

Presenters 2021



Allyson, Christine

Christine Allyson is a Life Coach and author of *So You Want to Make a Change?* with over 30 years experience as an Expert on Change & Transformations for personal and professional growth. Her expertise includes utilizing and teaching Whole Systems Change and Interpersonal Skills Training. She passionately assists clients to move beyond their conscious and unconscious limitations into their potential. She is a past President of the MI Association of Counselors and Hypnotherapists and President of Christal Clear Consulting.



Andrews, Sean Michael

IACT 2018 Hypnotist of the Year Sean is a graduate of Regents College. He is a Master Practitioner of Neuro-Linguistic Programming. Sean is the Supervising Instructor for the Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute and he teaches the nurse anesthetist course for the American School for Clinical Hypnosis International. Sean holds a black belt in Taijutsu Karate.



Auerbach, Norma Lent

Norma holds a Ph.D. in Psychology. She is President and founder of the Bodymind Learning Institute of Boynton Beach, Fl. She is a hypnotherapist and NLP practitioner with extensive experience conducting workshops and seminars. She specializes in self-improvement programs, stress management, past life regression and Neurolinguistic Programming. As a former school administrator and college professor, she is listed in Who's Who in American Education. She also taught a popular program at The Learning Annex in New York entitled "Get Anyone to Do What You Want with NLP." She has authored numerous publications including a popular handbook *Empower Yourself: Design Your Personal Stress Management Program from A to Z.*



Ayinde, Ajamu

As a Medical Hypnotherapist since 1995, Ajamu specializes in sports, childbirth, and cancer. As a Trainer of Hypnosis and Neuro-Linguistic Healing, he has taught across the US, Canada, and England. He has a BA in Asian Studies and an MA in Motivational Psychology focused on the Olympic mindset. Ajamu is the 2004 IACT Therapist of the Year and was honored by the NATH in 2012 and 2017 for his work in sports and childbirth, respectively.



Babineaux, Mark

Mark is an attorney in general practice and trained in both Mediation and Collaborative Resolution. He is honored as a Life Diplomat by the IMDHA, Certified Master Trainer with IACT and is appointed to the Mediation Committee of the IMDHA and IACT. He teaches many hypnosis related curricula and his practice includes helping individuals and groups overcome destructive habits, improve beneficial habits and Forensic Hypnosis.



Bennett, Linda

Linda Bennett is Senior Curriculum Specialist and the Hypnotherapy Program Director at Southwest Institute of Healing Arts. Linda is the esteemed 2014 IMDHA Educator of the Year, received the National Association of Transpersonal Hypnotherapists 2011 Outstanding Clinical Contribution Award, and awarded the 2017 IMDHA Chapter of the Year for Exceptional Growth & Outreach for Practitioners in the Community.



Blum, Peter

Peter has had a full-time practice in hypnosis for 30 years. He is a pioneer in the field of sound healing, and is an ordained interfaith minister. His teachers have included Dr. Anne Linden, Dr. Steve Carter, Dr. Ernest Rossi, Beautiful Painted Arrow, and Dr. Lewis Mehl-Madrona. He was awarded Hypnotist of the Year in 2015 by the IACT, and in 2018 was recognized as "Life Fellow in Hypnotherapy by the IMDHA.



Caputo, Ashley Lynn

Ashley is a member of IACT, IMDHA, IAIH, IC BCH, and a former presenter/current member of HEA. She owns and operates Unwind the Mind Hypnosis and Wellness, LLC in St. Petersburg, FL where she combines her knowledge as an E-RYT 500 Yoga/Meditation Instructor/ Student Yoga Therapist, Reiki Master, and Hypnotherapist to assist her clients in transforming themselves into their true state of wholeness, aligning body, mind, and soul to achieve the life of their dreams.



Catlin, Jennifer

Jennifer is a certified hypnotherapist, hypnotherapy certification instructor and mindfulness coach for empaths and highly sensitive people. She holds her Master's degree in School Psychology and is also a certified Life Between Lives Hypnotherapist through The Newton Institute and a certified Kripalu yoga teacher. Jennifer practices in Cary, NC and works with clients around the world virtually. Her work involves blending mindfulness with hypnotherapy for efficient and effective change.



