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Bonita (Bonnie) N. Ausmus

Bonnie originally learned to basket weave here in Central Florida approximately twenty-five (25) years ago. She has since been weaving, learning and teaching, perfecting her art and craft. She has studied with a number of well-known basket Artists. She participated at the world-renowned Longaberger basket factory in Dresden, Ohio, where she wove a basket alongside an accomplished Longaberger weaver. Bonnie has taught basket weaving to both children and adults in locations such as Chicago, Texas, North Carolina and Florida.

Sarah ‘Stacy’ Barber

Dr. Barber is an Associate Professor at the University of Central Florida specializing in archaeology. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2005 and joined the UCF faculty in 2007. The central goal of her research is to understand the various processes that brought about the earliest urban societies and political systems in North America. She has conducted field research in Mexico, Florida, Utah, El Salvador, and Honduras. Her most recent research has focused on how religion and long-distance economic interaction have shaped early urban societies in Oaxaca in southern Mexico. She has an active research program examining these themes in the lower Río Verde valley and the Maniatepec basin, both located on Oaxaca’s western Pacific coast. Her fieldwork includes archaeological excavation, survey, mapping, and ground penetrating radar (GPR). Dr. Barber’s published work addresses religion and politics, geospatial modeling of trade routes, geophysical remote sensing, among other aspects of ancient life in Mexico. Dr. Barber has received grant support from the National Science Foundation, the National Geographic Society, and the Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs program to conduct her fieldwork.

Joseph Barker

Joseph Barker graduated from Duquesne University with a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, from St. Mary's Seminary and University with a Masters in Sacred Theology and Duquesne University with a Masters in Administrative Education. He has held administrative positions in the Catholic Church, in non-profits and government over the past 45 years. His interest in teaching is based on the value and importance of life-long learning for himself and others. He enjoys reading, exercise, travel, a wide range of restaurants, and engaging and informative conversations.

Lenny Barrett

Lenny Barrett, is an American Red Cross certified CPR/AED/First Aid and American Council on Exercise certified health coach, personal trainer, fitness instructor, and Yoga teacher affiliated with the national Yoga Alliance. She has taught multiple forms of fitness for over 15 years and strives to create an enjoyable learning experience promoting health in mind and body. Ms. Lenny Barrett is a Rollins College graduate (both undergraduate and graduate programs). She has been a facilitator for Yoga Rejuvenation Breaks for Rollins College Faculty and Staff, Rollins College psychology classes, Rollins Center for Lifelong Learning (RCLL), and Rollins College Alumni Weekend.

Steven Bechtel

Steven R. Bechtel is a graduate of Tulane University and The George Washington University Law School. He has been engaged in the General Civil Practice of law with the same law firm, Mateer & Harbert in Orlando, Florida since 1970. He is now the Senior Partner. Steve is also an Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, and a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator. He holds a Florida Real Estate Sales License and is an ordained Celebrant with the Humanist Society, an affiliate of the American Humanist Association. Steve is a lifelong resident of the City of Winter Park, and his community service has included holding office in civic organizations and voluntary service on governmental boards in the Central Florida area. While not practicing law or acting as an Arbitrator/Mediator, or Celebrant, Steve enjoys playing tennis and spending time with his family, especially attending art events with his wife Carol, an accomplished painter, and with his two grandsons.

Robert Bernstein

Robert Bernstein, is a 15 year certified meditation teacher, Integral Yoga Institute, NY, where he taught various interfaith classes on the psychology of yoga "for everyday life" for 10 years. He now lives in

Winter Park, FL and teaches at Rollins College for Life Long Learning, Red Sun Yoga in Winter Springs, the Winter Park Public Library, and will be speaking at the University of Central Florida 50+ LIFE program in September. His opinions have been featured in the Orlando Sentinel.

