

## ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

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**Samuel Barnett** is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Humanities and Academic Director of the Humanities program at the University of Maryland University College. He has taught regular classes and online classes in a number of areas but is particularly interested in critical thinking and clarifying our ideas and why we think they are correct.

He is particularly interested in classes for adult learners who bring their experiences to the conversation. He also puts in many weekends at the boat yard working with the Apprentice for a Day program and has helped build several small craft.

**Ron Batistoni** is a retired teacher and school administrator and a frequent contributor to ALL. A graduate of Seton Hall University, Ron majored in English and Latin and completed a doctorate in Administration and Management. During his last ten years after working in the public schools and before retirement, he was the director of the Assessment Center for school principals affiliated with the NJ Department of Education. It is his firm conviction that human knowledge is significantly advanced by the arts with an emphasis on the interrelatedness of knowledge and the interdisciplinary nature of learning. Thus, his interest in ALL.

**Rabbi Donald R. Berlin**, a native of Canada, retired from Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore where he served as Senior Rabbi for 23 years. He was also an Adjunct Professor at Goucher and at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute. He is committed to social justice through inter-religious and interracial dialogue. Don and his wife, Norma, are active members of Temple B'nai Israel. He has taught previously at ALL. His personal interests include a love of classical music, opera, antiques, scouting, crafts, skating, professional ice hockey and enthusiastic grand-parenting.

**Phil Betsch** graduated from Rider University in 1963, following which he joined the US State Department to begin a thirty year career in international business, financial consulting and public service. After working as a Certified Public Accountant at Price Waterhouse New York early in the 1970s, Phil and his family returned abroad to pursue his international career as a corporate senior executive. For the vast majority of his career Phil and his family have lived in Asia Pacific (the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand) and Northern Europe (The Netherlands) from whence Phil traveled regularly to supervise the many markets around the world in which his multinational company(s) operated. Following his retirement from international corporate life in 2002 Phil founded IFSA Global LLC, a financial services firm where he continues to serve as Chairman. (See a complete CV at: <http://www.philip-a-betsch.com>.)

**Greg Farley** is a biologist and educator at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. He currently serves as co-chair of the College's Sustainability Operations Group and is helping shape the College's emerging sustainability institute. A resident of St. Michaels, he is concerned about human impacts on the Chesapeake Bay, and an advocate of constructive solutions to those issues.

**Bob Feldhuhn** is a retired Department of Defense aerospace engineer who has provided technical support to planners in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**John Ford** majored in Literature in college and is currently Facilities Manager at CBMM. He is also President of the Easton Town Council.

**Dr. Scott Friedman** is a cardiologist with Chesapeake Bay Cardiology Clinic. He has practiced in Easton for over 25 years. He graduated from Washington College and the University of Maryland School of Medicine, both Magna Cum Laude. He completed his Medical Residency at the University of Maryland Hospital and his Cardiology Fellowship at Boston City Hospital/University Hospital, Boston, MA. Dr. Friedman is also Medical Director, Cardiology Services, Shore Health Systems. He has also participated in a number of research projects during his career.

**Mike Henry** became the airport manager after retiring from the Federal Aviation Administration in 2003. He is also a Chief Warrant Officer, W5 (Ret.), Army Master Aviator with over 15,000 flight hours. Mike has a Master's Degree in Safety from Central Missouri State University. He and his wife Kristina have lived in Easton since 1993.

**Phillip Hesser, Ph.D.**, taught world history and civilization in the United States and Africa before advancing education and leadership in Africa as a program officer and director with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Academy for Educational Development (a global nongovernmental organization). Living "Down Below" in Dorchester County, he can be found teaching at Salisbury University and Chesapeake College; running the roads across the marshes with retrievers Duke, Bella, and Marshall; or working on *Sitting in Limbo: Life and Livelihood on the Tumps of Chesapeake Bay*, a deep history of his community.

