Instructor and Club Leader Biographies

*Indicates that some teaching services, in addition to A Taste of OLLI presentations, are donated to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Coastal Carolina University.

Jonathan M. Acuff a former officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, Acuff has also worked as a military analyst for the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR). While at NBR, he conducted research funded by the Department of Homeland Security evaluating the vulnerability of private sector facilities in the Pacific Northwest to terrorist attack, as well as several projects supported by PACOM. He has published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on intelligence analysis, military doctrine, terrorism, the Iranian Revolution, and nationalism. He is the editor (with Brent J. Steele) of “Theory and Application of the ‘Generation’ in International Relations and Politics” (Palgrave, 2012). Acuff has previously taught at the University of Washington, Saint Anselm College, and Seattle University. In 1999-2000, he was a Ford Foundation Fellow at the University of Iowa. Acuff, an associate professor of intelligence and national security studies, teaches courses on intelligence analysis, strategy, international security, terrorism and writing in intelligence.

*Janis Adams has been leader of the Classic Book Club in Litchfield for several semesters.

*Bill Alexander has been continually licensed in property/casualty as well as life and health insurance and bonds since 1983. He taught real estate licensing courses in the 1980s at York Technical College in Rock Hill, S.C.

Lisa Aprea is a retired entrepreneur. As the owner of Happy Dog Training and Happy Dog Pet Resort she has 30 years of experience in animal care, dog training and pet education. Her experience includes teaching certificate programs to work in the pet care industry.

James Arendt, associate professor and director of the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery, is an artist whose work explores paradigms of labor and place through narrative figure painting, drawing, prints, fabric and sculpture. Recently, he was short-listed for the 1858 Prize for Contemporary Southern Art and received the South Carolina Arts Commission Visual Artist Fellowship. His work was awarded the $50,000 top prize at ArtFields; he was awarded Best in Show during Fantastic Fibers at Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, Ky. and his work was included in Fiberarts International in 2013 and 2016 and in the 2013 Museum Rijswijk Textile Biennial, Netherlands.
*Samih Baalbaki* was born and raised in Lebanon and studied (in Arabic and French) Lebanese and French constitutional and civil laws. He spent the last 17 years of his career in the Middle East before retiring (back to the U.S.) in 2012. Baalbaki began teaching at OLLI@CCU in September 2012. For OLLI, he conducts programs covering Islam and the political situation in the Middle East. He also leads weekly Middle East current events discussion groups and a bi-weekly world events club. He is a member of the OLLI Advisory Board, a runner and a grandfather.

*Scott Bacon*, is the coordinator of digital initiatives for Kimbel Library, has been digitizing and displaying all of the issues of “The Chanticleer,” the student-run newspaper at CCU that has been published since 1962. Bacon, web services and emerging technologies librarian at CCU’s Kimbel Library, played a vital part in developing the Horry County Archives Center (HCAC) at Coastal Carolina University. Bacon has expertise in web technology, metadata and archival practices.

**Thomas S. Badurski** holds degrees in psychology and clinical counseling. He is experienced in and has hands-on involvement in many types of institutional and at-home long-term and end-of-life care. He spent many years as a key clinical counselor with a major healthcare provider. He is also an award-winning real estate marketer.

**Isaac J. Bailey** was born in St. Stephen, S.C., and holds a degree in psychology from Davidson College in North Carolina. Trained at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla., he has been a professional journalist for twenty years. In addition to writing for the Sun News, he has taught applied ethics at CCU and, as a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, he has taught journalism at Harvard Summer School. He has won numerous national, state and local awards for his writing. He is the author of “My Brother Moochie: Regaining Dignity in the Face of Crime, Poverty, and Racism in the American South.”

**Tracy Bailey** is a teacher, wife, mother, scholar and the founder and executive director of Freedom Readers, an area program devoted to enhancing literacy and learning among children in low wealth communities. Freedom Readers, begun in 2010 in Conway, now operates in three counties. The Georgetown native and former Socastee High English teacher says reading not only transforms the mind, but also builds confidence. In February 2019, Bailey was honored with WPDE’s Jefferson Award. She earned a Ph. D. in language and literacy from the University of South Carolina.

*David Barnwell* is a retired professor of Spanish and linguistics. He taught for some years at CCU, as well as at Columbia University in New York City and the National University of Ireland.
*Verna Berry* is a mother, grandmother, sister and cousin. She is a transplant to South Carolina, having decided she could not stand another Ohio winter. She resides in Georgetown, but has also lived in Maryland as well as on the Mexico/Arizona border. Berry enjoys learning, reading, eating out and making new friends. Berry also enjoys a good joke and she loves to laugh.

**Barbara Jo Blain-Bellamy** is a Conway native who recognized at an early age that her assigned work is to serve others. She began a social work career before completing her undergraduate studies, and later centered her law career on relief for the underserved. Sworn in as Conway’s mayor on January 4, 2016, Blain-Bellamy’s contributions as a member of the Conway City Council began in January 1993. She twice served as Mayor-Pro-Tempore, and was the city’s deputy administrator in the early 2000’s. She has also served on a dozen or so boards and commissions over the past 25 years. Experience and knowledge gained through these and similar positions created for her unparalleled preparation for the mayor’s seat. She is most proud of being a late-bloomer and lifelong learner. Blain-Bellamy overcame her fear of everything dark and alone when, at age 55, she hiked for five days in the Blue Ridge Mountains and spent 24 hours in absolute solitude. She later learned to swim at age 60. Through substitute-parenting and step-parenting, she is the mother of seven and grandmother of five. She and husband Bobby Bellamy enjoy travel (foreign and domestic) and bargain-hunting. Blain-Bellamy also enjoys writing, reading and Sudoku puzzles. She plans to study art history and philosophy.

**Priscille Boisvert** has taught knitting through OLLI@CCU for many semesters.

**James (Jim) Bowdre** has lived most of his adult life in S.C., residing with his family in Florence, Bennettsville and Myrtle Beach. He is a graduate of VPI, was a former teacher and completed mortuary school at John Tyler. Bowdre was National Board Certified in 1974 and worked in a family-owned funeral home. Before taking early retirement in 2008, and before Myrtle Beach Funeral Home and Crematory opened for business, Bowdre helped get the new funeral home in compliance with S.C. State Funeral Service Board regulations. He joined the staff of the funeral home, shortly after it opened for business.

*Jen Boyle*, professor of English and director of digital culture and design, teaches and writes about questions of media transformation and theories of mediation. She was the 2018 HTC Distinguished Teacher-Scholar at Coastal Carolina University. She earned a doctorate in English and an M.A. in comparative literature from the University of California, Irvine.
Kendall Brown, a New York City native, prides herself on being a creative and innovative thinker who solves problems by thinking through possible solutions carefully. She enjoys working with children and adults. She is very creative with art and dance. She wants to express and explore through her experiences the love of dance for the young at heart.

