

Fall 2018 CME Instructor Bios

Ambrosio, Cydni: an Apple Certified Teacher, Evernote Certified Consultant, Author, Apple Magazine contributing writer, and self-proclaimed Technophile. She started using computer when she was 6-years-old and has been in love with technology ever since.

Banaszczyk, Romualda "Rommy": received degrees in Economics and International Education from schools in Poland and Massachusetts. She has been certified in the knowledge of numerology and is an international speaker and educator. She has a unique vision for promoting world peace, supporting education and literacy around the globe.

Coffman, Craig: is an experienced piano instructor, professional pianist and music director. He has over 20 years' experience teaching piano privately. His piano seminars, offered through Community Colleges and Community Education Programs, have been attended by over 12,000 students throughout the United States over the last 11 years. He has a degree in Sociology from Illinois Wesleyan University in Illinois (where he also studied piano) and a Master of Divinity degree from Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon.

Conn, Pauline: teacher of adult education for over 30 years. She takes great joy in teaching in a fun, easy and non-judgmental way. Besides holding a BA from the University of Minnesota, she has studied art in Minnesota, Texas, New Mexico and Oregon and has completed over 800 hours of art classes at the University of New Mexico, Taos. She has exhibited at the renowned Taos Fall Arts Festival, and other venues in Taos. A member of the Vistas and Vineyards art group in Corvallis Oregon, she also exhibited at their shows. A juried member of the Artists of the Superstitions, Pauline has taken part in their shows and sales for the last 4 years. She was recently chosen by the Gold Canyon Arts Council as Artist in Residence at the Apache Junction High School.

Daniels, Rod: a former resident of Las Vegas and has played over 400,000 blackjack hands. He is also a veteran and served in the 101st Airborne Division.

Eaks, Tobia: is a lifetime dancer and lifelong learner. She loves living in the southwest and loves the mountains. As a child she began clogging from the time she was able to stand. Dancing is one of the joys in her life.

Ensley, Christian: holds an AA in Criminal Justice, a BS in Justice Studies (minor in Spanish), and an MS in Administration/Leadership. He has twenty years of Criminal Justice experience, with 17 years as a sworn peace officer working as a patrol officer, detective and sergeant. He also has experience with juvenile probation and security, and was often assigned Spanish speaking investigations.

Fields, Alice: has been a business owner, author, speaker, educator, and trainer for the past 22 years. She is the author of Books on Business Strategies and Tactics using QuickBooks Pro® Accounting Software, as well as 8 course manuals for QuickBooks Pro® instruction. She is a Certified Master Practitioner in transferring proven processes, techniques, strategies and systems in event planning/production, coaching, closing, presentation design, marketing, speaking,

persuasion/ influence and relatable experiences. Alice is a member of National Society of Accountants and National Association of Tax Professionals.

Gemme, Lindsey, NDTR: is a confident mentor coach and holistic wellness specialist. She uses firsthand experience in workshops and one-on-one coaching to help others rediscover their power using compassion and creativity.

Hansen, Gregory: has successfully worked for over 35 years in natural resource management and is retired from the USDA Forest Service's Washington D.C. Office. During his tenure he served as a Wilderness Ranger, Conservation Education Coordinator, Wilderness/ Trails Staff Officer, Regional Wilderness/ Trails Program Leader, National Leave No Trace Outdoor Education Coordinator and International Wilderness Training/ Management Coordinator for the continent of Africa-Wash. D.C. International Affairs Office. He has instructed wilderness management/education courses at Arizona State University and has also taught natural resource management at the University of Arizona, Central Arizona College, Phoenix Community College, Grand Canyon University and the University of Natal/ South Africa. Currently Greg consults, writes and instructs for the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center, USDI National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is a Program/ Education Consultant and the Tribal Relations Coordinator for the AZ Conservation Corps and serves as the Outdoor Education/ Program Committee Chair for the Society of Wilderness Stewardship.

Hoeh, Kristal: has taught art for eight years as an elementary and high school teacher. She is proficient in many art mediums but enjoys pencil drawing and acrylic painting the most. As an intern in French-Speaking Belgium, she had the privilege of visiting art museums throughout Europe. She has presented at the Arizona Art Education Association's Annual Conference on how to use the internet to teach Art. Aside from Art and travel, she enjoys sprint triathlons, decorating cakes and camping.

Hofmeister, Barbara: is retired and lives in Gold Canyon. Before retiring she was a motivational speaker and sales trainer so teaching is second nature for her. When she and her husband retired in 1989 they moved into a small motorhome to travel for a year or so but ended up RVing fulltime for 14 years. During those years, the couple wrote three separate books on full-time RVing and presented seminars all across the U.S. Barb also wrote a professional newsletter about their travels. In 2003 they gave up the RV lifestyle and Barb has been teaching Life Story Writing since in different venues in the valley and has helped many to complete their stories. In 2012 she finished her own life story.

