

# our special PRESENTERS 2023



## Andrews, Sean Michael

Sean is a graduate of Regents College. He is a Master Practitioner of Neuro-Linguistic Programming and a certified Instructor with IMDHA. Sean is the Supervising Instructor

for the Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute and he is the 2018 IACT Hypnotist of the Year. He has taught in 17 countries. Sean is a hypnosis researcher who resides in Central Florida. He holds a black belt in Taijutsu Karate. Sean is considered by many to be the World's Fastest Hypnotist.

## Austin, Barbara

Barbara has a private practice in Gilbert, AZ. She works with the growing population of caregivers who struggle with cumulative stress. She is an author, counselor, facilitator, and hypnotist. Having also been a full-time caregiver, she has gained a greater sense of empathy for those who struggle with ambiguous loss.



## Babineaux, Mark

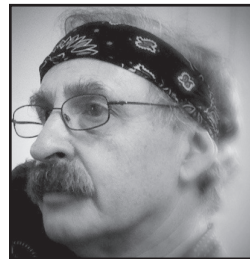
Mark is a lawyer in general practice and is trained in mediation and collaborative issue resolution. He is honored as a Life Diplomat by the IMDHA and certified as a Master Trainer by the IACT.



He teaches many different hypnosis-related curricula and has a practice consisting of Forensic Hypnosis and of helping individuals and groups improve beneficial habits and eliminate destructive habits.

## Bennett, Linda

Linda is Assoc. Dean of Ed. and the Hypnotherapy Director at Southwest Institute of Healing Arts. Linda is the 2014 IMDHA Educator of the Year, NATH 2011 Outstanding Clinical Contribution Award. Along with Sherry Gilbert, their school has been awarded the 2017 & 2022 IMDHA Chapter of the Year for Exceptional Growth & Outreach for Practitioners. She is a published author and has a deep passion for developing a strong and effective curriculum that is fun and engaging.



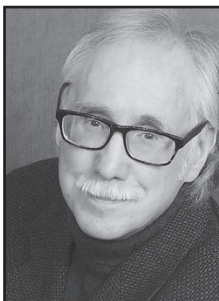
## Blum, Peter

Peter has had a practice in hypnosis since 1987. In 2015, he was recognized as Hypnotist of the Year by IACT and in 2018 was awarded

Life Fellow in Hypnotherapy by IMDHA. Most recently, in 2021, he was inducted into the Hypnosis Hall of Fame. Peter has studied healing and ceremony w/ Beautiful Painted Arrow (Joseph Rael) and Dr. Lewis Mehl-Madrona for over 30 years, and has trained hundreds in the spiritual art of hypnosis. He is also known for his sound healing work.

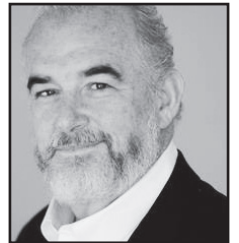
## Boyd, Gordon

Gordon has studied therapeutic trance for more than four decades. He took a year of clinical training in psychotherapy at Eastern State Hospital as part of his MDiv degree in counseling and has a Ph.D. in Behavioral Sciences. Gordon is also an ordained United Methodist clergy person.



## Castor, Douglas

Douglas crossed over from Corporate Global Sourcing to hypnotherapy in 2018. He is a Clinical Hypnotherapist, Board Certified Hypnotherapist, and Master Trainer. He is also an Integrated Life Coach and practices Coaching the Subconscious Mind. He is married, with 3 sons and 8 grandchildren.



## Chong, Dennis & Jennifer

Dennis and Jennifer are respectively Fellows of the Society of

Neuro-Semantics, Fellows of the American Board of Medical Psychotherapy, and Fellows of the International Medical and Dental Hypnotherapy Association. They have had a conjoint clinical practice in Hypnotherapy and Psychotherapy since 1979 in Oakville, ON, Canada. In answer to their research question—Is it really possible for a person: to find out how another knows-to-know-to-be they completed their book *Do you know how another knows to be?* in October 2017.