*Taber Brown is recognized as a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®), which demonstrates his ability to provide the highest degree of financial planning that defines the practice as a profession. He is also an Accredited Estate Planner (AEP®), which values estate planning individuals who meet stringent requirements including knowledge, reputation, and character. Taber, his wife Dr. Alexis Brown, and their two daughters, Leighton and Callait reside in Murrells Inlet, S.C. Editor: CFP, ACP need to remain as is. Alexis is a medical doctor, not a piled higher & deeper doctor.

BJ Bryant grew up near Myrtle Beach, S.C. His father’s death caused his mother to become a single parent. That experience instilled in BJ the value and importance of hard work and perseverance. Upon graduating from the University of South Carolina at Coastal Carolina in 1992, Bryant became an investment advisor representative. Bryant continued his close association with his alma mater and currently serves on the Coastal Carolina Planned Giving Council. His dedication to his community is evident as he has served as a charter board member and past president of Neighbor to Neighbor, a nonprofit that serves seniors and their families. In addition, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Chicora Rotary, organizations devoted to providing prayer and financial support for widows, orphans and children in need. Bryant enjoys his time serving as an usher at his church, playing in racquetball tournaments as well as passionately pulling for the Gamecocks and Chanticleers in sports, relaxing at the beach and spending as much time as possible with Brodie and Baxter, his West Highland Terriers.

Patrick Burger, a former state of Pennsylvania resident artist, has taught and worked with glass for more than 35 years. His work has appeared in galleries, gift stores and museum shops from New York to Florida. He enjoys teaching fused glass at OLLI and loves to share the joy of creating fused glass with his students.

Keith Burroughs is an avid bridge player and has led the Gilles Bridge Society since 2018.

*Ron Byrd spent college summers as a congressional intern in Washington, D.C., where he was privileged to attend the historic Watergate hearings. After majoring in history and political science in college, he went on to law school and a successful career as litigator and corporate lawyer. His interest in reading and studying history and political science has been lifelong, particularly presidential biographies.
*Barbara Cardinal* is a licensed independent social worker (LISW) and a certified hypnotherapist with more than 25 years of experience helping people heal and move through a variety of issues and challenging times in both their personal and professional lives. She earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University at Albany - State University of New York and is a certified hypnotherapist through the American Institute of Hypnotherapy. Her career includes a private practice, several years of college counseling, administration and leadership as well as teaching and workshop facilitation.

*Dundee Carter*, Esq., P.A., is an attorney specializing in estate planning, wills and trusts, probate and estate administration and business and corporate law. Carter earned a bachelor’s degree from the College of Charleston, and a J.D. degree, cum laude, from Michigan State University – Detroit College of Law. Following her graduation from the College of Charleston and prior to attending Michigan State University – Detroit College of Law, Carter was employed as a flight attendant with Midway Airlines in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was admitted to practice law in the State of South Carolina in the fall of 1999. In the spring of 2000, she began pursuing an LL.M. in taxation at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. While attending Georgetown University Law Center, Dundee was employed by Pinnacle Realty and served as in-house counsel and vice president of Pinnacle’s Asset Management and Affordable Housing Division. Carter earned an LL.M. in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 2002. She is a member of the Ouverson, Guest & Carter, PA law firm.

*Judy Chamberlain* is an instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program.

*LaMesha Craft* earned a doctorate in public policy and administration with a concentration in homeland security policy and coordination. She joined the CCU staff in 2018. Before that, she served 20 years of active duty in the U.S. Army as an all-source intelligence warrant officer. She has provided strategic and operational intelligence analysis of to U.S. interests, policy, data and networks in/around Asia, Europe, the Horn of Africa, the Middle East and Southwest Asia.

*Alli Crandell* earned an M.S. in science and technology studies at Virginia Tech and a graduate certificate in web design and development from the University of Denver. As a humanities-trained designer, Crandell's digital practice focuses on creating hand-crafted digital publications and projects where form is informed by content. She started her career as a humanist among computer scientists and engineers thinking about what "place," "space" and "history" meant in digital projects. Before coming to Coastal, Crandell worked on projects that translated between disciplines and between
form and function: an instructor of engineering history to engineers, digital consultant for grant projects, and, bespoke digital publication designer for punctum books. Crandell serves as the director of Digital Initiatives and The Athenaeum Press, CCU’s innovative multimedia publishing lab, where she works with students across the university to create regionally-specific and professional-level publications. She also works as the primary facilitator of a wide range of digital infrastructure and media production projects for the Edwards College. She currently serves as project manager for the National Park Service Civil Rights grant to rehabilitate the school house on Sandy Island and is co-principal investigator on the "Gullah Geechee Digital Project," funded by the National Archives.

*Derek Crane, an assistant professor in the Department of Biology, teaches biological science, principles of ecology and ichthyology. His research interests are in fisheries management, aquatic ecology and habitat modeling. He is a co-editor of “Muskellunge Management.”

*Eric Crawford earned a Ph.D. in musicology from The Catholic University of America. His research focuses on the rich tradition of Gullah music, specifically the retentions and alterations that have occurred since the antebellum period. Beginning in 2007, he conducted extensive field recordings on Saint Helena Island, site of the historic Port Royal Experiment, and his transcriptions are held at the Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. In 2013, he participated in the Saint Helena Island Gullah Spirituals project, which was a collaborative effort among scholars and students to preserve and foster the study of the earliest recorded Negro spirituals. In 2014, The Atheneaum Press released a CD of his field recordings and accompanying booklet to the general public. Crawford is currently working on his book on the Saint Helena Island spirituals entitled “De Ole Sheep Done Know De Road: In Search of the Gullah Spiritual,” and he is conducting field recordings on historic Sandy Island, S.C.

Russ D’Arienzo was known as “Mr. D.” to his students at Conway High School where he was a social studies teacher for 31 years. He served approximately five years on active duty and another 20 years of naval reserve duty. D’Arienzo was qualified as a surface warfare officer, aka a ship driver. He earned a master’s degree in education from the University of South Carolina.

Donna Davis/Zada Mae has been a weaver for 30 years and an OLLI instructor for a few years. She teaches in Horry, Georgetown and Charleston counties as well as many locations in N.C. In the past 10 years, she has created 2341 pine needle art pieces. Davis owned a very successful gallery at the nationally known Rain Barrel Artisan Village in the Florida Keys and was an instructor in Texas, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.
*David DeCenzo* is the president of Coastal Carolina University, a position he has held since May 7, 2007. He began his career at CCU in 2002 when he became dean of the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration. His teaching and research interests have focused on management, human resource management and organizational behavior. During DeCenzo’s tenure as president, the academic program has expanded from 39 to 73 undergraduate degree programs and 29 graduate level programs; student enrollment has grown by 35 percent. Under his leadership, major construction projects have been completed, including the HTC Recreation and Convocation Center, Bryan Information Commons, Brittain Hall, Swain Hall, a residence facility and an annex to the Lib Jackson Student Union.

