

2015 Workshop Facilitators

Mark Bernstein

Mark Bernstein is a member of the Congregational Life Staff of the Central East Region of the UUA. Based in the Philadelphia area, Mark also serves as UUA liaison to Equal Access, a UUA-affiliated organization committed to the full participation of people with disabilities in congregational life. Mark has been a member of the UU Church of Delaware County in Media, PA for the past 20 years and has served in nearly every capacity except making coffee. Prior to his work with the UUA, Mark had his own business providing training to staff in agencies that work with people with disabilities.

Rev. Jennifer Brooks

Rev. Jennifer Brooks is Interim Parish Minister at the UU Congregation of Fairfax, Virginia. A member of the UUA's Interim Ministry Guild, she is committed to intentional, focused, professional transition ministry. Her background in international development gave her experience in multicultural settings and conflict management. After serving as a settled parish minister, she felt called to accompany congregations through the challenge and possibility of transition. Rev. Jennifer is particularly interested in the changes that help move our UU congregations into ministry that is both more multicultural and more 21st-century.

Madelyn Campbell

Madelyn Campbell is the minister of Davies Memorial UU Church in Camp Springs, MD. She is a Master of Divinity graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary, where she is also completing a certificate in the arts and theology with a concentration in storytelling and drama. She studied biblical storytelling while at Wesley and is a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International (NBS). Madelyn has told and taught stories at churches around the beltway as well as at the annual NBS Festival Gathering. She has a special affinity for the stories of the Hebrew Bible, but her repertoire includes stories from the New Testament and Apocrypha as well as non-biblical stories. She is hoping to eventually tell the entire Book of Esther.

Rev. Michelle Collins

Rev. Michelle is a Unitarian Universalist minister with a passion for communities, connecting, and spreading joy, currently serving in Wilmington, Delaware as assistant minister with a focus on pastoral care and programs. She loves small groups, hikes in the woods, and being with her family, with a little haphazard juggling on the side.

Dani Fiore

Dani is a multi-instrumentalist with a passion for drums and percussion. She began formally studying music as a child and has been performing and teaching for almost ten years. She performs regularly as the percussionist for the central-PA-based original alt-folk group, Indian Summer Jars (ISJBand.com). When she's not making music, you can find her on a bicycle or snowboard trying to keep up with her wife, Sarah Beth, (the songwriter of Indian Summer Jars).

David M. Glasgow

David is a pianist, vocalist, composer, actor, and educator, with a career history that includes ordained ministry, liberal-arts college teaching, and commissioned composition, in addition to musical and theatrical performance. A Credentialed Music

Leader in the Unitarian Universalist Association and an active member of the UU Musicians Network, David served as the UUA's General Assembly Music Coordinator for 2013 and 2014, and has been a regular presenter at Worship Arts Festivals and youth "CONs" of the JPD and CERG since 2009. Locally, David is privileged to serve as Music Director for the Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley in Boiling Springs, PA, the congregation he has called home since 2008. David and his spouse, Mark Boggs, have been together (illegally) since 1995, and share a home in Pennsylvania with their four feline "kids": Tobias, Sophia, Stewart, and Jake. Learn more at davidmglasgow.com.

Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

Carl has been the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick, Maryland since July 2012. A native of Florence, South Carolina, he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, where he received a B.A. degree in Religion and Philosophy in 2000. In 2003, he graduated from Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas with an M.Div. For the next seven years, Carl served as the associate pastor at Northminster Church in Monroe, Louisiana. Then for two he served as the pastor of Broadview Church in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. In 2009, he completed his training as a spiritual director through the Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction program at San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS). And in 2012, he graduated with a Doctor of Ministry from SFTS. His wife Magin LaSov Gregg (M.A., M.F.A.) is an Assistant Professor of English at Frederick Community College. They have two cats (Kol Nidre and Shamash Chaim) and two dogs (Dobby Templeton and Scout "Boo Radley").