## Daoust, Paula

Paula is a behavior analyst, a hypnotherapist, a professor, and a best-selling author of books on conflict, social anxiety, sales, change management, and personal efficacy. She has taught organizational development, organizational behavior, and leadership classes to over a thousand master-level students. She currently heads up the leadership academy for a large corporation



and has coached hundreds of business leaders, from front-line to C-Suite, in their pursuit of peak performance.



**Day, Suzy**

Clinical & Spiritual Hypnotherapist, IACT Certified Master Trainer, Hypnotherapy Instructor, Southwest Institute of Healing Arts, Certified Specialist in Past Life Regression & Life

Between Lives Regression, Master Hypnotic Coach, Author, Public Speaker, based in Oregon, with clients in-person & virtually.

**Eimer, Bruce**

Bruce is a Board-Certified Licensed Clinical Psychologist who has been using clinical hypnosis to help patients control pain since 1986. He has a full-time hypnotherapy and psychotherapy practice in South Florida. Bruce has authored over eight books on pain, psychotherapy, and hypnosis. He regularly teaches fundamental (Level 1), intermediate (Level 2) and advanced (Level 3) workshops on Pain Control Hypnosis to hypnotherapists, psychologists, psychotherapists, physicians, dentists, and nurses.



**Eljay, Jean**

Jean earned his doctorate in Medical Genetics with a master's degree in molecular biology from the Johns Hopkins University. He is the founding member of SnooZZeaZZy

and HypnoBiosis. Additionally, he is an Advanced Consulting Hypnotist and Master Certified Lecturer and Trainer as well as an international lecturer. He published many peer-reviewed and his work is cited worldwide. His major interest lies in expanding the use of Cognitive Behavioral Hypnosis in patient management.



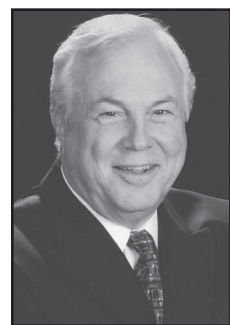
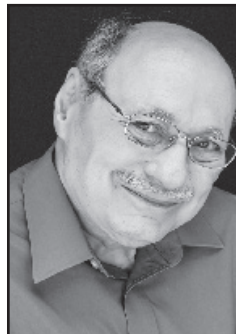
**Elman, Cheryl J.**

Cheryl is the President of the Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute (DEHI), has a hypnosis practice, co-instructs, and is a SleepTalk Trainer. Her unique background as an artist,

HS Special Ed teacher, marketing exec, and entrepreneur help to build DEHI and adds creativity to her hypnosis sessions. She's an International speaker full of energy and humor, who's presented in 17 countries. She was awarded the 2014 Educator of the Year (MAHC) and has produced the DE Legacy Global Zoom Conference (2021).

**Elman, H. Larry**

Colonel Larry, Dave Elman's son, took his father's course several times before attending MIT and becoming an aeronautical engineer. During careers in engineering and the Air Force, Larry had to restrict his hypnosis activities. Now CEO of the Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute, Larry lectures and teaches hypnosis internationally while producing CDs and DVDs that demonstrate Dave Elman's medical hypnosis methods. Larry also gives Certification Courses, more advanced hypnosis instruction, and shorter courses worldwide.



**Emrich, Arthur**

Art was introduced to the formal practice of hypnosis and NLP in Washington, DC, in 1980 by instructors in military intelligence at the Pentagon. His company, U-Solutions, LLC (the

U stands for unconscious where all the best solutions are waiting), is located in Sarasota, FL. He operates an approved school of hypnosis and NLP by IMDHA. Art has multiple certifications as a Master Practitioner and Trainer of hypnosis and neuro-linguistic programming (NLP).