*Loretta DeLuca* has been an OLLI student for numerous years. She has taken tai chi for several years and is paying it forward.

**Nick DeStefano** joined Carolina University in June 2011 as resident director in University Housing. His next role on campus was in the Office of Student Life as the coordinator for leadership education. While with student life, DeStefano became one of the first employees to get involved with Feel the Teal and attend training in 2012. He recognized the essential role of Feel the Teal in improving CCU's campus culture and climate and began to volunteer as a Feel the Teal facilitator for two of the training modules. DeStefano officially joined the team in Training, Development and Service Excellence in February 2016. His role focuses on providing an engaging and educational customer service training program for student workers. He is also responsible for facilitating many of the training modules for faculty and staff. DeStefano earned a master of science in organizational management from Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa. When he is not at CCU you can find DeStefano coaching athletes at a local CrossFit gym or hanging out with his wife Megan and their sons Calvin and Cooper.

*Sarah Diaz* is an associate professor in the recreation and sport management department at CCU. Her teaching and research areas include nature based recreation management, environmental education and ecotourism.

**Joe DiSabatino** earned a master’s degree in English literature and has written and directed numerous short and full-length plays since 2010. In addition, he is a painter who has had an enduring love affair with great art. DiSabatino has traveled extensively in Europe and Asia, visiting many of the major museums and galleries that house some of the world’s greatest paintings and sculptures.
*Jaclyn DiGiorgio* was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pa. then moved to South Jersey for high school. From there, she went back to Pennsylvania for college at Antonelli Institute, a photography and graphic design school. After college, she pursued a career in photography by running her own business, J. Memis Photography. While keeping her personal business, she took on different jobs and motherhood to two wonderful children.

Kay Dobis is a nutritionist in Myrtle Beach who specializes in helping people with chronic disease heal themselves through the power of food and lifestyle changes. Dobis earned an M.S. in nutrition and integrative health from Maryland University of Integrative Health and is board-certified as a certified nutrition specialist (CNS). Dobis’ son is a CCU summer camp alumnus, and her mom is a current OLLI member, so CCU programs are a family affair.

Susan Duke, a native of New York and local gallery owner, studied under various national artists and won numerous awards while participating in many judged and juried exhibitions. She is a transparent watercolorist so her paintings include soft flowing works, strong color realism or bold, bright abstracts. An instructor more than 32 years she teaches all levels of students, sharing her joy of “dancing on paper.”

Alice F. Dyer, as a classroom teacher, became fascinated with the study of the human brain in learning as a means of understanding why children (people) learn so differently. This inquiry resulted in advanced educational degrees, certifications and teaching experience K-12, adult and community education, curriculum development and teacher training and development with focus in brain-based learning.

*Deirdre Edmonds*, Esq., P.A. is an attorney and former Horry County probate judge. Edmonds was born in Aiken County, S.C. and attended the University of South Carolina and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984. She earned the Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1987 and was licensed to practice law in the State of South Carolina on November 23, 1987. She began her legal career at the law firm of Bellamy, Rutenberg, Copeland, Epps, Gravely, & Bowers, P.A. in Myrtle Beach and focused primarily on estate planning, probate, corporate, tax, business and elder law. Edmonds practiced with the law firm of Kathryn Cook DeAngelo from 1997 until 2001, where she continued to concentrate in the areas of estate and disability planning, elder law and probate. Edmonds was elected probate judge for Horry County in November 2002, was re-elected in November 2006 and November 2010; she served as Horry County’s probate judge until January 2015.

*Ralph Edwards* is an instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program.
*Ellen Elliott* is a graduate of Cornell University and the State University of New York at Albany. She worked for 38 years as executive director of a community education organization, and, after retirement, was a partner in a consulting firm which specialized in organization development for nonprofit agencies, including strategic planning, board training and organization assessment. As a volunteer, she served on several community boards and is a member of the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

*Kathleen Fair* earned a masters in medieval English history from Brown University and went on to teach history and geography to middle school students for 41 years. She is passionate about almost all aspects of history and misses the “act of teaching,” but doesn't miss correcting tests or chaperoning dances. She enjoys working with those who love learning and has enjoyed working with OLLI students.

*Greg Farmer* worked as the under-secretary of commerce during the Clinton administration. He managed Senate and congressional races and ran a political consulting firm; in addition, he spent 20 years as an executive in the high-tech industry. He has a master’s degree from Florida State. Farmer also has an ear for music and coordinates terrific songs with some of his classes.

*Marsha Fister* is an enthusiastic reader who has been a resident of Murrells Inlet for the last 12 years and a member of OLLI since 2015. She is originally from Charlotte, N.C. and retired from UPS in 2003. She has enjoyed being a member of the Contemporary Book Club and would like to see it continue so she volunteered to be the club leader.

*Joseph Fitsanakis* is an associate professor in the intelligence and national security studies program at CCU. He specializes in the study of international espionage. His work has been translated into several languages and referenced in media outlets including the Washington Post, BBC, ABC, NPR and Newsweek. Before joining Coastal in 2015, Fitsanakis built the security and intelligence Studies program at King University, where he also directed the King Institute for Security and Intelligence Studies.

*Catherine (Cathy) Frangie-Hatch* is a marketing, communications, education and publishing professional who has lived in Myrtle Beach for 15 years. She earned a graduate degree in communications and marketing.

*Jerry Frontiero* grew up a small New England town where many of its inhabitants were of either Italian, Irish or Portuguese descent. He initially learned the Italian language from his parents. He has traveled worldwide to all continents and has visited nearly all 198 countries. He frequently travels to Italy. Frontiero served in the U.S. Navy and
earned an undergraduate and two graduate degrees, a master of arts and a master of science. He has taken formal Italian classes, including classes offered by OLLI, and continues his advanced level studies in Italian.

**Ray C. Funnye** is the founder and executive director of The Village Group. He says “This was a grassroots, community effort,” thus holding firm to the importance of communal commitment to the development of youth in Georgetown County. Funnye spent much of his son’s childhood like many other fathers: playing baseball in the backyard of his home in Plantersville, S.C. “As my son grew stronger and learned more skills, I talked to other fathers with sons and we began to come together as a group to allow the boys to develop their social and athletic skills,” as Funnye often explains The Village Group’s beginnings. This commitment to youth development was founded on the idea that active engagement is a crucial factor in the lives of all children. The group eventually began to branch out as volunteers at the local Plantersville Elementary, and later held Back-to-School supply drives and pep rallies to get students excited about starting the school year off right.

**Ernie Giavedoni** is a multi-faceted person having published textbooks on precision measurement, taught, been a senior operations manager, worked in high-volume automotive/aircraft/consumer products manufacturing and is experienced in planning and executing plant start-ups. He is fluent in Hungarian and Italian. Giavedoni has made multiple presentations to the Cultural Council of Georgetown, OLLI@CCU, the Litchfield Photo Club and the Seacoast Artists Guild.