**Tim Junkin** is the founder and Executive Director of MRC. He is an attorney with thirty years of experience as a trial lawyer and advocate of civil rights, an award winning writer with three books under publication (all centered around the Choptank River-Eastern Bay area), and a teacher. His books, in chronological order, are *The Waterman*, *Good Counsel*, and *Bloodsworth*. He has also published numerous magazine and newspaper articles. He co-founded and for two decades served as the managing partner of a

private law firm in Washington D.C. Tim spent much of his boyhood in Talbot County, graduating from Easton High School in 1969. He obtained a B.A. degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Maryland in 1973, and completed his law studies at Georgetown University Law Center in 1977, where he graduated as a Law Fellow. He has taught at American University, Georgetown University Law Center, Harvard University Law School, and the Bethesda Writer's Center. He was recognized by American University in 1984 as the year's outstanding adjunct professor. Tim established MRC (previously the Choptank River Eastern Bay Conservancy) in the fall of 2008 and has served as its director since that time.

**Joan Katz** holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire, an M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling from the University of North Carolina and has taken numerous graduate courses at the University of Southern Maine. In her career, Joan has been involved as a professional in the education and non-profit sectors as well as doing volunteer service in Maine and in Easton.

**Al Kubeluis** has an extensive professional background with computers of many types and their uses in organizations and by individuals.

**Ron Liebman** graduated from the University of Maryland Law School in 1969. He then served as law clerk to the Honorable R. Dorsey Watkins, who became the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Following a short time as an associate with a Baltimore law firm, he was selected as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maryland.

As a federal prosecutor Ron served as counsel for the government in some of the country's most significant cases, including grand jury investigations and subsequent prosecutions of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and former Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel. For a part of that time he and his colleagues reported directly to the United States Attorney General in Washington, DC.

He re-entered the private practice of law as a partner in a Washington, DC boutique litigation firm. He then spent over two decades as a partner at Patton Boggs, where he specialized in litigation, both domestic and international, and later joined the Washington, DC office of New York based Dewey & LeBoeuf as a partner before leaving the law to devote more of his time to writing.

He is the co-editor of the legal treatise *Testimonial Privileges* (First Edition, McGraw Hill, 1983); the author of the novels *Grand Jury* (Random House/Ballantine books, 1983), *Death by Rodrigo* (Simon & Schuster, 2007), and the non-fiction *Shark Tales—True and Amazing Stories from America's Lawyers*

(Simon & Schuster, 2000). His new novel, the sequel to *Death By Rodrigo*, entitled *Jersey Law* is due to be published by Simon & Schuster in June 2011. He is married to the artist Simma Liebman.

**Susan McKelvey:** “I was fortunate to grow up in Chicago, in South Shore, a nice neighborhood right on Lake Michigan. I earned my B.A. at Cornell College and my M.A. at the University of Chicago. I then returned to the Chicago area and taught English in a northern suburb.

After several years of suburban life, my husband and I decided to join the Peace Corp. We spent two years as teachers in Ethiopia. We had marvelous opportunities to travel throughout Ethiopia, East Africa, Egypt and western Europe.

Home again, it was Doug’s turn to go to grad school, so we spent five years in Iowa City. Now adding our beautiful baby, Leslie, we followed Doug’s career to North Carolina and then to Washington, D.C. And here we are!”

**John Miller** is a former adjunct professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University and lecturer in the Department of English at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Miller received his Ph.D. in English Literature from the University of Pittsburgh and his B.A. in English from Yale University. Recently, John has taught literature at American University and Washington College.

**Margot Miller** holds a Ph.D. in French literature. She writes fiction as well as academic articles on contemporary women authors who write in French.

**Tracey Munson**, CBMM Vice President of Communications, has worked in communications for more than twenty years, specializing in marketing strategy, positioning, brand development and public relations. She is a past president of the Talbot Optimist Club and the Tidewater Camera Club, and lives in Easton with her two children.

**Suzi Peel** is an expert in Global Public Health. She has traveled across Africa working for children whose parents were ill, or had died. AIDS–TB–Malaria: these are the big killers in the developing world. In her first career she taught Humanities to teens in Geneva, Switzerland. Then she organized two global conferences on AIDS. A recent arrival to the Eastern Shore, she is now consulting with private donors on effective aid and philanthropy.

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