

Instructor Biographical Information

Owen Bailey is Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's Towns Program manager. He began working for ESLC in July 2015. Owen is on the Chestertown Planning Commission and previously served on the Historic District Commission. He has a master's degree in English literature from Washington College and is a lifelong resident of Chestertown where he lives with his family.

Katie Barney is the author of six cookbooks and has taught in the IAL program for a number of years.

Larry Blount was a history major at Wabash College. He joined the Peace Corps and served in Panama. He was drafted, commissioned as an infantry officer, and served as an infantry advisor in Vietnam. He attended graduate school at the University of Texas, and received an M.A. in social anthropology. He had two careers, one as a civilian in the Public Health Service, and a second in the Army and Army Reserve. His Reserve service was in civil affairs, principally working with refugees, and peacekeeping operations. He was a senior civil affairs advisor to US Central Command in Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm and served as chief of operations, civil affairs for the UN Peacekeeping Force in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Nancy Brandenburger is a speech-language pathologist with many years of experience working with adults with cognitive challenges.

Sandy Brown has served as the executive director for Mid-Shore Pro Bono since 2008. Mid-Shore Pro Bono connects low-income individuals and families who need civil legal services with volunteer attorneys and community resources. MSPB covers a large rural service area including Kent, Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties with a recent expansion to the Lower Shore. Over the years, MSPB has grown from a small lawyer referral agency to the Eastern Shore's premier legal services provider offering access to several diverse programs that meet the legal needs of our community's neediest residents.

Adele Clagett is a volunteer at Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center who manages the care and feeding of the captive birds of prey, works with American kestrels and takes part in birds of prey educational programs. Adele monitors and documents nests of bald eagles, great horned owls, wood ducks, and American kestrels. As a member of the Maryland Ornithological Society she attends and leads bird walks. Adele maintains an active website (Birding.Pictures) which includes a catalog of the birds she has photographed, nest monitoring information and commentary, raptor identification information and more.

Carol Conrad is a retired independent high school history teacher with 40 years of experience in NC, RI, and MD independent schools. She holds a B.A. in history from Allegheny College and an M.A. in history from Brown University. She created an elective course on the 60s for high school seniors that became a mainstay at her school in Rhode Island. She prefers discussion, in-class projects and activities over straight lecture.

Dennis Conrad earned a Ph.D. in early American history from Duke University. His dissertation topic is Nathanael Greene and the Southern Campaigns, 1780-1783. He has published Papers of General Nathanael Greene (10 of the 13 volumes in the series), serving as editor and project director of the Greene Papers for volumes 7 through 13 (the War in the South volumes). He is the editor of Naval Documents of the American Revolution, volumes 11-13 and has written essays on Greene and other Revolutionary War topics in several anthologies and journals. He is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution Association.

The Rev. Mark S. Delcuze is an Episcopal priest currently serving as rector of Christ Church Parish, Kent Island. He holds a B.A. from the University of Virginia and an M. Div. from the Episcopal Divinity School (Cambridge, MA). In 37 years of ordained life, he has served as ecumenical and interfaith officer for two dioceses, as clergy deputy to his denomination's General Convention and in a variety of key roles for the Diocese of Easton.

Mark Dykes is the extension and bee squad coordinator for the vanEngelsdorp Bee Lab at the University of Maryland. Previously, he was the chief inspector for the Texas Apiary Inspection Service where he helped create the Texas Master Beekeeper Program and the Texas State Honey Bee Diagnostic Lab. Mark was also a supervisor with the Florida Department of Agriculture's Apiary Inspection Service and the apiary manager for Dr. Jamie Ellis' honey bee lab at the University of Florida. He has a degree in natural resource conservation from the University of Florida and is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Ann Fallon has taught community dance for 30 years at various venues, such as on-going dance series, festivals, private groups, and elementary schools, mostly in the greater Washington-Baltimore area, Virginia, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Teddy Griffin has a B.S. in computer science from the University of Maryland and spent over 30 years in application and system programming. After retirement, she has enjoyed making jewelry and other beaded projects and is eager to share that passion with others.

Kathy Jones, a retired teacher of deaf and hard of hearing students, has been involved onstage or backstage in more than 30 productions with several area theatre groups and is a member of the Board of Directors of Church Hill Theatre. She enjoys sharing her passion for theatre with others, and hopes to encourage more people to become involved as participants, volunteers or audience members. Kathy graduated with a B.A. and an M.Ed. from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) and also has graduate credits in children's literature and library science.

Cindy King worked in wholesale nursery for eight years and ran The Mill of Kingstown Garden Center for 22 years; she is a graduate of Longwood Gardens Horticultural Series 1 and a certified professional horticulturalist through the State of Maryland. She also holds specialty titles in composting, weed identification and control, plant identification, herbaceous perennials, and pest identification and control. She has a pesticide license, fertilizer license and is certified for lanternfly. She is also a Board member of the Maryland Nursery, Landscape, and Greenhouse Association.

Steve Kinlock has earned graduate degrees in psychology, education, and history and has more than 30 years of teaching experience at the high school and college level. He has also served in elected office and lives in Cordova.