**Noreen Gordon** has been an OLLI student for several years and loves the colored pencil medium. Gordon is a member of the Colored Pencil Society of America, and president of S.C. chapter 124. Editor – using a number is how the CPSA identifies chapters.

**John Gore** has been a Conway tai chi practitioner since 2011. He is proficient in both the Taoist tai chi long form and the Yang style 10 and 24 forms. He is a caring and compassionate tai chi chaun and qigong practitioner with the ability to design classes for the development of mind and body experiences. Gore studied the styles of several masters including Frédérique Herel and Moy Lin Shin, founder of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Presently, Gore teaches at several places, including Fit-4-Everyone Recreation Center (an OLLI partner).

**Leslie Graves** retired as an engineer and moved to the area from Tennessee permanently 10 years ago. Graves has taken multiple classes through OLLI including colored pencil painting, drawing basics and photography.
*Susan Granger* moved to this area from Saratoga County, N.Y., where she managed a New York state program that assisted veterans with readjustment issues. In addition, she worked for 15 years as an adjunct faculty member at a college in New York, teaching courses in health and human services. Granger is a retired military member, having served more than 29 years as a Navy senior chief hospital corpsman. She is delighted to meet new people at OLLI.

*Luz Greene* holds an advertising and social communication degree; she brings extensive experience in leading and training large and diverse workforces. She speaks English and Spanish fluently and is an advocate for the Spanish-speaking community. Her teaching experiences include graduate-level courses, exclusive seminars and professional workshops for adults and children. She loves to travel and dance; this led to her becoming a Zumba instructor. In addition to being passionate about Spanish history, education and tradition, Greene enjoys talking about Spanish culture and language. She was the 2004 Horry County literacy tutor of the year.

*Kimberly Hurd Hale* is an assistant professor of politics at Coastal Carolina University. Her research and teaching interests include Renaissance and Enlightenment political philosophy, Greek political philosophy, American political thought, and politics, literature, and film. She is author of “Francis Bacon's New Atlantis in the Foundation of Modern Political Thought” (Lexington Books, 2013), “The Politics of Perfection: Technology and Creation in Literature and Film” (Lexington Books, 2016), and coeditor of “Short Stories and Political Philosophy: Power, Prose, and Persuasion” (Lexington Books, 2018).

*Alison Hamilton* credits her love of the financial services industry to being raised by someone who is, in her words, a financial genius. Since opening her first savings account at age 6 to serving as a financial advisor, Hamilton understands the power financial guidance can have on our lives. Prior to joining Raymond James, Hamilton served as front desk supervisor and fitness leader for McLeod Health and as an inside rental coordinator and service administrator with Blanchard Machinery Company for more than 14 years. Before that she was employed as a branch administrator with Mitchell Distributing Company and as a systems and billing administrator with Tucker Companies. She earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in business administration from Winthrop University. Originally from Charlotte, Hamilton now lives in the Cherry Grove section of North Myrtle Beach. She is on the Coastal Carolina University Finance and Economics Advisory Board and the Coastal Educational Foundation’s Coastal Planned Giving Advisory Council supporting Coastal Carolina University. In addition, she is a teaching associate at CCU teaching business finance. She is a member of the Myrtle
Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach, Grand Strand Running Club and the Carolina Improv Company.

*Angelos Hannides* is an assistant professor in the Department of Marine Science. He studied at the University of Miami, Stony Brook University, and finally the University of Hawaii from which he earned a Ph.D. in 2008. He’s interested in coastal sands as a natural medium and an eco-habitat, in modern technologies that help us observe the ocean’s biogeochemistry everywhere all the time, and science’s role in informing marine public policy.

*Sandy Hargis* has been playing Mahjongg for about five years. Before she retired, Hargis taught elementary school and provided classes for the real estate companies where she worked.

*Ian Hewitt* is a research astronomer with the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences who teaches astronomy and computer science at Coastal Carolina University. He has been a long time amateur astronomer and enjoys both astrophotography and visual observing. He has taught beginning astronomy classes for many years.

**HGTC Chefs** at the International Culinary Institute at HGTC are not only award-winning, but are some of the best trained chefs around (think Culinary Institute of America, French Pastry School [Chicago], Institute Paul Bocuse and Johnson & Wales University). They work hard to make sure every student enjoys the kitchen experience when attending a class.

**Gene Ho**, one of the Myrtle Beach area’s top photographers, was hired to cover the South Carolina Tea Party convention in 2015. He went on to become Donald Trump’s chief campaign photographer in the Carolinas. In 2018, he published “Trumpography: How Biblical Principles Paved the Way to the American Presidency,” a book about his experiences while being the photographer on the Trump campaign.

**Rhonda Hoffman** earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C. She lives on a small farm in Loris, S.C. She is a proud mother and grandmother. She teaches part time in the adult basic skills program at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, N.C. One of her passions is world religions.

*Gregory Homer* is a South Carolina certified AARP driver safety volunteer instructor.

**Shane Hubbard** is a rarity here, a native. He graduated from Conway High School and is a graduate of CCU where he earned a degree in marketing from the E. Craig Wall Sr.
College of Business Administration. He works with the Horry County Council on Aging, where he oversees the Veteran’s Independence Program. In 2017, Hubbard was elected to Conway City Council. In November 2017, he was named “Outstanding Person of the Year” by the Conway Disabled American Veterans Chapter 57 for his work with area veterans. He believes “to help others is a dream come true.”

**Jackson Scholars** are members of The Jackson Scholar Program, a Coastal Carolina University Leadership Program that assists students to develop into future leaders with a strong foundation in ethics and a clear awareness of their own values. Students selected to join the two-year program are enrolled in philosophy and leadership courses designed to support and educate them in this endeavor.

**Ellen Jampole** hails from North Carolina but has lived in several states, England, France and Australia. Her hobbies include reading, dancing, gardening, bird and people watching and enjoying eclectic sights/sounds/smells. Ellen likes roller coasters but she hates Ferris wheels, thanks to a friend’s boyfriend when they were in the eighth grade.

**Jean Johnston-Smith** is the author of “The Misadventures of Pinky.” She earned a B.A. in English and an M.S. in Education. She taught high school English in New York City as well as teaching GED classes, ESL to recent immigrants and women’s studies in a prison. She also worked in publishing and editing. Currently working on her second novel, she believes that all creative writing forces are birthed and channeled through memoir.

**Paula Kenion** has been teaching yoga meditation along the Grand Strand for 12 years. She earned an M.S. in psychology with a specialty in stress management and is an outreach teacher in the tradition of Kriya Yoga. Kenion enjoys sharing easy meditation skills for personal and spiritual growth.

