

## **Serve Idaho's Inland Northwest Conference National Trainers / Presenters**

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### **Dr. Kathy Canfield-Davis**

Dr. Canfield-Davis' professional career spans K-12 and higher education. Within in K-12, she has been a teacher, special education director, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Within higher education, she held administrative liaison positions as well as professorial assignments. Her community activism is extensive and includes membership on the Idaho Humanities Council, the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations, the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board, and Gonzaga University's Institute for Action Against Hate. Within the private sector, she is a national consultant on school facilities.

### **Shirley Conger**

Shirley Conger served as Director of Volunteer Services at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell for over 17 years. She is a volunteer administration consultant and trainer in the United States and Canada. She is past chair of the Serve Idaho Commission. Shirley currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (ALIVE), a national organization for professional volunteer resource managers. She continues her lifetime commitment to volunteerism by currently working with Rotary International, Women's Fitness Celebration, and others. Shirley holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Colorado State University in General Physical Sciences.

### **Corland E. Forrester, CPA**

Corland E. Forrester is the President of MBI Consulting in Bethesda, Maryland; where he leads the Firm in providing consulting services to both private sector and government clients. Mr. Forrester has over 21 years of experience. His clients include Corporation for National Service (CNCS) for which he is responsible for coordinating training and technical assistance. He also serves public agencies such as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Housing and Urban Development, (HUD), National Institute for Science and Technology (NIST) and Health and Human Services (HHS).

Mr. Forrester graduated from Howard University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Public Administration. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in the State of Maryland. He and his family currently reside in North Potomac, Maryland where he is an avid golfer.

## **Kevin Gerlitz**

Kevin has been employed with the Idaho Department of Labor for over 7 years as a Workforce Consultant. He has also worked in the private sector in Idaho in Retail Operations Management. He previously attended the School of Business at University of Idaho.

## **Kent Griffitts**

Kent Griffitts is the Idaho State Program Director with the Corporation for National Service. He is an Idaho native, and a graduate of Idaho State University with over 25 years of professional experience in developing AmeriCorps\*VISTA and Senior Corps Programs throughout Idaho.

## **Dr. Sachin Jain**

Dr. Sachin Jain received his Ph.D from the University of Wyoming in 2006. Before joining the University of Idaho in 2007 as an assistant professor in school counseling, he worked at the University of Texas-Pan American a Hispanic serving institution.

## **Cindy Jesinger**

Cindy Jesinger is the Executive Director of the Congressional Award Council of Idaho. She organized and implemented regional awards ceremonies that involved Idaho's U.S. Congressional Delegation and Idaho's Constitutional Officers, as well as local regional dignitaries. She has assisted with numerous annual volunteer recognition dinners for the Boy Scouts of America's Snake River Council and has helped with the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council's annual meetings and Women of Today and Tomorrow Luncheons. Cindy served as chair of the 2009 Governor's Brightest Star Awards Ceremony.

## **Caryl Johnston**

Caryl Johnson is the Executive Director of United Way of Kootenai County.

## **Vicki Kunz**

Vicki has worked for the Idaho Department of Labor for 6 years. She was previously employed in printing and publishing industry in a graphic design, production and management capacity. As an art major at Portland State University, she started a graphic design business.

## **John T. Lundholm**

John Lundholm is a Nurse Educator for the Behavioral Health units at Kootenai Medical Center where he teaches staff members how to manage disruptive and aggressive persons. He has his Masters in Counseling Psychology and has several years of experience as a Marriage and Family Therapist and Mediator.

## **Moss AmeriCorps Field Instructors**

AmeriCorps members from Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute engage elementary age students in challenging and interdisciplinary study using the outdoor environment as an integrated context for learning.

## **Tina Naillon**

Tina Naillon is the State Department of Education Learn & Serve Coordinator providing direct and indirect support to K-12 schools, community groups and higher education institutions to facilitate service-learning projects. An Idaho native, she has worked in education and federal grant programs for over 15 years.

## **Sarah Nielsen**

Sarah Nielsen has been an employee of Kootenai Health since 2002. Her job title is Volunteer Services and Community Outreach Manager. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Idaho and an MBA in Healthcare Management from Gonzaga University. She is a recipient of the 2009 Appreciation Award from the Congressional Award Council of Idaho.

## **Sister Janice Otis**

Sister Janice Otis is the principal for The Franciscan Cre-Act School, a small, independent private school that offers an arts-enriched education to Pocatello area children in pre-kindergarten through grade 5. She is a member of the Serve Idaho Commission and was the RSVP Director in Pocatello, Idaho for many years.

## **Paula Sotnik**

Institute for Community Inclusion at University of MA Boston, has over twenty-five years of experience as a director, curriculum developer, trainer, and diversity and disability specialist. She oversees the National Service Inclusion Project, the national T&TA center on disability inclusion funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Paula has served as a lead training consultant and author on culture brokering for the Center for International Rehabilitation Research Information and Exchange at the

University at Buffalo, SUNY. She also developed several projects to enhance the disability inclusion capacity of grassroots nonprofits and examine the experiences of individuals with disabilities from diverse cultures. Paula has served on several consumer advocacy boards, consulted nationally, and conducted presentations and published on topics related to diversity and disability, accommodations, responsive outreach strategies, and nonprofit capacity development. Paula has undergraduate degrees in social work and psychology and has taken graduate courses in business and nonprofit management. She is currently a member of the AUCD's Multicultural Council.

### **Kelly Staskey**

Kelly is the Executive Director of Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, where she administers Idaho's AmeriCorps Programs and is the chairperson of Idaho's Promise: The Alliance for Youth. Kelly has been with the Commission for eight years. In 1997, she was the lead Idaho State Delegate to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future. Kelly has a B.A. in International Affairs and French with a Business and Economics emphasis. Prior to her appointment to Serve Idaho, Kelly was employed as an Admission Counselor at the University of Puget Sound. She also worked for West One Bank as an International Banking Specialist and for the Idaho Youth Ranch as Associate Director of Development and Special Events Coordinator.

### **Judi Watkins**

Judi Watkins is the Program Director of Canyon County RSVP.

### **Russ Weedon MAOL, PhDC**

Russ Weedon is currently employed as a Community Education Representative with Idaho Power Company headquartered in Boise, Idaho, where he develops and delivers energy-related educational programs for and to schools, businesses, and other various organizations in the Boise and Meridian areas. He is also an adjunct faculty member at George Fox University - Boise, teaching Organizational Communication & Negotiation and Organizational Change courses in the graduate leadership programs. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Communication from Boise State University, a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership from George Fox University, and is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Idaho in the Adult and Organizational Learning program. He recently obtained certification in character education from the Josephson Institute of Ethics. Russ was awarded the "2006 Outstanding Friend of Business Education" by the Idaho Business Education Association and was

the United Way of Treasure Valley's 2003/2004 Outstanding Loaned Executive. He serves on the board of directors for the Idaho Foundation for Private Enterprise and Economic Education Association and "LAUNCH" Idaho Business Week.