Pawel Jura

Pawel Jura is Director of Music and Arts for the UU Congregation of Fairfax. A member of the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network and the American Guild of Organists, Pawel holds two bachelors' degrees in music from Juilliard School of Music, one in piano performance and the other in composition, and a master's in music theory from Juilliard. Previously he served as director of music at the Unitarian Universalist Society: East in Manchester CT and resident music director at the Connecticut Cabaret Theatre in Berlin, CT. An accomplished chorus leader, musician, composer and teacher, Pawel also was chorus master for the New Britain Chorale and music director for the Kensington Congregational Church in Kensington, CT.

Rev. Erik Martinez Resly

Rev. Erik is the lead organizer of The Sanctuaries in Washington, DC. Having grown up in Frankfurt, Germany, he attended Brown University and Harvard Divinity School prior to being ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister. He is currently pursuing a PhD at Johns Hopkins with a focus on the changing place of religion in urban America.

Andrew Mertz

In his role as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Joseph Priestley District, Andrew supports the congregations in the JPD around their youth, young adult, and campus ministries. Focusing on the bridge between youth and young adulthood, he works with district committees of both youth and young adults to help mind the gap. He also supports the growing number of paid staff working in this field and their congregations. Andrew is studying for his Masters of Divinity at Meadville Lombard

Theological School, was the Director of Youth Ministry at the UU Church of Arlington for almost 5 years, and has served several volunteer positions in the UU young adult world. He is available for preaching, workshops, trainings, and consultations.

Osaretin “Osa” Obaseki

Osa Obaseki is a hip-hop artist and producer. Inspired by the stories of the souls he encounters, Osa uses music to uplift, encourage, and heal.

Rev. Julie Price

Rev. Julie Price is Ministerial Intern at the UU Congregation of Fairfax for 2014-2015. Julie received a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA, and was ordained and served as a Baptist minister before becoming a Unitarian Universalist. She is in the process of fellowshiping with the Unitarian Universalist Association to become a UU parish minister. Julie has been a member of UUCF since November 2013. The summer of 2014 was her second year as the Summer DRE Assistant. Julie lives with her spouse, Watt Hamlett, two sons, Nathan and Benji, and dog, Maya, in Reston, VA.

Rev. David Pyle

Rev. David Pyle serves as the District Executive for the Joseph Priestley District and as a member of the UUA Central East Region Congregational Life Staff. He has served as a parish and social justice minister for the UU Church of Ventura California, and as the Interim Minister of the UU Fellowship of Midland Michigan. A graduate of the Meadville Lombard Theological School he completed a Clinical Pastoral Education Residency at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge Illinois. From 2007 – 2009 he served as a member of the Central Midwest District Staff, and he has served in the Army Reserve Chaplain Corps since 2007. He is a former UU Church Administrator and congregational lay-leader.

Jennifer Rodgers

Jennifer Rodgers is the Director of Music at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville, Maryland, a steadily growing congregation of 375 members. The music program has been vibrant for over 20 years and Jennifer has been at UUCR since 2007. Her choir averages 45 singers. She is also the Artistic Director of the Vienna Choral Society, a 90+ concert chorus in the parallel position of rapid growth. Jennifer's 20 years of teaching and conducting goes hand in hand with her own successful performance career in both classical and contemporary genres.

Sharon Werth

Sharon has been the Artistic Director of the Paint Branch Chalice Dancers for 20 years. She is also Co-Director of the current Erika Thimey Dance & Theater Co. Dancing has always been an essential part of her life, and that was deepened into a spiritual experience through her involvement with Erika Thimey in the 1970s. (Erika is attributed with sacred dance becoming an art form in the 1930s, along with Doris Humphries.) Sharon teaches many classes throughout the Washington, DC area, from pre-school dance in DC schools to adult ballet classes. She is also the Faculty Co-Chair for the Sacred Dance Guild Festival 2015.