



### **Idaho Humanities Council Trained Facilitators**

1. David Adler – Boise

- My career as an educator, scholar, author, public speaker, moderator and director of centers at all three of Idaho's universities, and head of The Alturas Institute, have prepared me to facilitate conversations about these topics. As a classroom instructor-- undergraduates, doctoral candidates and law students-- dedicated to promoting discussion, I have acquired skills necessary to engage participants in relaxed, comfortable and stimulating sessions on many topics. The aim has been to draw out various perspectives and facilitate common ground wherever possible, while understanding and respecting different views and values. I was the director of a center for the study of the Constitution at Idaho State University, and director of the McClure Center and the Andrus Center at University of Idaho and Boise State University, where I held chaired professorships. My scholarly writings have been quoted by the US Supreme Court, lower federal courts, the attorney general, the state department, and both Republicans and Democrats in Congress, by political scientists, historians and law professors across the globe, and I have lectured nationally and internationally on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and civic education. A former journalist, I continue to write op-ed pieces for newspapers across the country.

2. Mary Ann Allison - Idaho Falls

- I grew up in Idaho Falls, lived in New York City for several decades, working in emerging technologies around the world, and have recently returned to beautiful Southeast Idaho where I am founding a company to teach Cultural Genetics™--a method for understanding and working with the changes in society. I believe that public conversations can enrich our communities. I will bring my experience in business, teaching university, and consulting for senior government officials to help provide a setting that encourages sharing ideas-- whether or not we agree--with the hope that we can learn from each other.

3. Hope Benedict- Salmon

- Born and raised in Idaho, I have a generational understanding of place. As an historian and teacher, I have immersed myself in the history of Idaho--its land, water, and people. As volunteer director of the Lemhi County Historical Society, I have had the opportunity to explore the issues rural communities have faced over time and are currently facing. This has been augmented by bringing in speakers on a range of topics, including mining, water, fish, dams, land use, growth, and diversity. Serving, at various times, on the boards of the Idaho State Historical Society, the Idaho Heritage Trust, the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, the Sacajawea Interpretive Center's Oversight Committee, Lemhi County's Board of Guardians (for community members without family or other resources), has necessitated educating myself about community interests/issues across the state. In addition, my research and writing projects have been focused on place and community, extractive industry, water, land use, agriculture, "Old West" vs. "New West." I also have a Ph.D. in US History with specialties in the American West and Idaho.
4. Jennifer Emery Davidson - Ketchum
    - I earned a Ph.D. in American Studies, focusing on the literature and history of the American West, and I have more than a dozen years of experience teaching English and literature at the college level in the U.S. and in Mexico (through a Fulbright fellowship). In my current post as the executive director of The Community Library, I oversee the Center for Regional History and a wide range of programming initiatives.
  5. Jan Johnson- Moscow
  6. Dulce Kersting-Lark – Moscow
    - I am a public historian with a passion for historical literacy and building community through shared stories. My work has focused primarily on local history in north Idaho as well as the cultural fabric of the US West. Bringing context to contemporary issues through an exploration of the past is what makes my job rewarding. I am employed by the University of Idaho Library as the Head of Special Collections and Archives. Prior to this post I was the Executive Director of the Latah County Historical Society, a community-based archive and museum, for more than eight years. I received my Master of Arts in public history from Washington State University.
  7. Bill Manny – Boise
    - Bill Manny is the acting executive producer at Idaho Public Television. He grew up in Eastern Oregon. Bill is a member of the Idaho Humanities Council board and a past president of Boise City Club. He's worked as a writer and editor for newspapers in Oregon, Idaho and Washington, D.C., including 18 years as an editor at the Idaho Statesman.
  8. Shelley McEuen-Howard - Twin Falls

- Shelley McEuen Howard is a professor of English at College of Southern Idaho where she also serves as Chair of the Social Science and Communication Department. Her love of wild spaces began in Montana along the Big Hole River and has continued to Twin Falls where she currently resides. Shelley's interests include the intersection between community and the urban wild, and she believes strongly in the power of grassroots community involvement and the influence of stories in our lives.

9. Christina Olson- Idaho Falls

- Christina Olson - I have a masters degree in historic preservation (MHP) with an emphasis in landscape history and over twenty years of experience in cultural resource management of the historic built environment. In my current position as Principal of Kerros Cultural Resource Management in Idaho Falls, I work with various of federal, state, municipal, and private entities in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

10. David Pettyjohn – Boise

- David Pettyjohn became the Executive Director of the Idaho Humanities Council in January 2018. Prior to that, he served as Executive Director of Preservation Oklahoma, a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities in the state. Prior to joining Preservation Oklahoma, he served 11 years (2001-2012) as Program Officer and later as Assistant Director for the Oklahoma Humanities Council. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in History from the University of Tulsa. He currently serves on the board of the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

11. Jessica Evett – Boise

- Jessica Evett is the Development and Communications Officer for the Idaho Humanities Council where she manages fundraising activities to support IHC's mission as well as keeping the public informed about the organization's work. Prior to IHC, Jessica's career has spanned natural resource work, communications, fundraising, and management at several outdoor stewardship organizations and a community radio station. Jessica believes that dialogue reminds us of the value others bring to the world as well as the value we hold within our communities. Born and raised in Boise, she holds a B.A. degree in Psychology and Creative Writing from the College of Idaho, and an M.A. degree in Mass Communications/Public Relations from the University of Denver.

12. Doug Exton – Boise

- Doug Exton is a Program Officer with the Idaho Humanities Council where he manages grant programs, virtual programs, and the Museum on Main Street program in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institute. Doug loves exploring not just what brings community together, but what defines communities and place. He believes there is more that brings communities together than divides. Doug is currently studying for a MS in GIS from Johns Hopkins University and holds a BS in

History with minors in Urban Studies/Community Development & GIS from Boise State University. In addition, he serves as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner for Ada County.

13. Johanna Bringhurst – Boise

- Johanna Bringhurst is a program officer with the Idaho Humanities Council where she coordinates the Human Ties: Conversations That Matter program as well as the IHC summer teacher institute and the IHC Annual Distinguished Lecture and Dinner Series. Johanna believes in the value of an informed citizenry that can debate and discuss the most important issues of our time. She hopes to get Idahoans talking to each other again to help solve our problems with respect and empathy. Johanna graduated from Utah State University with a BS in Political Science and has worked in education, humanitarian aid, and for the Idaho State Historical Society.