Amado J. Bobadilla

With a BA in music performance from Rollins College, Amado Bobadilla is a certified Yamaha Music Education System (YMES) piano instructor and has worked in the Central Florida arts community for the past 25 years as a music director, accompanist and educator. He has worked as an accompanist and vocal coach/teacher at the University of Central Florida, Rollins College, the New School of Orlando and the Rollins College School of Creative Arts. He has been a company pianist for Orlando Ballet, has accompanied for Florida Dancemasters and for the Rollins College, Parkinson's Dance and Valencia College dance programs. Amado has also been active as a writer and video producer locally, regionally and nationally.

Leslie Boles

Leslie Tate Boles is a professor of art history at Rollins College since 1997. She teaches a variety of courses in both the College of Liberal Arts and Hamilton Holt. For the past three years she has enjoyed teaching classes with Rollins Center for Lifelong Learning STARS Program. She is also a curator with Walt Disney Imagineering.

Elizabeth Coulter, Dale Montgomery Fellow, Cornell Fine Arts Museum

As Dale Montgomery Fellow at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Elizabeth Coulter works within the curatorial department at the Museum with an emphasis on education. She oversees the docent program and touring schedule, and conducts several research projects on the permanent collection. She received her Master's Degree from The Smithsonian Associates and George Mason University's The History of the Decorative Arts program in Washington, DC with a focus in 19th century American glass and furniture. She has been at the Cornell Fine Arts Museum for a little over a year, and continues to pursue new efforts in community outreach and engagement to fulfill the Museum's mission of integrating art learning into daily life.

Deborah Danziger

Deborah Danziger has a bachelor's degree in Interior Design from the New York School of Design. She has also taught at Southern College as a Professor of Interior Design and Psychology.

Joy Dickinson

Joy Wallace Dickinson has written hundreds of "Florida Flashback" features in the *Orlando Sentinel* about aspects of Central Florida's past. She's also the author of three books including *Orlando: City of Dreams* and has worked as an editor at the Institute of Early American History in Williamsburg, Va., and Stanford University Press in California.

Megan Douglass

Megan is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a BA in Political Science and she has a Masters in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Central Florida. She has taught extensively in Sociology and Anthropology and a number of colleges and universities and is currently a member of the faculty at Valencia Community College

Eric Dusenbery

Eric Dusenbery (B.A. Cinema & Photography, Southern Illinois University) utilizes the power of the still photograph and frequently uses the traditions of the large format film camera for fine art, documentary, book/editorial and commissioned projects. His photography has been widely exhibited and his work has appeared in numerous national publications. Eric is passionate about using curiosity and photography to tell stories — to enrich and preserve the human spirit and to educate and promote an appreciation for the rich cultural identity of the South. He is also a speaker, an award-winning journalist and author/photographer of two books.

Patricia L. Farless

Patricia Farless is an Associate Instructor at the University of Central Florida where she has taught courses in American History, Women's History and US Legal History since 1994. Her research interests include US Women's Legal History, Constitutional History, 19th Century History, the Civil War, and Reconstruction. Patty earned a BA in History and Political Science and an MA in History and is working on her PhD in History at the University of Florida. She has taught for Rollins Center for Lifelong Learning over the last couple of years and thoroughly enjoys the many engaging conversations that regularly occur within her classes.

Anne Gardepe

Anne Gardepe is a graduate of F.T.U. (now U.C.F.), B.A., 1970 and U.C.F., M.Ed., 1990. She retired in 2007 after teaching 37 years in elementary schools in Orange County. She soon became involved in volunteer work including tutoring with the Adult Literacy League, working as a docent at the Orange County Regional History Center, and taking on several roles at her church including leading a book club, drama director, adult Bible teacher, elder and committee chair. Her husband says she is a "born teacher." Anne and her husband John, married for 49 years, have a daughter who is also an elementary school teacher and 4 beautiful, brilliant grandchildren. Anne and John live in Orlando and love to travel, especially cruising and visiting historic sites and national parks. In 2015 Anne and John attended their first Rollins Lifelong Learning class which they enjoyed very much. Since then, Anne has joined the "volunteer faculty" and has taught 4 courses: The Life and Literary Works of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Colonial American Life from A to Z, Florida's Three Marjories and Florida: A Land Remembered featuring the novel by Patrick D. Smith. These classes allow Anne to share some of her passions: drama, literature and history.