**Epp, Alli Mary**

Mary is on a constant quest to embrace the everyday sacred. Her travels have taken her all over the world, as a film actress, a successful financial advisor, a wonderful yoga instructor, and now as a public speaker and hypnotherapist. She feels hypnotherapy, the healing arts, and sharing her story are truly her purpose, weaving many of the soul gifts that light her up. She is also a mother of two littles and thrives with daily ocean swims and nature.



**Fatemi, Sayyed Mohsen**

Dr. Fatemi completed his post-doctoral studies in the department of psychology at Harvard University. He is an adjunct faculty member in the Graduate

Program in Psychology at York University, Canada. His publications appear in Springer, Wiley, Routledge, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, American Psychiatric Association, and Journals such as APA's Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology and Intern Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis.

**Geers Dahl, Monica**

Monica is an IMDHA educator who started teaching hypnosis certification courses in 1994. She opened a private practice of hypnosis in 1985 and earned a Bio-feedback for PTSD symptom reduction. Her theoretical orientation is an eclectic client-centered approach with the Gestalt of Fritz Perls, depth psychology of Freud and Jung, family systems based on Bowen and Satir, and Elman's rapid induction and deepening as her foundation for hypnotherapy.



*"Congratulations to award recipients, IMDHA/ IACT leaders, and the Hypno Expo organizers on the fabulous experience of the face-to-face gathering in Orlando!"*

*-Wieslaw Rocki, The Villages, FL*





**Gerrey, Nicolas**

Nicolas is a professional trainer (Cert IV Training and Assessment), Clinical and Medical Hypnotherapist (MIACT-IMDHA), NLP Master Practitioner (MABNLP), and

Goulding Method Consultant, Trainer, Mentor, and Trainer of Trainers. He runs courses and speaks at conferences in Australia, the US, and Europe. In the past ten years, as a Goulding Method Consultant, Nicolas has taught hundreds of parents internationally to the Goulding Method. He is also a licensed endorsed Trainer of Consultants.

**Gilbert, Sherry**

Sherry has been practicing hypnotherapy since 2000. Sherry is a communication coach and relationship specialist. She also has a degree in Holistic Health. Sherry



has a passion for teaching and mentoring. She has created training programs for hypnotherapists to expand their skills and their practices that include transpersonal hypnotherapy, fertility, trauma release, and emotional divorce. She is proud to have received the IACT 2016 Hypnotist of the Year award.



**Grahn, Holly**

Let's turn the impossible into possible! I'm a high-performance Hypnotherapist and Life Coach. Through Hypnotherapy and coaching, I help business professionals play big

and go after the life that they truly desire. I'm determined to help professionals level up, break bad habits, get unstuck and turn their lives around for the better. I help individuals find their edge so they can get out of their own way and lead their best lives.

**Hand, Karen**

Karen is a Board-Certified Hypnotist, Trainer, International Best-Selling Author and World-Class Communicator. She has helped thousands of people change for good. Karen is headquartered



in Chicago and sees clients and trains students globally via ZOOM. She has received numerous awards including the IMDHA Pen and Quill Award for Literary Excellence. Her books include *Magic Words* and *Language Patterns, Hypnotic Workshops, Trance Dance, and Hypnosis—So Easy YOU CAN DO IT With Your Eyes Closed.*



**Hanson, Jessica**

Jessica is often described as an "old soul" because of her many experiences. She learned hypnosis at the age of 13 and she used it to recover from depression, NDE, grief, and much

more. Jessica is co-author of the new IACT Trainers Manual, the owner of a state-licensed Hypnosis School, the author of 3 books on hypnosis-related topics, and the creator of the 'TURTLE Trance-Formation Process'. Her passion is helping people Trance-Form!

**Heusinger, Laurie**

Laurie is a Natural Therapeutic Specialist. She owned and operated Alpha Omega Therapeutics in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 18 years. A graduate of the New Mexico School of Natural Therapeutics, her 26 years of experience in the alternative health field led to her discovery and development of the Cognitive Polar Transformation as a healing technique. Laurie now teaches CEUs and conducts consultation treatments utilizing CPT as a life coaching program.



