RISE FALL 2015 FACILITATORS

Caroline Akins, writer and teacher, has facilitated writing classes at RISE for a number of years. She holds a M.A. in English literature.

Lisa Allen holds an MFA from SNHU and teaches literature courses at Northeastern University.

Dr. Barbara Hardy Beierl has taught literature at RISE since 2013, including novels, short stories, animals in literature, and Shakespeare’s plays

Joe Bingham has over 30 years of study, work, and hands-on experience with computers.

Mary Bock is a graduate of the New School in New York City and has been a RISE member for over ten years.

Michael Brazao has a B.A. from Trinity College and a M.A. from Lisbon University. He studied art under Patrick Hennessy in Dublin. He currently works in pencil and oil.

Judy Brophy recently retired as an educational technology consultant in higher education, and also has 30 years of experience in creating engaging media.

Paul Carr holds a B.S. and M.S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in Physics from Brandeis University. He has led a branch of the AF Research Laboratory and taught at RISE in 2010 and 2014. His website is www.MirrorOfNature.org.

James Collins is a graduate of Engineer Manhattan College, P.E. and Adelphi U, MBA. He worked for 35 years at Arthur D. Little as a Corporate Executive, 18 years as a Corporate Management Consultant and is also a lecturer and author.

Nancy Cronin has studied Cosmology since 1999, and has facilitated “NEW and DIFFERENT” sessions at RISE for 10 semesters. The science and spirituality of the Universe Story is “ever-ancient, ever-new”!

Elaine Durkee has been a member of the RISE program since 2009 and strongly believes in the Living Strong program.

Dr. Jens Peter Dybwad was born in Germany before WWII. After completing his Ph.D., he collaborated with others worldwide on the Apollo program. He is retired and has facilitated a RISE course entitled “Civilization Before Science and After Science Fiction”.
Carol Eyman is Outreach and Community Services Coordinator at the Nashua Public Library.

Merle Luber Friedenberg received her Ph.D. in History from New York University. After teaching at the undergraduate level she has turned to Life Long Learning Institutes as her source of inspiration and expansion of her knowledge.

Cynthia Geiger is a nurse by profession with a love of amateur photography. Creating slide shows is more rewarding to me than putting pictures (or not) into photo albums.

Joan Gibson has facilitated several basic writing courses for RISE. She taught high school English until her retirement and currently teaches ESOL classes at the Nashua Adult Learning Center.

Helen Harper has been a member of RISE since retiring in 1999. She has enjoyed taking the Living Strong class since it began in 2004.

Kim S. Hart is deeply involved in the Native Way of Life and has taught courses on the culture for many years.

Dr. John A. Herner is a chiropractor in Nashua, NH who is dedicated to providing conservative care for the treatment of neuro musculoskeletal conditions.

Paul Hoffman retired from BAE Systems in 2011 after a full career of engineering and senior management. Since retiring, he has been pursuing his “right-side of the brain” interests in art, music, photography.

Pat Hurd is a retired RN, watercolor, pen & ink artist, and a harpist. She organizes and speaks at retreats and conferences. Pat has earned a B.S. degree from Rivier University and a degree in Healthcare Administration from St. Joseph’s College in Maine.

Richard Ingram has taught technology courses for RISE for almost 15 years. Visit www.richardingram.biz to learn more about him and his services.

Jim Isaak is a past computer nerd and present futurist – exploring a topic that has been on his mind for a long “time”.

Helen Jackman has co-facilitated Shared Writing Experiences for several years. A former high school business teacher and technical editor at Digital Equipment Corporation, Helen has served on the DAWN Literary Journal staff since 2002, first as copy editor, then as managing editor, and currently serves as editor in chief.

Arelys Jimenez is originally from Dominican Republic and is living and working in Hollis, NH. Arelys attended the University of Maine at Presque Isle, where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts with emphasis in painting. It was there where she discovered her passion for abstract style. While attending the University, she was also a Spanish tutor.
Sheila Kabat is a Human Resource/Organizational Development Professional who loves to research and share her knowledge for art/about artists. She is also a Certified Retirement Coach with a passion for ENCORE activities.