Rinat Halon

Rinat has been fascinated with the power of a good photograph ever since her college days. She has a personalized honors degree from the Ohio State University where she studied Photography & Visual Merchandising, as well as researched and wrote the thesis: "The influence of photography on visual communication". Her experience as a professional photographer spans the globe. She photographed portraits of high-ranking government official & celebrities, weddings, culinary, high fashion, jewelry, architecture and more. Her photographs appeared in magazines and exhibits internationally. Five of her photographs were chosen to be part of the permanent collection of the Israeli congress. She was awarded the "Superior Artist" award in Israel. Today Rinat resides in Orlando Florida where she is a Photography Communication Specialist, primarily creating Personalized Image Banks for companies and organizations – her own innovative concept and creative process she created based on her experience

as the Walt Disney Imagineers in house Photographer & Visual Communication Specialist. She also loves photographing weddings and families, as well as teaching photography at the Rollins College Center for lifelong Learning. You can see samples of Rinat's portfolio at rinathalon.com. "Being able to reflect the beauty of a person or a scene through my camera, and see how this depiction moves the viewer and conveys the full essence of the moment to them - is my life's purpose."

Leslie Halpern

Leslie C. Halpern is an award-winning poet, author, and entertainment journalist with more than 4,000 published articles and 10 published books. In addition to writing children's poetry books, she has written several nonfiction books about the movies, including her most recent publication, *200 Love Lessons from the Movies: Staying Moonstruck for Life*. Leslie earned a Master's Degree in Liberal Arts from Rollins College and a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from University of Kentucky. Her Master's thesis, titled *Dreams on Film*, was published by McFarland & Company, Inc., and is used in college film courses around the world. She writes an entertainment blog called "Seen It, Done It, Reviewed It" on her website: www.LeslieHalpern.com. Leslie also reviews books for several online companies, leads workshops on writing, dreams, and film, serves as the Vice President of the Orlando Area Poets, and Parliamentarian of the Florida State Poets Association.

Ellen Hurwitz

Ellen S. Hurwitz is an award-winning professor of history and past president of three institutions of higher learning: Albright College, New England College, and, most recently, American University of Central Asia in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, where she was designated President Emerita in June 2010. She currently serves as Executive Director of that University's Foundation. She holds a BA, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Smith College and a Ph.D. in Russian and Byzantine History from Columbia University, where she subsequently served as Chair of the University Seminar on Slavic History and Culture. She has been Senior Fellow at the Institute of International Liberal Education at Bard College and is an education consultant with Stevens Strategy. The author of books and articles about early Russian History, comparative history, and the significance of a liberal arts education, she currently serves as senior scholar at the Winter Park Institute of Rollins College and senior consultant in higher education leadership strategy with Stevens Strategy Consulting.

John Klein

John Nicholas Klein IV, Esq. John is an attorney and solo practitioner in Altamonte Springs, Florida. He's been a member of the Florida Bar since 2006. Before moving to Seminole County in 2014, John served the State of Florida as an Assistant Public Defender in Fort Lauderdale for more than 7 years. He is an alumnus of Florida State University and earned his law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. John

has been teaching for RCLL since the Fall of 2015 and has a keen interest in American History, Criminal Law and Procedure, and Politics. He and his Wife, Diane, along with their son, E.P., live in Longwood, Florida.

Debbie Krause

Debbie Krause is a Central Florida herbalist with a passion for plants, healing and medicine-making. She graduated with a degree in Environmental Studies from Rollins College's Hamilton Holt School in 1994 and has had a passion for nature and a connection to nature ever since. One of her greatest joys is wandering through the woods here in Florida or up in the mountains of North Carolina.

Debbie began her formal herbal training at the Florida School of Holistic Living and completed the Community Herbalist training under Emily Ruff's skilled guidance. She has continued her training with a variety of esteemed herbalists including Kim Ellis, Margi Flint, Jody Noe, Phyllis Light, 7Song, Thomas Easley, Michael Cottingham, John Gallagher, Rosalee de la Foret, Sam Coffman and Steven Horne. Debbie believes that learning never ends and is thankful for every opportunity to learn about herbs, wilderness, and healing. She appreciates every teacher who has crossed her path and believes that "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear."

