



PRESENTERS FOR THE LLO/ONLC CONFERENCE 2017



DIANE ALTINBILEK

Diane Altinbilek has worked as an Online Educator with SHLC's Good Learning Anywhere Program for 4 years and has been a part time professor at Confederation College for 2 years. During her career Diane has passionately pursued academics earning a Master's Degree in Sociology in 2011 and she continues to take advantage of ongoing learning opportunities.

Diane is an instructor, learning mentor and curriculum developer, and independently pursues various research interests in knowledge construction and alternative education initiatives.



SUMMER BURTON

Summer is passionate about creating innovative training material for adult literacy learners. Her corporate background includes classroom and workshop facilitation, coaching and mentoring - elements she uses in the development of interactive, gamified literacy training.



DENNIS CHIPKA

Dennis is President of the Board of Literacy Nipissing. His background began with journalism before moving to the non-profit sector. He now runs North Bay's Soup Kitchen.

For the past two holiday seasons, Dennis has written and published two children's books, as a fundraiser for Literacy Nipissing, with a third on its way.



NIDA DOHERTY

Sioux Hudson Literacy Council/Good Learning Anywhere is an online distance education organization that is intended to support Aboriginal learners. Nida has been working as a Practitioner with SHLC/GLA for 6 years. During that time on a regular basis she has taught the Creative Writing course, which is a 6 session course with each session 2 hours in length. She has developed and refined this course over the years. For the past couple of years she has extended the course to include an event where the learners present the best of their writing to the GLA staff and guests of the learners.



GAY DOUGLAS

Gay's career spans more than 30 years as a community activist, executive director, adult educator and entrepreneur.

Gay has volunteered on a dozen boards, often serving in the role of Chairperson. For the past 20 years, she has served as the E.D. of Literacy Link Niagara, coordinating, planning and facilitating a complex service system of government-funded adult literacy programs.

In 2005 Gay combined her experience in volunteer board leadership and professional non-profit management to create Gay Douglas and Associates Inc., (GDA) a consulting company specializing in board governance and strategic planning. In 2001 she was honoured by the YWCO of Niagara as a Woman of Distinction in the category of Training, Education and Development.



JENNIFER HEWITT

With sixteen years' experience as an adult education facilitator, Jennifer specializes in program development, creating curriculum for LearningHub, Good Learning Anywhere, QUILL Literacy Network, and Project READ Literacy Network, where a program she co-created received an honourable mention in the *Great-West Life, London Life, and Canada Life Literacy Innovation Awards* 2016.



NORMA JACOBS

Norma Jacobs is an Onkwehowe Wolf Clan of the Cayuga Nation. She is a respected elder and knowledge keeper. Norma has been a cultural educator for many years and has an impressive vitae which includes 11 years of teaching/curriculum development at First Nations Technical Institute in the Indigenous Community Health Approaches Program; teaching spirituality at McMaster University; Cultural awareness workshops on life cycle at Oklahoma University; Guest lecturer at University of Buffalo & Trent University; Healing and wellness coordinator in Windsor; Alcohol & Drug Counsellor in Wisconsin and Cattaraugus; Indigenous Healing and wellness at Laurier University; Awehaode communications-language and ceremony clarification.



**MONIKA
JANKOWSKA-
PACYNIA**

Monika brings years of experience in project management, applied educational technologies, communications and social media platform management to her work. As an education consultant, she helps adult education service providers explore and implement new technologies and use them in business, administrative and classroom settings. Monika holds a degree in business management with a minor in finance, and has completed the adult learning and development program at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). A lifelong learner, Monika is often found exploring new tools and taking online courses, including her most recent educational pursuit: becoming a Google-certified educator & trainer.



ERIN JONES

Erin Jones is Site Coordinator and Lead for Adult ESL Programs with the Avon Maitland District School Board. She has spent the last 12 years working with adult learners in credit, ESL and literacy programs. Erin is especially excited for the additional learning opportunities online ESL will provide to newcomers.



SARAH MALONEY

This year Sarah has launched her own writing, editing and educational development business and is spends a lot of time in her office writing! Sarah is also a part-time professor at Niagara College. While working as an educator in the healthcare sector, Sarah became very aware of the discrepancies that existed for the Aboriginal patient, and continues to see similar discrepancies that exist for the Aboriginal student.



**BONNIE JANE
MARACLE**

lehnhotonkwas Bonnie Jane Maracle – a member of the Wolf Clan of the Mohawk Nation; sits as CGO of Board of Directors, ONLC; PhD Candidate in Indigenous Studies at Trent University with research in Language Revitalization; presently employed as the Aboriginal Learning Strategist at First Nations House, U of Toronto.