Ioane, KimmBerly: specializes in Raku Firing, trained in northern California and is a working artist for 30 years. She enjoys sharing her passion for clay with others. Her artistic tips, methods and inspiration will help a wide range of students accomplish their own goals.

Koenig, Sandra: began her lifelong love of the ancient Chinese game, Mah Jongg, over 50 years ago. She's carried her enjoyment for the game from her initial home of St. Louis, to her years living in Israel, up to and including her relocation to Arizona in 1984.

LeSueur, Charlie: Arizona's Official Western Film Historian, has interviewed many famous cowboy stars and was a celebrity moderator for 22 years in several cowboy festivals throughout the Southwest. He is a Spirit of the Old West Alive recipient, and was inducted in the Apache-land Wall of Fame at the Superstition Mountain Museum in Apache Junction, AZ. Charlie has two published books on Western Film - "The Legends Live On: Interviews with the Cowboy Stars of the Silver Screen" and "Riding the Hollywood Trail: Tales of the Silver Screen Cowboys".

Littleton, David: first started playing bridge in his early teens and became acquainted with tournament bridge in his late teens. He has played in sanctioned American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) tournaments at all levels from local club games to regional and national championships. He has won state championships in three New England states and in 1973 achieved the rank of Life Master in the ACBL, which then was the highest rank one could obtain. He has played bridge most of his life and has experience in teaching bridge as an adult education class. He truly enjoys bringing the great game of bridge to others.

Lorenzo, Lance; a former military serviceman and ASU graduate, he has over fifteen years of experience as a fitness instructor and has been a practicing massage therapist for over 20 years.

McGraw, Jennifer: has over 25 years of experience at resort spas and is certified to teach Tai Chi and aquatic exercise. In 1991, she became licensed as a massage therapist. She also teaches health and wellness classes in the community including meditation, relaxing stretch, labyrinth healing and Tai Chi.

Marrinan-Menchaca, Dr. Mary; retired from Central Arizona College in April of 2015 after 21 years of service. Over the last 40 years, she has taught French, Spanish and English to students from kindergarten through university graduate levels. Dr. Marrinan-Menchaca is the owner and director of Casa Grande based Comprende Services, which is a business whose focus is Workplace training in the areas of Spanish language, Cultural Diversity and Stress Management.

Middleton, Gene: is a local actor and artist, best known for his western art. His professional career was in graphics, including photo retouching, silk screening and offset printing. He is knowledgeable in computer technology and photo enhancement and has a passion for technology.

Murphy, Stephanie: holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in teaching Mathematics and yet finds her true passion in helping others attain their best health and wellbeing. From her diverse background as a Yoga Alliance Registered Yoga Teacher and certified Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor, Spin Instructor, and Health Coach, Stephanie brings a unique and innovative approach to her classes. Through a variety of poses and conscious sequencing, Stephanie's yoga classes build strength, enhance flexibility, and improve balance for all levels. From the most invigorating yoga practice to the most calming, Stephanie's versatility brings peace and tranquility into each class. Stephanie enjoys helping students focus within as they find and face challenges in their yoga practice, and by doing so expand awareness, increase presence of mind, and conquer difficulties with ease.

Ortiz, Vanessa: born in California and raised in a little Oklahoma town on the Kansas border called Tyrone. As a child she moved all over the place and her only outlet was art. She has been practicing art for over 12 years. In 2010, she graduated with a Bachelor in Fine Arts from Arizona State University. In 2014, she became a member of the Artists of The Superstitions. She likes to share her knowledge and passion with students willing to learn skills in drawing.

Pellitier, Jay Jay: is a former Green Beret survival instructor. He has attended multiple survival schools including: Death Valley, Alaska, and the Philippines. He has also taught survival courses for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Russell, Janet: holds a Master's Degree from Northwestern University in Illinois. During her undergraduate studies at the University of Madrid in Spain, her desire to travel was intensified. She also worked for the Department of Defense in Germany where she taught Spanish to U.S. Citizens.

Sanchez, Luis: B.S. and M.B.A, University of Phoenix has been working in higher education for the last nine years in a variety of capacities. During his time working in management in both higher ed. and professional business sectors, he learned the importance of mastering technology and the many ways it can be used in the various facets of life. He has always been a tech-tool enthusiast and continuously looking at ways to integrate technology in personal and professional settings. He enjoys teaching others about the ever changing world of technology tools that have found their way into everyday life.

Zubel, Paul: has an associate's degree from Rio Salado Community College. He has over eleven years of experience in Microsoft Office. Other experience includes five years as a Microsoft Systems Operator, seven years as a Hardware Tester for Western Digital and three years as a Systems Administrator for HMS Host. In 1997, Paul joined MSN as a Moderator and Systems Operator of their social media chat department. Being involved with MSN Live Group, he brought fans in contact with their favorite celebrities through chat. Since then, he has continued to be involved with Social media as well as Computer Networking while working on his bachelor's degree.