**Page Kiniry** has served as president and CEO of Brookgreen Gardens since January 2017. Prior to Brookgreen, she was the executive director of the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, Va. where she spent eleven years enhancing the museum’s educational mission with new exhibits and programs, eliminating its $9 million debt, and adding new amenities including a café and amphitheater. Kiniry spent much of her career in higher education philanthropy in Virginia as executive director and the director of development for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Foundation and assistant dean of Development and Alumni Affairs at the College of William and Mary, School of Law. A graduate of the College of William and Mary with a master’s degree from the University of Richmond in museum studies, she is a 2018 graduate of Leadership South Carolina and serves as a peer reviewer for the American Alliance of Museums and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
Sharon Knost is from the Northern Virginia area and moved to South Carolina in 2008 after retiring from a career with the federal government. In 2009, she enrolled in an OLLI@CCU stained glass class and has been passionate about this creative art ever since. She enjoys passing this enthusiasm for stained glass to others.

Clancy Knowles has undergraduate degrees in physics and mathematics; his graduate work was in computer science. Knowles designed and developed large-scale software systems. At the age of 24 he was the principle in designing a new early-warning system for NORAD. He developed other systems including the Military Airlift Command’s global command and control system. While based in London he helped clients throughout the world including Scotland Yard and the National Police of New Zealand.

*Paul Kowalski* is a retired physicist with an interest in the history of the United States. Throughout his career and into retirement, he has traveled extensively throughout the United States visiting many historical sites, single topic museums and national museums. Kowalski enjoys employing his interest in history to understand the historical relevance to each site or museum to the regional history and the overall history of the United States.

*Patti Kussman* is a retired French teacher whose career spanned 30 years. She is a true Francophile, having studied and traveled extensively in France. She is excited about sharing her knowledge and love of the French language and culture with OLLI students. She has recently become an avid (but not necessarily good) golfer.

*Anita Lampley* is a native South Carolinian. Her past employment is in retail management. She is self-employed as a seamstress, specializing in wedding gown alterations, and has been an avid gardener all her life, leading garden clubs for many years. Lampley is a member of the Atlantic Camellia Club, puts on annual shows and loves to teach others her passion for gardening. She and her husband enjoy giving tours of their one-acre garden in Murrells Inlet and share plants that they have propagated in their greenhouse with others.

*Linda Lane* is a senior lecturer and her teaching areas include leisure and wellness, recreation and sport leadership.

Nancy Launi was a nurse by profession. Now she follows her passion and helps people organize, preserve and enjoy their digital photos. She teaches classes in the area to help people organize their print and digital photos as well as create traditional and digital photo books.
Jean Gabaree Lawler earned a BBA in finance and a juris doctorate and spent many years in the corporate world managing complex projects in both business and technology. Lawler first discovered Reiki healing as a client. The impacts to Lawler’s life were astonishing and began the journey to learn more and bring this powerful healing to others. Lawler is certified as a Holy Fire III Master/Teacher and may teach all levels including master.

Lori Lohse is a New England native who moved to England before relocating to South Carolina. She has a degree in psychology, but worked in the tech industry for many years. Her hobbies include knitting, crocheting, sewing, photography, writing, reading and paper crafts. Lohse has been scrapbooking, stamping and card making for 20 years.

*Laura Lunsford* is the trauma injury prevention and outreach specialist at Grand Strand Medical Center in Myrtle Beach. Spending nearly a decade dedicated to emergency and trauma medicine, Lunsford is dedicated to the development, support and coordination of trauma awareness, education and injury prevention activities. Lunsford earned a BSN from Georgia Baptist College of Nursing in Atlanta, Ga. and an A.B. in economics from UGA in Athens, Georgia. She is married with three children and three dogs.

Kristen Lutjen earned a B.Ed. in elementary education, an M.A. in transpersonal psychology and a graduate certificate in transformative leadership. Her two decades of experience as a K-12 educator underscore the value of the integral roles of creativity and mindfulness for holistic and joyful living.

*Debbie Lynd* is spending a more leisurely time as a personal and professional leadership coach after more than 35 years in the corporate world. With a passion for learning and teaching as well as positive psychology, mindfulness and meditation, Lynd continues to learn and grow, while paying it forward, helping others become happier and healthier human beings.

*Regina Markland* has been a CCU employee for more than 20 years.

Barbara McCormick has made sweetgrass baskets for more than fifty years. Raised in Mount Pleasant, S.C., McCormick learned how to weave sweetgrass baskets from her grandmother and was taught how to shape and style by her grandaunt. She took on sweetgrass basket weaving as one of her favorite activities. McCormick has since carried on this tradition and has shared her talent with others including her family.
*Anita McKay* began writing in third grade, overwrought stories sounding suspiciously like sci-fi and mystery movies she had seen. After retiring as a marketing director, she developed her writing through workshops, college courses and critique groups. Her poetry and creative nonfiction have appeared in numerous publications. She holds a master’s degree in anthropology with a concentration in linguistics. Along with writing, her passions include travel and gardening. She also appreciates good meals with good friends.

**Barbara P. Melenik** has several years of experience as a group fitness instructor and as a presenter in various fitness events. She is certified in personal training, spinning and Silver Sneakers®. She is licensed in several Zumba specialties, including the newest HIIT Fitness, Strong by Zumba. She was trained by the creator of Zumba, Beto Perez, and participated on stage with him during his master class at the 2013 Zumba convention.

**Craig Miller** holds a doctorate in theology and classical/biblical languages, and has participated in projects across the spectrum of Judaic, Christian and Islamic studies. He has instructed at all levels of academia, including over 25 years in adult education in the fields of religion, literature, history, art and linguistics with the goal of making unfamiliar material accessible to broad audiences. He is an elected member of Phi Alpha Theta, an international historical scholarship society, for original work on the Arab-Jewish riots in 1930s Palestine and on the use of Quranic Arabic in Arab nationalist/Islamic terrorist propaganda. He served for more than 30 years in the intelligence community as analyst, linguist and policy adviser.

*Cathy Milliren* is a retired principal from the New York School for the Deaf where she worked for more than three decades. She has taught American Sign Language at both the high school and college levels for several years. Milliren enjoys going to Disney World as frequently as she can.

*Jason Milliren* has been using American Sign Language as a means of communication for the past 34 years. He has been a teacher of the deaf and taught ASL at the high school level for several years. Milliren has also worked on interpretive sign language for the theater. He also enjoys going to Disney World frequently.

**Suz Mole** has made functional and sculptural one-of-a-kind vivid glass art exhibited and sold in art galleries and contemporary craft stores throughout the United States. She returned to her Southern roots in 2007, achieving her dream of working as a full-time professional artist. She now offers workshops in glass fusing, alcohol ink and encaustic painting as well as mixed-media altered books.
*Kofie Montgomery* is a retired teacher educator and coach. As a professor, she had the best of both worlds, teaching college students and young children. She is also a former coach for several sports, including women's field hockey. Montgomery is an advocate for equality and was involved in the Favia v. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 812 F. Supp. 578 (W.D. Pa. 1993) case. She now volunteers as a guardian ad litem in Horry County.