JAKE MARTELL

Before joining Nokee Kwe as Literacy Coordinator, Jake Martell taught with the Thames Valley District School Board and developed adult literacy with Literacy Link South Central. In his current position with Nokee Kwe, he is working closely with Reforest London, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and other members of the London Environmental Network to create a restoration ecology program.



VITO MENDONCA

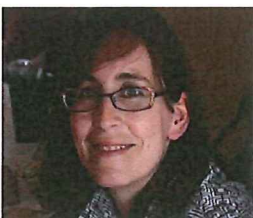
Vito Mendonca completed his Honors BA at Western University in 2002. He provided research consultation from 2003-2008, primarily in the area of Organizational Psychology, with a focus on leadership studies. He has worked at ATN Access Inc. since 2009, and his role presently is Lab Coordinator and Learning Disabilities Specialist.



TRACEY MOLLINS

ESL Literacy Experience: I have a TESL certificate. I worked with ESL Literacy learners in a school board LINC program and in a community-based LBS program. I currently facilitate classes on ESL Literacy in the TESL Certificate Program at the Centre for Cultural and Language Studies. More at www.greedymouse.ca.

Story Writing Experience: I worked with Literacy students on story writing at a school board and in a community-based LBS program. I also taught story writing online at AlphaRoute. More at www.greedymouse.ca.



**KAREN
MORGAN-BOWYER**

Karen started working in the adult literacy field in 2005 as a volunteer tutor. Since then she has held positions as program coordinator, classroom instructor, and instructor for the Teacher of Adults program, researcher and curriculum writer. She is currently the program manager for a school board LBS program. Karen recently graduated from Nipissing University with a Master of Education degree.



**ALLISON
NICHOL LONGTIN**

Allison Nichol Longtin is a lifelong learner with a love of world languages and a background in Fine Arts. She is both an educator and a student at heart and brings passion and integrity to her work as a Programs Coordinator at ABC Life Literacy Canada.



AGNIESZKA PALALAS

Dr. Agnieszka Palalas, Assistant Professor at Athabasca University, is a mobile-assisted language learning (MALL) expert with background in applied linguistics, SLA, ESL, technology-assisted language learning, and online education. She is President of the International Association for Mobile Learning. She has developed MALL apps and artifacts and edited "The International Handbook of Mobile-Assisted Language Learning".



**PREZEMYSŁAW
PAWLUK**

Przemyslaw Pawluk is a professor at George Brown College in Toronto. He specializes in software development, and his current focus is on mobile app development.



MEGHAN PRATT

Megan has a contagious enthusiasm for innovation. As an educator, a researcher, and a leader in the literacy community, Megan blends her professional experience with her expertise in teaching and learning and creative problem-solving to initiate the kind of organizational change that promotes student success.



HILARY REID

Hilary is a Programs Coordinator at ABC Life Canada. She is a lifelong learner with a particular passion for volunteer development and management. An avid mystery novel reader, Hilary enjoys outdoor adventures.



HEATHER ROBINET

Heather Robinet is in a new role with the Centre for Employment & Learning of the Avon Maitland District School Board, as Online ESL Advisor coordinating the development and launch of an online ESL pilot program for the province. Previously, Heather was Program Specialist for her board's adult Literacy and Basic Skills program, which included development and coordination of the LearningHUB.



MATTHEW SHULMAN

Matthew Shulman is Executive Director of Peel-Halton-Dufferin Adult Learning Network.

PHDALN's works to improve the local education, training and employment system by building service provider capacity through excellent leadership, support and coordination.

We seek to add demonstrable value to the system by integrating programs, breaking down silos and mobilizing knowledge.



WENDY STANYON

An associate professor in the UOIT-Durham College Collaborative BScN program, Wendy Stanyon has developed numerous partnerships with police, health and social service groups and works collaboratively to promote greater understanding of mental illness and facilitate effective workplace health promotion and communication strategies.



MATTHIAS STURM

Matthias holds extensive experience researching and developing blended learning methodologies, applying educational technologies and administering skill assessments. He has led multiple research projects and served as key member on many program evaluation teams. Matthias holds an MA in distance education and has authored and co-authored several journal articles and research reports. He serves adult education service providers in English and French, and is a familiar face at JustAsk on Mondays.



SUMMER THORP

Summer Thorp, MEd, BA is an Employment Counselor and the Program Coordinator for the Positive Voice program at Nokee Kwe, a bridging and mentorship program for urban Aboriginal women transitioning to employment or education.