George King is a mechanical engineer with a lifelong interest in music and the sciences.

Calvin Knickerbocker, a former instructor and education manager at IBM, has taught at the University of Texas and for RISE since 1999.

Ella Sue La Cerva has been a facilitator of water exercises since 2006. She holds B.S., M.Ed., and C.A.G.S. degrees. She is a former school counselor, scientific computer programmer, math instructor at Auburn University, psychometrics in school systems & private practice.

Grandmaster Bobby La Mattina has over 43 years of experience and is a life coach for all ages. He has educated over 43,000 students to reach their full potential.

Joan Leonard, M.Ed., is a former teacher and lifelong learner who appreciates the collective wisdom of the RISE community.

Dr. Irving Lipschitz is a Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell campus.

Dorothy Lord is a retired Lowell School System teacher. She has taught Writing Down Memory Lane to over 100 RISE writers, many who have gone on to publish in DAWN, our literary magazine. She still thrills to see students’ progress over 10 weeks.

Marlene Marconi was educated in and taught creative arts classes for 20+ years and has worked for 13 years in visual merchandising.

Grace McGinnis is a New England native and graduate of Drexel University, Philadelphia. Her employment was in clothing design and merchandising, social services and healthcare. She has been painting since 2000.

David McNeil has a B.A. in Sociology from the University of New Hampshire and a M.Ed. from Rivier College. He taught Social Studies for over 30 years at Alvirne High School and has been a RISE member and facilitator for 10 years.

William A. McPherson, USNR-Ret, holds a B.S. degree from Providence College and an MBA from Boston University. He has facilitated American Quandaries since 1998.

Joanne Merrill is Rivier University’s Director of Athletics and has taught the Exercise class for RISE for over 10 years.

Tom Myers holds a Master’s degree in Atmospheric Science and has 20 years of experience as a staff meteorologist with the United States Air Force and NASA, supporting aviation and space shuttle operations.
Nancy Nordstrom had previously directed the Road Scholar Institute Network prior to retirement. She also wrote the book, “Learning Later, Living Greater: the Secret for Making the Most of Your After-50 Years”.

Connie Owen is a retired therapist who has been a RISE member/facilitator since 2005.

Julie Pelletier-Rutkowski, M.S., RN, is the owner and principal consultant for Feng Shui Services of New England.

John Penasack is a retired USAF Lt. Colonel and DOD contractor. He holds a B.S. in Education and a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering.

Denise Petrin is an Associate Vice President – Investment Officer with Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC and has over 20 years in the Financial Services industry.

Gayle A. Plouffe is an environmental steward promoting sound conservation and forestry practices, habitat protection/creation, successive growth of flora and fauna varieties and species. She has a B.A., Magna Cum Laude, in American Studies.

Patricia Riley is a Rivier alumnus and has lived in Nashua for 37 years. She became a RISE member in 2013 and advocates that Living Strong is for everyone.

John Sanders is insatiably curious about how stories work, how to develop as a storyteller and why it’s so much fun. He also loves watching great films and exploring what makes them so enjoyable.

William C. Sawyer II holds an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. from the University of New York; M.A. (B.C. Spirituality and Ministry). He presented workshops on spiritual transformation at two Franciscan centers and two prisons for more than 10 years.

Sandra Scheiner is a certified handwriting expert for over 30 years. This certification inspired her to earn a degree in Science of Humanities and has become a Certified Educational Advocate.

Stuart J. Sherman, M.S., IAAP is a Jungian analyst and graduate of the C.G. Jung Institute – Boston, where he also teaches. He currently serves as President of the New England Society of Jungian Analysts. He maintains a private practice in Nashua, NH.

Sarah Widhu is a life master who is passionate about bridge and wants to pass the enjoyment onto her students.

David Wray is an award-winning lecturer and writer in the areas of history, mythology, and numismatics.