Vennie Deas Moore is a genealogist, cultural historian and folk arts professional from South Carolina with more than 30 years of experience. Born and raised in the South Carolina Lowcountry, Deas Moore has been a first-hand witness to its ever-changing cultural landscape of the community. Through her writings, research and documentary photography she has become one of the foremost experts in southern folk and cultural history. Deas Moore follows in the traditions of Zora Neale Hurston and Dorothea Lange, among others through her impactful and powerful stories using prose, literature, interviews and images.

*Paul Moyer* is a retired physician with a lifelong interest in mathematics, including an undergraduate degree in math.

*Mike Munden*, Esq., P.A., is a tax attorney who has been practicing in Myrtle Beach since 1978. He also holds the CPA (not actively practicing), ChFC and CLU designations, and is a frequent speaker on tax, estate planning, probate and retirement plan topics. Munden is also a teaching associate in CCU’s Master of Accountancy Program and undergraduate accounting program. He is a member of the Horry County and American Bar Associations, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and was a long time member of the Planning Board and Faculty of the Annual University of South Carolina Retirement and Benefits Management Seminar, USC’s longest running seminar. Munden is a 2nd degree black belt in karate and a certified PADI Divemaster. To guard against the threat of having any spare time on his hands, he is also owner of Michael Munden’s Hand Crafted Jewelry.

Debbie Mundie is a retired pharmacist who relocated to Myrtle Beach in 2009 from Hanover, Va. In retirement, Mundie’s priority was to become physically fit and active while exploring creative endeavors like yoga, dance, music and photography. Upon completion of the Nia white belt training, Mundie began teaching Nia dance in 2015. She subsequently completed Nia Moving to Heal (M2H) training and apprenticeship to become a certified Nia M2H teacher. Moving to Heal classes provide a gentle, restorative experience that turns movement into a therapeutic self-healing experience for students with a range of challenges that include general mobility problems, injuries and short- or long-term illnesses. Mundie feels that this model of teaching Nia combined
with her knowledge and experience in health care allows her to deliver “movement as medicine” as a complement to traditional health care.

*Nancy Muñoz-Maser* was raised in New York City in a multi-ethnic neighborhood full of many languages and cultures. She has been bilingual since childhood. She worked at the headquarters of a Fortune 500 company in Manhattan which moved to Texas, where she spent time learning the Texas culture. She has enjoyed traveling the world with her husband since her retirement and their relocation to the Myrtle Beach area, closer to family and friends.

**John Navin** joined CCU’s Department of History in 1999. He teaches courses on the Colonial, Revolutionary, Early Republic, and Antebellum periods. He has published numerous articles about interracial violence in early America and is author of “The Grim Years: Settling South Carolina, 1670-1720,” forthcoming from USC press in December, 2019.

*Gary Newman* earned a bachelor’s degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. During his six decade career of designing/managing financials for individuals, families, employer/employee benefits and team-working estate plans, he earned the Chartered Life Underwriter designation. Newman was a professional/fiduciary team founder-principal, marketing to, servicing and counseling clients about financial and estate affairs. In addition, he found the time to undertake many professional and community service roles. He is a D.C. Estate Planning Council, American Society of Financial Services Professionals emeritus. Currently, Newman provides seminars and guidance, authors legacy letters, informational manuscripts and news media columns, and is an OLLI instructor and student.

*Mark R. Nugent* is the division chief and fire marshal for Midway Fire Rescue. Nugent manages the many facets of the Division of Fire and Life Safety, including the plans review process, the fire inspection program, fire investigations, the fire and life safety education program and the smoke alarm initiative for the department. Prior to joining Midway Fire Rescue, Nugent had a 40-year career in the fire service; working 35 years for Chesterfield, Va., fire and EMS, serving four years as the chief of emergency services for Middlesex County, Va., and serving one year as the public information/public education officer for Horry County (S.C.) fire rescue. Nugent holds associate degrees in fire science, EMS management, a bachelor’s degree in organizational management and development, and a master’s degree in public administration. Chief Nugent is also the co-author of the fire service text, “The Community Fire Safety Guide.”
Janet Obenshain, a native South Carolinian with roots dating to the 1730s, has a passion for the arts and history. She has previously worked with the Teaching American History in S.C. program at the S.C. Department of Archives and History. Obenshain also worked at the Sumter County Museum and on various projects at the S.C. Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. She has also studied tap dancing for more than 12 years and taught for 5 years.

Judy Ogden is a mediator with experience helping people in conflict work through many kinds of interpersonal issues. Having studied the “Difficult Conversations” method of the Harvard program on negotiation, she would like to share these tools and strategies with OLLI participants.

*Anna Oldfield, an associate professor in the Department of English, has been researching musical folklore and epic singing genres in the Caucasus and Central Asia since 2003. Her first book, based on two years of research in Azerbaijan, addressed the role of women epic singers in cultural, social and historical contexts.

Angela O’Sullivan British by birth, O’Sullivan worked for international organizations and lived in many countries before arriving in the U.S.A. After raising her family, she began teaching Windows computer classes to workforce development and continuing education populations in Va. and S.C.

*Carol Osborne loves to have fun and play games. She also is very fond of her cats and dog. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a master’s degree in the art of teaching (English education), she taught high school in Virginia Beach for 12 years before pursuing a second master’s degree and a doctorate in English from the University of Virginia. In 1998, she accepted a position in the English department of Murray State University, and soon became director of humanities. In 2002, she joined the faculty of Coastal Carolina University and has since taught English and English education courses, served as the associate dean of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts and is now the director of Department of Academic and Community Outreach. In addition, she serves as a volunteer excursion driver. In her spare time, she gardens, visits thrift stores and hangs out with friends and family.

David Palmer is an anthropological archaeologist specializing in historical archaeology. A Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA) since 2002, Palmer has experience from historical and prehistoric projects in the U.S. Southeast, New England, Arizona, California, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. In addition to university-level teaching and research, Palmer has also worked in the area of cultural resources management (CRM) for private companies and tribal government and as a regional
archaeologist. He earned a B.A. in archaeological studies from Boston University, an M.A. in anthropology from Louisiana State University and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California, Berkley. At CCU, he is associated with the Department of Anthropology and Geography, The Charles Joyner Institute for Gullah and African Diaspora Studies and the graduate faculty.

*Ed Piotrowski* is ABC 15’s chief meteorologist. He earned a degree in meteorology from North Carolina State University. In his 22 years in South Carolina, Ed has been named Best Weathercaster in the state twice by the South Carolina Associated Press, Best of the Beach 13 years in a row, and was nominated for the National Hurricane Center’s Media Award for outstanding efforts to educate and inform the public about hurricanes and hurricane preparedness.

*Jinny Pizzuti-Wilson* is the owner of Palmetto Driftwood & Natural Gifts. She collects and sells driftwood in its natural form. She also makes unique handcrafted art using items collected along the beaches of our barrier islands. Materials may include driftwood, seashells, fish bones, star fish, copper wire, glass beads, and Spanish moss. Jinny maintains several shops.

