing refugees from Cambodian, Laos, and Vietnam to the U.S

Venet, Wendy

Wendy Venet: Professor of history at Georgia State University. A scholar of 19th century U.S. history, her work on Civil War Atlanta began in 2006 when she encountered the diary of Samuel P. Richards, a bookstore owner in Atlanta's central business district during the Civil War. His diary is the best account of the wartime city that survives in a public archive. Professor Venet published an annotated version of the diary, *Sam Richards Civil War Diary: A Chronicle of the Atlanta Home Front* with the University of Georgia Press in 2009.

Weisman, Nancy

Nancy is a Licensed Psychologist in private practice for over 20 years, practicing mindfulness meditation for 9 years. She has been married for 53 years and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Whiteman, Mary

Mary is a retired magistrate judge who came of age in the 1960s.

Zeldin, Cindy

I have been a psychotherapist, Life Coach for over 40 years. M.S. Degree from Long Island University, and certification in Marriage and Family Therapy. I have been a seminar speaker and motivational speaker for more than 150 programs dealing with communication, happiness, marriage, child custody and becoming the best person you can be. I am now a published children's book author, "Lily Tova The Therapy Dog", which addresses kindness and volunteering. Only receiving 5-star reviews. I have appeared on numerous tv shows as well as radio talk shows and have written numerous articles on stress and relationships. My hobbies include volunteering with Lily Tova all over the city of Atlanta. Love golf and lead several groups at The Temple where I also serve on the Board of Trustees.

Zins, Dan

Dan received an MA in English from the University of Windsor (Ontario), where he studied with the novelist Joyce Carol Oates for two years, and a PhD in American Studies and literature and psychology from Emory University. He taught in the liberal arts department of the Atlanta College of Art for nearly three decades.

Zola, Stuart

Stuart Zola has had a continuing and extremely productive career and successful research program investigating the neurological foundation of memory and memory impairment. His work has been at the cutting edge of efforts to understand how memory is organized in the brain, and he has made increasingly important contributions to understanding memory functions. His work on animal models of human amnesia, much of it carried out with VA grants and support, led to the identification of a neural system in the medial temporal lobe of the brain that is critical for memory function, and he was a pioneer in support of the development of a transgenic animal model of Huntington's Disease in nonhuman primates.

Dr. Zola is also internationally known and respected for his many roles in leadership, including Director of the Graduate Neuroscience Program at the University of California, San Diego, Director of the Yerkes National Primate Research Center at Emory University, Co-Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Emory, Senior Research Career Scientist and Deputy Associate Chief of Staff for Research at the Atlanta VA Medical Center, and most recently as the Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Emory University.

Dr. Zola co-founded NeuroTrack Technologies, Inc., a company started at Emory University and now located in Redwood City, CA., focused on digital phenotyping for early detection of cognitive decline associated with Alzheimer's disease. He is the President and CEO of Quiet Developments, LLC, a leadership advisory company. Most recently, he has co-founded a third company, Map Habit, Inc., focused on neurocognitive support for individuals with memory impairment, using visual maps to help guide them through their schedules of daily activities. He is a sought-after speaker and Master of Ceremonies, artfully combining his natural sense of humor and social acumen, his working knowledge of science, and his favorite hobby, sleight-of-hand magic.