**Hewerdine, Carrie**

IACT and IMDHA Board Certified Hypnotherapists also trained in plant medicine, microdosing, psychedelic-assisted therapy, ceremonial ayahuasca

group journeys, as well as how to allow those not quite ready for the full experience to partake in quasi and faux journeying. Ceremonies both individually and in groups can allow those not quite ready to go down the full ayahuasca path an opportunity to have the mystical experience while minimizing the risks. Shorter journey with—the same deep results.

**Horton, William**

Will, a licensed psychologist, is considered by some to be one of the world's leading experts in using NLP & hypnosis in the treatment of addictions and performing arts.



He has treated tens of thousands with addictions and helped countless performing artists take their art to the next level. He is the go-to guy for professionals with these problems. He brings 35 years of experience and constant research to help people. He is called the "Cowboy Doc" not just for his horses and attire but, his attitude of never stopping and trying to help others.



**Hunter, Roy**

Roy is a published author and trainer recognized in America and abroad. His highly praised books are used at hypnosis schools around the world, and he has presented workshops in over

20 countries since 2001. Roy's numerous awards include lifetime achievements from three different organizations. He was inducted into the International Hypnosis Hall of Fame for his books, and he is a Life diplomat of IMDHA and APHP.



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**Jorre, Edward**

Ed has educational and working experience in the UK, USA, and Spain. He has a private practice in Madrid where he works with clients both in-office and online. He is currently conducting research in 'Mystical experiences and Generative trance work for profound change work'. Known for his "Flowing, creative and improvising" methodology where he draws from "The Arts" and his musical background (jazz, Latin, African, flamenco, etc), blending philosophy (Sufism, Shamanism, non-dual Hindu Buddhism, Zen, phenomenology, etc), psychology, energy, neuroscience, language, Quantum physics, symbolism, etc in his hypnosis practice.

**LaVelle, Jillian**

Jillian is the founder of the International Association of Counselors and Therapists. She brings with her over 15 years of private practice experience. She has a degree in Psychology from the University of South Florida. She had authored several books in the counseling and hypnosis fields.

**LeClaire, Jacqueline**

Jacqueline is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist for over two decades and is the owner of Results Wellness Center, LLC. She is a Master Trainer with the

IACT and a Usui Reiki Master, Holy Fire Reiki Master and Trainer and Integrative Energy Practitioner (IET). Jacqueline has Nutrition, Personal Training, and Yoga Certifications. She is a full mind/body Coach! Throughout the years, physicians have employed Ms. LeClaire to aid them in helping their patients with numerous conditions. She has appeared on national television and is a welcomed guest on numerous radio programs.

*"Accolades for excellence and thanks to you for the epic Hypno Expo 2022. So refreshing! So informative! So rebonding!"*

*-Clarice Carter, Farmington Hills, MI*

**LeMaire, Brice**

1996 Ph.D. in Dental Surgery 2002. Introduction of hypnosis at the dental office. 2017 Creation of the Postgraduate Dental Hypnosis at the Dental University of Nice (France). 2017 Instructor of the Postgraduate Dental Hypnosis at the Dental University of Nice (France). Certified Instructor in Elmanian Hypnosis by Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute. Licensed Master Practitioner by NLP Life Training (Richard Bandler). Licensed Master Practitioner by NLP (Robert Dilts).

**Light, Randi**

Randi is an award-winning hypnotherapist, hypnosis instructor, healer, and peak performance coach. She is the author of three books. For 16 years, Randi has hypnotized thousands

of children and adults to break through barriers and become the best version of themselves. Her "Essential 4 Success" System establishes over a 90% success rate in building confidence and overcoming anxiety, depression, insomnia and so much more.