While Debbie appreciates every aspect of herbalism, she has a true passion for medicine-making. You can often find her in the kitchen working with fresh roots, creating tinctures and formulas or making her well-known "Deb's Super Salve" first-aid salve and lip balm. She takes a lighthearted approach and loves the fun, messy nature of herbalism and the cast of characters that has become a core part of her life. She also enjoys teaching others how to take their own health and the health of their families, communities and environment into their own hands.

Jack Lane, PH.D.

Dr. Lane has taught History with Rollins for over fifty years. He has received degrees from Oglethorpe University, Emory University and the University of Georgia. He also served during the Korean conflict and is a notable author.

Kim LeBeau-Ross

Kim graduated from the University of Central Florida (UCF) with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and minors in Business and Communications. She was the first student at UCF to earn a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. She furthered her education at the University of Florida (UF) and earned a Graduate Certificate in Geriatric Care Management.

She has worked in a variety of settings with the aging population to gain experience and knowledge. This includes an assisted living facility, a skilled nursing facility, a continuing care retirement community and

a chapter of the Alzheimer Association. This also includes dementia-specific facilities. Amongst her roles at these places were: Activities Coordinator, Social Worker, Resident Care Coordinator, Support Group Facilitator, Public Policy Advocate and Family Resources Coordinator and Researcher.

Adrienne Lee

Adrienne H. Lee received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Florida State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a major in Art History. She currently works as an artist throughout Central Florida, participating in over 80 art events, festivals and shows. She also works as a freelance art historian researching and producing informative and entertaining lectures focused on art and art history.

Frederick Lee

Dr. Frederick B. Lee completed Studies at University of Hamburg (Ger.) in Psychology, Sociology, Ergonomics and Industrial Law, assisted Dr. Zirwas at the U. Then he moved to Stuttgart, Germany to become a specialist training manager involving assessment, seminars and promotion, employed by Mercedes-Benz. In 1986 he became a consultant, entrepreneur, founder and President of BrainTrain Germany, and public speaker in essential skills relating to the hiring of people, speech, presentation, management skills, memory improvement, mind map technique and speed reading. Now he is happily retired and still teaching classes at the UNF, when he is not kayaking, traveling, hiking or bicycling.

Bob Lemon

Bob Lemon, Rollins Emeritus Faculty in Art and Architecture History, retired from Rollins College after 33 years of full-time teaching. Now, Dr. Lemon enjoys teaching adults, and has a vast inventory of art subjects for adult learners, especially in the periods of the Renaissance and Baroque styles. He has also taken many senior groups to Europe over the years. "Each time I teach a group of adults, they learn from the classes and I learn something new from them. That's why I love teaching senior Tars. I am a great believer and supporter of senior learning."

Gary Lessord

Gary attended the Rochester Institute of Technology on scholarship and continued his undergraduate studies at the State University of New York at Brockport then earned a Master of Fine Art Degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Summa Cum Laude. To date the Gary has received over 100

awards and recognitions. Over the years his exploration in subject matter, technique and style has not only enhanced his own creative capabilities but has very well translated into his ability to teach in-depth and diverse curriculums in numerous college and university classrooms. His own personal medias have included pencil, lithography, etching, pen and ink, watercolor, oil, acrylic and mixed media. These have been featured in both Group and One-man Exhibitions ranging from college and universities to the United States Senate Rotunda and the Society of Illustrators. Gary has extensive experience in the publication realm, having produced illustrations for magazine covers, books, brochures and the motion picture industry.