*Robert G. (Bob) Poirier* earned a bachelor’s degree in European history from Norwich University and a master’s degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. A decorated officer of the Vietnam War, he completed advanced intelligence courses and was designated a foreign area officer for Western Europe. His distinguished career in the CIA’s National Photographic Interpretation Center brought awards for the discovery and publication of the 1944-45 Auschwitz aerial photographs. As an author and teacher of military history, Soviet military analysis and Civil War battles, he leads battlefield tours for the Civil War Education Association.

*Philip Powell,* is the chair of the Department of Music at CCU, following many distinguished roles as an assistant conductor of Long Bay Symphony, former artistic director of the Festival of Music and Arts, former chair of CCU’s performing arts department. He earned a master’s and doctoral degree from Indiana University under the tutelage of pianist Michel Block, preparing him for an active teaching and performing career.

*E.E. “Wink” Prince, Jr.* is a distinguished professor emeritus of American history. His professional focus was on Southern history, South Carolina, the Pee Dee region and local history. He is an anomaly as he is a lifelong resident of this area.
Ron Revere is a 37-year veteran teacher of astronomy and physics who has taught for seven years with OLLI-Litchfield. He serves as a teaching associate at CCU for two lab sections of Astronomy 101 for non-science majors. He has also served as a solar system ambassador for NASA/JPL for the past 12 months. Please join Revere in his quest to increase knowledge of and appreciation for astronomy in the Lowcountry.

*Gail Reynolds* is a retired teacher from Rochester, N.Y. She has been researching her family history for more than 25 years. She co-founded the Grand Strand Genealogy Club and is a past president and treasurer of that organization. She has been teaching genealogy courses for lifelong learning since 2000. She also consults with individuals on their family history research and speaks on the topic of family history at local service organizations.

*Dick Richards* is a retired math teacher.

*Cary Rowell* is a financial planner and investments adviser representative, Life Underwriter Training Council, Eagle Strategies, LLC., a wholly owned subsidiary of New York Life. His philosophy is “As with most other things in life, the key to achieving your long-term financial objectives is planning. Your goal may be to fund your children’s college education, protect your family during your working years, or guarantee your own retirement security. These things won’t happen by accident. It’s important to determine what you’d like to achieve financially and then map out a strategy that will help you meet those goals. The good news is that it’s never too late to start.”

*Sheila Rudesill* worked in the garment department of a major department store. She can tell you a great deal of information about how clothes are made and how to tell good clothing. She holds a black belt in the Goju Ryu style of karate and is passionate about tai chi, as well.

Robert F. Salvino is both the director of the Grant Center for Real Estate and Economics and the Ammons Family Endowed Professor of Free Enterprise in the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration. His research has been published in the “Review of Law and Economics, Applied Economics, Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy,” and other journals as well as in books. His most recent research considers economic policies and rules and their effects on behavior and economic outcomes. Salvino provides economic analysis for various industries, non-profit organizations, and government agencies and speaks regularly for many organizations across the region. His teaching interests include urban economics, real estate and the economics of entrepreneurship. He developed, and continues work to expand, the real estate program at Coastal Carolina University.
Paige Sawyer and his wife Susan have operated a photography business in Georgetown since 1974. Sawyer is a 7th generation South Carolinian. He is a past president of the South Carolina Professional Photographer's Association and has taught photography classes at the Georgetown campus of Coastal Carolina and OLLI for 40 years.

Stephen Schabel is a native of S.C. and joined the Center for Birds of Prey in 2003 after earning an M.S. degree in environmental policy at the College of Charleston. As director of education, he oversees the care, husbandry and training of the Center’s educational resident bird collection as well as the design and implementation of conservation educational programs offered throughout South Carolina and beyond. In addition to his expertise in birds, Schabel is an accomplished mandolin player and vocalist.

*Melanie Scott* has studied Taoist tai chi for the past 10 years. She has organized an OLLI group so that students have the opportunity to practice tai chi with the motivation and encouragement of a group setting.

Linda Shultz discovered that yoga helped manage her many medical issues. She wanted to share yoga with everyone so 12 years ago, Shultz started teaching yoga. The joy she feels watching her students improve is all the motivation she needs to continue. Shultz added Zumba Gold as a fun and easy way for people of all ages to get a great cardio fitness workout that would be easy on the joints.

*Barnie Slice* has been teaching in the OLLI program at CCU for more than a decade and has had huge classes that he loves to teach. He is a self-taught artist who began before the age of YouTube lessons. During a career of more than 40 years, he has taught approximately 14,000 students.

O’Neal Smalls credits his career success to the lessons he learned in culture and character on the farm where his parents raised him in the Freewoods section of Horry County. Smalls earned a bachelor’s degree at Tuskegee University, where he served as student body president, a Juris Doctorate from Harvard University School of Law, and the Master of Laws from the Georgetown University School of Law. He earned the Bronze Star for distinguished service to his country during his career as an officer in the United States Army. He taught at the American University School of Law, George Washington University and the University of South Carolina. In retirement, he returned to his farming roots as founder of the Freewoods Farm, a living farm museum.

*Stanley and Terri Stephens* are a father/daughter team. They have more than 30 years combined experience in the health insurance field; the emphasis of their senior
insurance agency is Medicare health insurance and Medicare Part D RX plans. Stanley is a proud grandpapa; Terri is a talented singer.

**Jef Sturm** is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, where he earned a degree in graphic design and fine art. He has spent most of his life teaching, exhibiting, drawing and painting. He demonstrates, exhibits and sells his work at venues in Georgetown, Pawleys Island and Myrtle Beach. Working from altered and revised photographic compositions, Sturm’s approach to painting is to “capture the quality of light as it exists in a solitary moment.”

**Holley Tankersley**, a political scientist with research and teaching expertise in public policy and political institutions, is the interim provost for Strategy and Development. Prior to this appointment, Tankersley served as the associate dean of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the chair of the Department of Politics at CCU. During her four-year tenure as chair, she promoted and managed growth of the department as it doubled in size; led faculty in deepening and expanding their commitment to high-impact learning practices and founded the Edgar Dyer Institute for Leadership and Public Policy, an endowed teaching and research center focused on solving the policy problems of the community and the region.

**David Thomas** is a certified computer technician through CompTIA. He bought his first DSLR in 2014. The same year he was asked to be the photographer for the Conjuration convention. He is now the director of photography for Conjuration. He also shoots for Mythical Medieval Festival. Thomas works full-time at Costco in the electronics section and helps people purchase cameras and computers.

**Amanda Todd** worked for several years as an environmental scientist before returning to earn her doctorate in geography. During her graduate studies, she explored human experiences with nature and in particular spiritual landscapes and how cultural identity is tied to various landscapes. Todd has traveled extensively to Hawai‘i to study Hawaiian Hula Dance and her current research interest lies in the intersection of movement (Hawaiian Hula) with geography, history, spirituality, and the environment.