**Mau, G. Fredric**

Fredric is a Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPCS). He has been in practice in Columbia, SC, since 2004 as a hypnotherapist. As part of a multi-disciplinary team with Clemson University and Prisma Health, Dr. Mau is currently an investigator in a human subjects research project on Virtual Reality Assisted Guided Imagery for Pain Relief for Patients with Advanced Cancer. His book the *RBPR Training Manual* Summarizes a two-day workshop he provides for physicians and other medical professionals on Relaxation-Based Pain Relief. He presents on hypnotic pain relief in medical teaching hospitals and internationally.

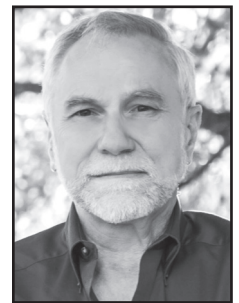
**McCool, Melanie**

Melanie is "The Entrepreneur's Hypnotherapist," and Certified Master Trainer of Hypnosis who runs the thriving group Accelerate Entrepreneur Growth Without Burnout.

With 20+ years of experience as an entrepreneur, she combines the neuroscience of success, money mindset, sales confidence training, hypnosis, and NLP to quickly remove subconscious blocks to end cycles of procrastination and self-sabotage. Her mission? To facilitate your breakthrough so you can reach your highest potential

**Moyer, William**

William is a US Army Nurse veteran, CEO of Life Matters Hypnotherapy & Life Coaching. He is a Board Certified Hypnotherapist specializing in Stress Management, Hypnotic Coaching, Grief Recovery, Pain Management, Smoking Cessation, Virtual Gastric Band, Releasing Past Trauma and Forgiveness Therapy. He works with individuals, couples, and groups and volunteers his services with Vet Trip, a non-profit veterans' service organization. He holds a Sr. Master (7th Degree Black Belt) in Tae Kwon Do.

**Nash, Janine**

Janine is an Award Winning Clinical Psychotherapist, Hypnotherapist, Trauma Recovery Specialist, Trainer, Keynote Speaker, who specializes in Trauma, Anxiety, PTSD and Suicide

Ideation and has more than 2 decades of experience. Based in Melbourne Australia, she operates a busy private practice and online training institute which offers online training in Suicide Ideation and internationally accredited qualifications in Trauma Direction Therapy to therapists all around the world.

*"I attended and thoroughly enjoyed the IACT conference this past weekend."*

*-Marybeth Kritsky, Sanford, FL*



**Papadakis, Debbie**

Debbie is a Registered Psychotherapist, Clinical Hypnotherapist, Diplomat of the IMDHA, Author of *The Relationship Code: Heal Your Wounded Heart*, practicing since 1995. She has been featured in Oprah's 'O Magazine, Os Big Book of Happiness, ElleCanada, Zoomer, CNN.com, WTN and VISIONTV. She is an IMDHA Certified Hypnosis & Pain Management Instructor, Reiki Master, Educator, Speaker & Founding Director of Hypno Healing Institute in Toronto, Canada. She is also the recipient of the IMDHA Life Diplomat and Fellow awards in Hypnotherapy.



**Rocki, Wieslaw**

Wes is a medical doctor with 45 years of practice in three specialties and pharmaceutical research. Certified as a clinical hypnotherapist in 2009, he combines it with dietary supplements, spiritual healing, and later with theatrical improvisation all as aspects of holistic healing. For the last three years, retired from the medical office practice, he is dedicated to writing and studying improv. He is currently returning to serving clients, teaching, and coaching with the focus on the health consequences of chronic emotional trauma.



**Scholl, Barbara**

Barbara grew up in Switzerland, Brazil, and USA. She has all her spotlights on Child & Teen Hypnotherapy. She is known for her very dynamic way of presenting and for sharing her profound knowledge freely. In Europe, she is a bestselling author in her field. She is the global instructor (live and on-line) of the successful OMNI HypnoKids method. Come meet her, her passion will magically transfer to you. Barbara is a certified member of IACT.