Jo Maldonado

Jo Maldonado is an animal reader, adjusting your energy and changing your human body language to help you facilitate a smoother communication processes between you and your animals. Jo is the founder of Centers for Animal Therapies/C.A.T. an educational program for the understanding of animals founded in 2009, and Kids N Kritters, 2010, a summer camp experience for children to learn about animals, and Rescue for the Rescue, an animal based educational program for animal rescue organizations. Jo volunteers her time at various animal sanctuaries. Her writings have been published in The New Barker Magazine, Velocity Magazine, Natural Awakenings and Pet Planet. Press on Jo includes Orlando Sentinel, Orlando Weekly, New Barker Magazine, Velocity, Natural Awakenings and various radio interviews.

David Matteson

David is the Associate Curator of Education and Outreach at the Orlando Museum of Art, where he oversees and facilitates adult and community access programming. David holds a BA in Studio Art and English from Rollins College and an MBA from the Crummer Graduate School of Business. He is currently completing coursework towards his PhD in Texts and Technology at the University of Central Florida.

Bill Mays

Bill Mays is a retired Air Force officer and was assigned to Space Launch Vehicle program control for the military's Space Program. After the Air Force, he taught Astrophysics to both International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advance Placement (AP) High School Seniors.

Michael McGrath

Michael is a US Air Force Veteran. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from University of Central Florida and a Masters also from UCF in English. As part of his Masters Michael taught "Sir Gawain & the Green Knight in a Teaching College Literature class. Michael currently works full time in the field of Occupational Therapy.

Gary Prager

Gary Prager is from London, England. He has lived in the United States for 35 years. He has a lifetime interest in history. Gary has instructed classes on the Arab Israeli Conflict, the British Monarchy and Aristocracy. He has lectured at the Holocaust Museum in Maitland and has a particular interest in post-war British history.

Meril Salzburg

Meril Salzburg has been playing and teaching Mah Jongg for 25 years. Specializing in teaching the foundation and principles of American Mah Jongg rules (by the National Mah Jongg League), through analysis and strategy of the game. In addition to several years with the Rollins College Lifelong Learning Program, Meril has taught at various organizations and private classes to small groups in the greater Orlando area. She has also organized and ran Mah Jongg Tournaments to raise funds for non-profit organizations. For 35 years, Meril specialized in organizational management, marketing, membership, development, financial assistance scholarships, event planning, and educational programs. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree and currently Chairs the Women for Israel Committee and is a member of the Jewish National Fund Board. Previously, with other Boards having served in several positions over the past 15 years.

Chris Schmidt

Chris Schmidt is a highly accomplished senior business executive with extensive experience in governmental, transportation and media industries. During his more than 35 year career, Mr. Schmidt

has served as Senior Advisor to the Deputy Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), as Chief of Staff to the Orange County, Fla., Mayor, as news director and general manager at three television stations, and as the head of operations at Orlando International Airport (MCO). Mr. Schmidt has a proven ability to successfully manage revenue, expenses and staff in challenging, fluid environments. He has successfully established working relationships with senior business and community executives as well as government leaders at the federal, state and local levels. While at the TSA, Mr. Schmidt developed collaborative approaches and provided management expertise to develop strong partnerships with industry stakeholders and helped create the strategic vision and develop implementation plans for Risk Based Security (including TSA precheck). While at Orlando International Airport, Mr. Schmidt refocused the Aviation Authority's operations to become more business-oriented and entrepreneurial. In addition, he developed a community-based plan for growing revenue that increased concession sales, established passenger service programs including the highly acclaimed Resort Transportation program. As a result, the airport routinely receives high scores in national and international "passenger satisfaction" studies. Mr. Schmidt also led negotiations for new on-airport rental car agreements, resulting in revenue increase of \$20 million, and led economic development efforts on behalf of the airport that secured both Air Tran's headquarters, operations center and flight safety development, and the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute.

Kathy Cone Smith

Kathy Cone Smith has a BA and MA in English from the University of New Hampshire. She has been and Adjunct Instructor of English at Stetson University and the University of Maine at Augusta. She also works as a free-lance book manuscript editor for university and trade presses.

Rochelle Thomas Swidler

Rochelle Swidler is an Associate Professor at Valencia College in the Department of Humanities. She has taught Introduction to Humanities and 20th Century Humanities, which she has taught both in person and online. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Eckerd College. She they earned a Masters in Criminal Justice, Forensic Science from Saint Leo University and a Master of Liberal Studies from Rollins College.