**Karyn Tomczak** is currently on the faculty at CCU. She was awarded “Dance Teacher” magazine’s 2014 dance teacher award in higher education. Tomczak performed professionally in the U.S. and internationally for over 15 years in shows such as “42nd Street,” “Sophisticated Ladies,” “Will Rogers Follies” and “Funny Girl.” She was seen on PBS in “Sondheim: A Celebration at Carnegie Hall.” She also performed as a Radio City Rockette for six and a half years.
*John Tracy* is a musician, photographer, educator and mentor. He trained in academia and with West African musicians. He believes the essence of the arts, music and dance is awareness and a profound joyous dance of the spirit. His job in retirement is to share whatever can transform lives, bring new experiences to people and to bring celebration into the world.

*Brenda Tringali* is a professional organizer and the owner of At Your Fingertips Organizing. She provides workplace, residential and life organizing services. Tringali is a member of the National Association of Productivity and Organizing (NAPO) professionals and has earned their Workplace Productivity and Residential Organizing certificates. She is also chair of the national NAPOCares Committee that highlights the social responsibility efforts of NAPO members sharing their time, treasures and talents with their communities.

Jo Ann Tufo is a professional historian, actor and lecturer who has taught for OLLI for the past six years. She brings her characters to life in many different ways.

Don Ullman is a retired Army colonel and a graduate of West Point. He earned graduate (master’s level) degrees in German language and literature from Middlebury College and international relations from the University of Southern California. He was a German specialist for the Army teaching German at West Point, serving as a military attaché at the U.S. Embassy and residing in Germany for 11 years. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He has taught lifelong learning history courses on the Grand Strand since 1996.

*Robert Unger* helped his parents run a small family resort on the Lake of the Ozarks which instilled the meaning of hard work in him at a young age and helped him realize he wanted to run his own business when he grew up. He went to Westminster College in Missouri and after graduation, started with Edward Jones as a financial advisor. One of the primary reasons he is a financial advisor is his desire to help people. He met his wife through Edward Jones; they moved to Pawleys Island in 2017 and enjoy it so much they want to raise a family and eventually retire here.

Martha Van Loan has degrees in art from Syracuse University and the University of Oregon. Her art has been in galleries and museums in the U.S. and overseas. She is still active but is semi-retired, now working part time as a designer and instructor.

Christine Vernon is owner of and storyteller for Miss Chris' Inlet Walking Tour in Murrells Inlet, an award winning tour- 2017 Finalist for Best Tour Guide/Company. Having moved from Philadelphia, Pa. in 2005, she has been studying the local history
and legends of the South Strand. Vernon also is a full time artist and owner of The Studio at Inlet Cottage.

**Kimberly Washburn** is the curator of education at the Florence County Museum, designing educational programming and hands-on opportunities for students of all ages. As a certified art teacher and former public school educator, Washburn has the unique experience and opportunity to connect visitors to museum collections and artistic processes. Her enthusiasm for art and passion for teaching are shown through her unique hands-on workshops.

**Linda McGinn Waterman** is award-winning author of more than 20 books. She is the host of the international radio program, “Your Refreshed Life” ([www.yourrefreshedlife.com](http://www.yourrefreshedlife.com)). Her career highlights include being an adjunct professor for four universities in journalism, writing and public speaking, director of communication for two universities, editor of two luxury lifestyle magazines, as well as a curriculum writer. She earned a master’s degree in journalism from the Washington, D.C. branch of Regent University’s School of Communications and the Arts.

**Kathy Welde**, a former math teacher and military spouse, has been creating stained glass works of art more than 35 years. She has been teaching this art form more than 20 years. Her classes have been a popular favorite since OLLI courses began in Pawleys Island.

*Philip Whalen* is professor of history in the Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts at Coastal Carolina University. He is the author of five books, including the co-editing of “French Historians, 1900-2000” and “Place and Locality in Modern France.” Whalen has ongoing research and teaching interests in tourism, gastronomy, historical geography and the memory of war in French history.

*Sue Ann Whittick* has retired to Myrtle Beach after being a visual arts teacher in Pittsburgh public schools. She is a craftswoman who specializes in basketry, seashells and miniatures; she has won awards for her work. She loves tea parties, the sea area, mermaids, traveling, exploring life and learning and teaching for OLLI@CCU as well as summer kids’ camps through the Department of Academic and Community Outreach.

**Clark Wilburn** taught history in secondary schools in the Rochester, N.Y. area. He has also served as a tour director with Collette Vacations, where he led numerous tours of Great Britain and Ireland, as well as tours taking place within the United States and Canada. Wilburn is a graduate of Oberlin College (B.A.), Nazareth College (M.S.) and The Drama Studio.
Harry Willoughby is a military veteran, serving in the Infantry as an officer. He has a background in hospitality, having spent 30 years as an hotelier. Willoughby is co-owner with his wife of Right at Home Myrtle Beach. He was motivated to get into home care by a relative who told him, “You should get into a business involving seniors because you know how old folks have always liked you!” Willoughby took training to be a group moderator for Alzheimer’s support groups as he has a keen awareness of problems families face dealing with dementias due to his parents’ own dementias.

Geoffrey Wilson has had a lifetime love of science, finance and history. Wilson spent 13 years teaching secondary school science after earning a master’s degree in physics. He later earned a master’s degree in business administration in finance and worked in banking and finance for 30 years. His career paths included law in addition to the previously mentioned areas. He retired to Myrtle Beach in 2016. Growing up near Philadelphia, he and his family had an intense interest in the Civil War, especially the Battle of Gettysburg.

Gail Wright would like us to know that the sweetgrass basket tradition came to American from Sierra Leone, Africa when the slaves were brought to South Carolina and Georgia. These baskets are made out of bulrush, sweetgrass, pine needle and palms. They can be used for bread, as casserole dishes, pie plates and jewelry boxes. The sweetgrass supply is scarce. Mount Pleasant, S.C. was one of the areas where the sweetgrass basket tradition originated in the United States. The Wright family has lived in this area for many years and weaving has been passed on for generations from mother to daughter. Wright has been weaving baskets for 49 years and passed the tradition on to her daughter and her grandson. Today she enjoys showing others the traditions and give them a better history and understanding about sweetgrass baskets.

Stephen Wunderley retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2008. He has a great deal of experience in adult education and learning as well as practice and an interest in history, research and maps for quality metal detecting experience. He has knowledge of different types of metal detectors and metal detecting. He is a nearly new South Carolina resident, having been here since December 2017.

Robert Young is a professor of marine science and is now serving as the dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. The 2016 HTC Distinguished Teacher-Scholar Lecturer, he earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Virginia and a doctoral degree in oceanography from the University of Rhode Island. His research and publications have focused primarily on the ecology of bottlenose dolphins and on the behavior, ecology and population biology of fishes in the southeastern United States.