Chong, Dennis and Jennifer

Jennifer and Dennis are respectively Fellows of the Society of Neuro-Semantics, Fellows of the American Board of Medical Psychotherapy, 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.



Clark, Eva

Eva directs the nonprofit, MINDbasedHealing, that provides leadership in the development and application of mind-based practices to effectively treat the psychosocial factors behind Chronic Disease. She trains hypnotherapists and NLP practitioners on how to use their skills to address chronic disease and is currently getting her Psych D. in Health Psychology.



Cleary, Daniel

Dan is an internationally recognized Hypnosis Instructor, Pain Relief Educator and a Master Practitioner of NeuroLinguistics. Teaching hypnosis and hypnotic techniques throughout the United States and Europe to doctors, therapists and hypnotists. His specialties include pain relief and personal transformation.



Coles, Garry

Garry is one of only a very small number of hypnotherapists in the UK (and probably Europe) to hold an MSc in Clinical Hypnotherapy. Practising as a full-time therapist for many years, Garry has busy private practices in five locations in London (Harley Street) and the south of the UK. Garry has consulted for over 15 years at a major hospital specialising in oncology-based hypnotherapy work. He also practises from within a local GP surgery, with the GP's referring many of the patients directly. In addition, he receives hospital referrals and referrals from many other local GPs and health care professionals.



Daoust, Paula

Paula has spent 30 years helping both adults and children find their best self. With a doctorate from the University of Kansas in Behavior Psychology and as a certified hypnotherapist, she can help you find your excellence professionally, academically, in athletics and in well-being.



Day, Suzy

Clinical Hypnotherapist & Master Hypnotic Coach practicing in Oregon & online; Hypnotherapy Instructor at Southwest Institute of Healing Arts; Certified Speak to Inspire Method Facilitator & Trainer; Author, several published hypnosis articles; Winner, 2017 IMDHA Essay Contest; Created Hypno-Shorthand Seminar for IMDHA AZ Chapter; Provides mastermind workshops on business and personal development as an entrepreneur, including hypnosis workshops and speaking engagements.



Eimer, Bruce

As a licensed psychologist, Bruce has treated thousands of clients with anxiety and mood disorders and chronic pain. He was the director of pain psychology at a hospital pain clinic and served on staff at multiple hospitals. He has given hundreds of talks and workshops, and has authored nine books. Bruce is a Licensed Psychologist in Florida and also holds licenses to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is a Diplomate with the American Board of Professional Psychology.



Eljay, Jean

Jean earned his doctorate in Medical Genetics with a master's degree in Molecular Biology from the Johns Hopkins University. He was awarded post-doctoral positions at the Rockefeller University, NY and at the Hematology Division of the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, MD.

Jean is a worldwide lecturer and renowned author with 100s of published citations in the medical literature. He has excelled as a lecturer and educator for over 25 years. With 30 years lecturing in higher academic institutions, he focuses on providing knowledge of Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM) and evolving the practice of hypnosis.



Ellis, David Dean

A graduate of The University of Cumbria Master of Laws Program, and The University of Edinburgh, Mr. Ellis' background spans the spectrum from a being a Registered Yoga Alliance Yoga Teacher Trainer (ERYT) and Continuing Education Provider (YACEP), A Master Life Coach and Neuro Linguistics Practitioner (NLPMP) as well as a Hypnotherapy Educator with the International Association of Counselors and Therapists, the International Medical And Dental Hypnotherapy Association and aboard advisor to the Professional Board of Hypnotherapy. He is also a certified Nutritional Counselor with the Institute of Natural health (Dip.N).



Elman, Cheryl J.

Cheryl has a BS in Varying Exceptionalities K-12 and Elementary Ed. plus 30 years experience in business. She is President and the marketing force behind the Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute. As a CH, CMT and International Speaker/Trainer, Cheryl has presented at major conferences plus co-trained with Larry Elman in 18 countries. She is an Accredited Trainer and Consultant for the Goulding Process of SleepTalk™ for Children.



Elman, H. Larry

Colonel H Larry Elman, 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.