Kathy Leary received training in aerobic dance, ballroom dancing and line dancing. She taught line dancing classes at Chesapeake College and the Talbot County Senior Center, and led the Showtime Dancers in performance at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. She has taught aerobic dance for IAL and at several local senior centers.

Candace Liccione is the owner of Wye River Designs, a creativity and wellness studio in Grasonville. Wye River Designs features classes in mosaics, collage, mixed media and jewelry making. Before she moved to the Eastern Shore, she had an herb business in PA. Wye River Designs combines her love of arts and crafts and wellness. Wye River Designs also offers over 200 kinds of medicinal herbs, teas, aromatherapy and wellness classes.

Robin Marchionni has been dancing since the age of three and has experience in ballet, jazz, modern/contemporary, tap and Broadway musical styles. She has danced professionally as well as taught and choreographed all ages and has a B.A. in dance from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Dr. Charles Mylander has an B.A. in mathematics from Bowdoin College; an M.S. in industrial management from MIT and a Ph.D. in operations research from Stanford University. He was an OR analyst at the Research Analysis Corporation, a policy analyst at the Federal Energy Agency, and policy analyst, studies director at the Energy Information Administration. He is retired from the US Naval Academy where he was a professor of operations analysis and mathematics. As a volunteer he has worked on breast cancer studies at the Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Amy Narimatsu is the community engagement coordinator for ShoreRivers where she manages volunteer programs, supports community engagement efforts of all departments, and works to establish a strong, diverse ambassador

base for clean water. She has a degree in environmental studies from Salisbury University and is one of the main point people for the ShoreRivers Maryland Tree Stewards Program, a new initiative with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to increase the number of urban trees in our local watersheds through training and supporting community volunteers in proper tree planting and tree care maintenance.

Julianna Pax retired from Montgomery County Schools in 1999 where she developed and taught the nutrition science curriculum in addition to her chemistry classes. She has a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Dayton, an M.S. from University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in nutrition science from the University of Maryland and is the author of several cookbooks. Her fifth cookbook is "Cooking for One (or More)." She also manages the "Soup and Walk" program at Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely and teaches line dancing at the YMCA in Cambridge.

Larisa Prezioso is Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's restoration specialist. With a Bachelor of Science in environmental science and biology from Washington College, Larisa has a robust working knowledge of Delmarva's ecosystems and a profound love for the Chesapeake. Larisa serves as a project coordinator for conservation best practices and habitat restoration, and is ESLC's resident expert on geographic information systems.

Sara Ramotnik is Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's policy manager. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in environmental science and policy and currently lives in Annapolis. She is passionate about conservation and getting people involved with advocating for the places that surround them.

David Satterfield joined Eastern Shore Land Conservancy in January 2018 after working as ESLC's stewardship intern and stewardship contractor. As land program manager, David now leads his team in acquisition, stewardship and restoration of conservation properties throughout the Eastern Shore of Maryland. David has a Bachelor of Science in biology from Towson University and a Master of Science in biology from the University of Nebraska – Kearney, specializing in both programs on wildlife biology. This focus on wildlife stems from a lifetime

passion for animals, stoked through literature, excursions through the woods, and hunting/fishing with his family.

Alicia Siegrist earned a B.S. in geology from University of Maryland, College Park and an M.S. in geochemistry and mineralogy from Penn State. She worked for NASA-Goddard and University of Maryland's Computer Center, has taught geology and computer science to students age 5 to 85, and has coached JV and varsity cross-country. Although her pace has slowed over a 27+ year walking/running career, her enthusiasm for getting outside and putting one foot in front of the other has never diminished.

Galt Siegrist received his B.S. in geology from Lehigh and an M.S. and Ph.D. from Penn State in geochemistry and mineralogy. He taught undergraduate and graduate geology courses for 25 years at University of Maryland, College Park and 12 more years in Guam. He conducted sponsored water resources research and consulting in Guam and on many other Pacific islands. He has also taught five courses for IAL.

Beverly Hall Smith was a professor of art history for forty years. Since retiring to Chestertown in 2014, she has taught art history classes at IAL and WC-ALL. Since April 2020, she has been writing weekly articles for the Spy titled "Looking at the Masters." She is also an artist whose work is sometimes in exhibitions at Chestertown River Arts and she paints sets for the Garfield Center for the Arts in Chestertown.

Raymond Vergne is a retired cardiologist with a graduate degree in education and interests in literature, history, music and art. He has taught an array of classes for IAL.

Clayton Washington has spent the last 14 years as president of the Kennard Alumni Association. He led the restoration of the only African American High School in Queen Anne's County to create the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center and African American History Museum. He has done extensive research on local African American history.

Judy Wink is Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center's director emeritus. She earned undergraduate and master's degrees in

education, wildlife biology, environmental studies, and wildlife management administration and her Ph.D. in ornithology. Over the past four decades Judy has held positions at conservation and education centers. Judy has shared her knowledge of birds through lectures and educational programs and has made a difference in her community through overseeing conservation and restoration projects at CBEC.