**Scott, Patricia**

Patricia (Patti) is a Certified Medical Hypnotherapist & NLP Master Practitioner (since 1992), Certified Master Trainer with IACT, IMDHA Life Fellow & Medical Hypnotherapy Trainer, and IHF Certified Instructor. Patti is the President of UP Hypnosis Institute (UPHI), an IMDHA-approved school in Florida, where she teaches Hypnosis, Medical Hypnotherapy & NLP live & online. Prior to 1992, Patti had an impressive 20 year career as a professional singer, actor, dancer, and published songwriter.



**Patterson, Jennifer**

Jennifer earned a degree in Psychology from Vassar in 2001, followed by a master's degree in the Medical Humanities from Drew University in 2004.

She graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2015 and completed her Family Medicine Residency in 2018. A Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine followed in 2021. She is a board-certified Osteopathic Family Medicine Physician with a focus on Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM), and is certified in Cognitive Hypnosis Therapy while pursuing certification in Functional Medicine.



**Root, Michele**

Michele is a Certified Hypnotherapist, Functional Nutrition & Lifestyle Coach, and Board Certified Holistic Health Coach specializing in enhancing health with the optimization of digestive health through nutrition, mindset, and lifestyle modifications. She is a graduate of the Transformational Psychology Associates Degree program and a faculty member of Southwest Institute of Healing Arts. Michele resides in Mesa, Arizona.



**Peterson, Chandra**

Chandra is an Independently Licensed Mental Health, and Addictions Therapist & Certified Hypnotherapist. Much of her practice has been dedicated to

helping youth overcome trauma, regulate emotions and change unwanted behaviors. She also works with clients who suffer from depression, anxiety, ADHD, eating disorders, and addictions. She helps with the specialized needs of the military and their families, LGBTQ, and specific gender needs.

**Rosen, Eric**

Eric is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of professional experience working with adults, couples, families, and children. He is a former Associate Professor and now an adjunct professor with the Florida School of Professional Psychology at the National Louis University, Tampa, and holds practice with Family Psychological Associates of Palm Harbor, Inc. Dr. Rosen received IACT's Educator of the Year Award (2018) and continues to teach hypnosis with Patricia Scott @ Uphynosis Institute.



**Stockwell-Nicholas, Shelley**

The author of 25 books (4 with Ormond McGill), Shelley is an award-winning advocate for the great work of hypnotists, coaches, and teachers worldwide. She has appeared on hundreds of radio and TV talk shows.



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**Svatek, Mary Beth**

Mary Beth is a Counselor turned Life Coach & Hypnotherapist. After working in the mental health field as Counselor, Case Manager, ER Social Worker, & Administrative Director capacities for 18 years, she became disillusioned with band-aid approaches, crippling diagnoses & medication that rendered people into lifelong mental illness. She observed that those who overcame this took alternative approaches. She began to study mind-body-spirit & went back to school for Hypnotherapy & Holistic Health.



**Wackernagel, Nicole**

Nicole is a long-time hypnotherapist with a full-time practice in Switzerland. She is also the director of the Swiss hypnosis Institute which trains hypnotists and hypnotherapists throughout Europe. She is also an IMDHA trainer, SleepTalk method trainer, and trainer for the Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute. Nicole struggled with her confidence as a hypnotist in the beginning. She was anything but self-confident. But, she now knows exactly what is needed to be a confident hypnotist.



**Watson, Michael**

Michael is the Principal Trainer for IACT and a diplomat of IMDHA. He's been in professional practice for over forty years. Since 2017, as the Virtual Hypnotist, he's trained hundreds of therapists to take their practice online. A Master Practitioner and Trainer of NLP, he has been involved in the community since its inception. He is the creator and (with Karen Hand) co-host of the Associations Virtual Chapter—a monthly online community of hypnotists and other change workers.



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