Peter Telep

Peter Telep is the author of more than forty novels. With the assistance of technical advisors from all branches of the service, he has documented the exploits of U.S. Army Special Forces in Afghanistan, tank platoon commanders in Korea, and mercenary fighters in Angola, Uzbekistan, and Vladivostok, among others. His collaboration with Tom Clancy, *Against All Enemies*, debuted at #1 on the New York Times Bestsellers List. Additionally, he has written many bestselling novels based on Tom Clancy's *Ghost Recon*, *Endwar*, and *Splinter Cell* video game series. Mr. Telep's most recent work, *The Secret Corps*, involved extensive research, including a trip to the Sig Sauer Academy in New Hampshire, where he received hands-on weapons training. He also traveled to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he had the opportunity to pilot a Riverine Patrol Boat and make an "unauthorized" J-turn, much to the surprise of his soaked but smiling hosts. Bonus info: Writing as Ben Weaver: *Brothers in Arms*, *Rebels in Arms*, *Patriots in Arms* Writing as P.W. Storm: *The Force 5 Recon Series* and *The Mercenaries Series* Writing as Pete Callahan: *Armored Corps*, *Attack by Fire*, *Engage and Destroy* Writing as David Michaels: *Endwar*, *Endwar: The Hunted*, *Ghost Recon*, *Ghost Recon: Combat Ops*, *Splinter Cell: Endgame* Writing as Richard Michaels: *The Fall of Eden* (Trade Paperback)

Dana Thurmond

Dana Thurmond is a graduate of Rollins College, earning her BA in English in 2009 and her MA in Liberal Studies in 2012. She is now finishing her Educational Specialist degree from Liberty University. Currently a professor at Valencia College in Orlando, Florida, Dana has taught a wide variety of courses. Her specialization is mythology, and she has an interest in world religions. A recipient of the Magruder Fellowship, Dana has just returned from her studies in Tokyo, Japan, where she explored Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines. She has also traveled across England visiting medieval churches and cathedrals. You may have seen Dana on her *Jeopardy!* episode in June of 2016. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Ben, and their multitude of pets

Yvonne Vassel

Yvonne C.T. Vassel has been a journalist and photographer with three daily newspapers: *The New Haven Register*, *The Journal Courier*, and *The Orlando Sentinel*. She was also regional spokesperson for the Florida Department of Children & Families and a state director/writer for a non-profit working on Federal railroad legislation. Through it all, the personal story has held the most power and interest. Now, with *Your Life in Words*, she has immersed herself in writing and publishing life stories. Yvonne strives to make the process a fun, interesting, and life-enhancing experience, and believes writing our life stories is a way to continue an ancient oral tradition of passing stories and lessons on to future

generations. Yvonne was born in Jamaica and has a Bachelor's in Journalism/Communication from the University of Bridgeport, and a Masters in Corporate Communication and Technology from Rollins College. She lives in Winter Park.

Wayne Weinberg

Wayne has been a News director for the following radio formats: all news, country, rock, urban contemporary. He has concluded a quarter century of broadcasting in Orlando.

Wayne was selected by his peers for operating the best radio news department in North America (co-recipient). In addition, he has taught broadcast news writing as an adjunct instructor in the School of Communication at Marquette University and the University of Central Florida, is a free-lance voice talent who has recorded for Disney and a long list of companies and organizations whose voice has been heard in virtually every top 25 city in the country. Wayne has also emceed dozens of events, covered presidential candidates and interviewed a long list of leader.

Robin Wilson

Since graduating from the University of South Florida in 1975, Robin has been a Dance Instructor at many levels, from high school to universities. Currently she is a Professor of theatre and Dance at Rollins College. In addition to teaching Robin has been a professional choreographer and performer. Her love of dance and its health benefits have brought her to the Rollins STARS Program where she has taught her 'Stretch Yourself: Promote a Healthier More Youthful Body' since 2014.