

## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

**Susan Bennett-Armistead** is Associate Professor of Literacy Education and Correll Professor of Early Literacy at the University of Maine. She has a Ph.D. in Curriculum, Teacher Education, and Policy, with an emphasis in Literacy from Michigan State University.

**Anna Baglay-Bouchard** has a Master of International Relations degree from Moscow University of International Relations as well as a Master of Korean Studies degree from Korea University in Seoul, Korea. She works as the Foreign Language Director and Russian interpreter for the Bangor Interpreting Agency.

**Christina Cheung** is currently an English language instructor at the University of Maine Intensive English Institute. She has a master's degree in TESOL from Teachers College at Columbia University and always strives to instill in her students language learning strategies that promote student autonomy.

**Nancy Connor** has been involved with Literacy Volunteers as an English language tutor and tutor trainer for more than 20 years. She taught English as a Second Language (ESL) in the public schools for 16 years and did a short stint teaching ESL in Korea. Nancy is currently the coordinator of programs for advanced students in Orono schools.

**Meredith Eaton** is the Service Coordinator of Literacy Volunteers of Bangor. She has been with the organization for more than seven years, most recently as President of the Board of Directors. Meredith has a Bachelor of University Studies degree from the University of Maine with a focus in public administration. She has worked as the Training and VISTA Coordinator with the Maine Commission for Community Service.

**Virginia "Ginny" Gifford** is a student representative on the Literacy Volunteers Board of Directors and a past participant of its family literacy programming. Ginny has experienced poverty first hand and has participated in a 15-week program designed by poverty expert, Ruby Payne. Ginny is an Ed Tech with special needs students for Bangor School System.

**Rachel Groenhout** is the assessment coordinator for the teacher preparation programs of the University of Maine at Farmington. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Literacy Education at the University of Maine.

**Mary Marin Lyon** has been the Executive Director for Literacy Volunteers of Bangor for the past 10 years. She has a Master and Bachelor of Communication Studies degrees from the University of Maine and has more than 20 years of nonprofit experience, much of it in management.

**Faye Olsen** has over 20 years of teaching experience in a variety of settings and has a Master of Education degree with a focus on teaching English as a Second Language. She is currently an English language instructor and teacher trainer at the University of Maine Intensive English Institute. She inspires her students with her passion for lifelong learning.

**JoAnne V. Rollins** has a bachelor's degree in Special Education with certification in Moderate Special Needs and a master's degree in Elementary Education from Fitchburg State University. She is recently retired from Chelmsford Public Schools after 27 years of teaching special education and third grade and lives in Lowell, Maine.

**Matt Tardie** is Adult Education Director of the Riverside Adult Education Partnership, which includes: Orono, Old Town, Alton, Bradley, Greenbush, Veazie, Glenburn, Milford, Hampden, Newburgh, Winterport and Frankfort. An Aroostook County native, he is a graduate of the University of Maine.

**Erin Wight** is a graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington. She served as an AmeriCorps member in Massachusetts and in Bangor at PCHC. She has been teaching ESL for 10 years, including three years in Japan and more than three years with Literacy Volunteers of Bangor. She is currently an English language instructor at the Intensive English Institute at the University of Maine.