Garrett, Larry

Larry has been in full time practice since 1970. He began teaching hypnosis at Morton College in 1972 and Wright College in 1976 consistently until 1999. Both were the first courses on hypnosis offered at a college in Illinois. Larry has worked with many police departments in the Chicago area and many physicians and hospitals, assisting with medical procedures using hypnosis. He has traveled 30 states at over 400 colleges and schools lecturing and demonstrating hypnosis and has been on over 100 radio and TV programs.



Gerey, Nicolas

Nicolas is a professional trainer (Cert IV Training and Assessment), Clinical Hypnotherapist (MAACHP), NLP Master Practitioner (MABNLP), Goulding Process SleepTalk® Consultant and Trainer and a member of the IACT and the IMDHA. He runs trainings and gives speeches at conferences in Australia, the US and Europe. He taught hundreds of parents to SleepTalk, internationally and now trains professional consultants for the Goulding Process. Presently he works with biocybernetics researcher and developer Gabor Lednyiczky on cell-level communication application projects.



Granger, Sheila

A transformational leader in personal and business development, Sheila is a multi-award winning hypnotherapist and business-owner. She has been described by some as 'Britain's leading hypnotist', as 'a magician of belief' and 'a creator of programs that work like magic.'

She is the creator of the widely acclaimed Virtual Gastric Band weight loss programme. Sheila is also the author of two Amazon bestselling books, *No More Diets* and *How To Build A Hypnotherapy Business*.



Grant, Zoilita

Zoilita is an internationally known expert in hypnosis, which she has been practicing for nearly 50 years. She is a real innovator opening new markets and using hypnosis in unique and powerful ways. During her professional career she has created a line of hypnosis meditations, wrote twenty-four books for hypnosis practitioners, and founded Colorado Coaching where she's taught five styles of hypnosis. She now practices exclusively as a hypnotic coach.



Hand, Karen

Karen is a BCH, Trainer, Author, and World-Class Communicator. Her 30-year career as a Chicago radio personality was the perfect foundation for using language to help others exercise their imagination. Since 2005 she has helped thousands of clients and she's trained countless hypnotists and NLPers. Karen sees clients and conducts training workshops worldwide on Zoom. Her books include *Magic Words and Language Patterns* and *Hypnotic Workshops Like a Pro!*



Hanson, Jessica

Jessica is often described as an "old soul" because of her many experiences which leave even the experts wondering. She had a near death experience in 2006 which drove her studies and curiosities deeper than ever.

She is a compassionate hypnotherapist, self taught herbalist, walked the road of widowhood and is an avid volunteer.



Horton, William

Will is the world's leading expert 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.



Linett, Jason

Jason is a best-selling author, TEDx speaker, full-time professional hypnotist, and the host of the WORK SMART HYPNOSIS PODCAST. He was awarded as the "Hypnotist of the Year" by the Mid-America Hypnosis Conference. His programs, HYPNOTIC WORKERS and HYPNOTIC BUSINESS SYSTEMS are used by thousands of professional hypnotists world-wide, and he co-trains the ICBCH Train-the-Trainer Program. Jason is also the host of the HYPNOTIC LANGUAGE HACKS podcast, teaching online entrepreneurs the power of hypnotic communication for ethical business influence. While building a successful business is a great goal to strive toward, Jason is most proud of his ability to do so and be at home each night with his wife and two children.



Hunter, C. Roy

C. 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 achievement. He was inducted into the International Hypnosis Hall of Fame for his books, and is a Life Diplomate of IMDHA and APHP.



Mau, Fredric

Fredric is an international keynote speaker, winner of several professional awards both for his careful empirical research and his counseling skill, and a clinical mental health counselor. A sought-after science-based speaker, this talk is a change of pace, where he focuses on practical skills of hypnotherapy and helping clients.



Nash, Janine

Janine Nash is a Clinical Psychotherapist located in Melbourne Australia where she runs her practice and training clinic. She is a Clinical Hypnotherapist and an Internationally certified Trainer of Hypnotherapy; Master and Trainer of NLP, and Master and Trainer of TimeLine Therapy. She is an International SleepTalk Consultant and a HypnoBirthing-The Mongon Method Educator. She has authored a book on Resilience and is passionate about helping people and has been doing so for 20 years.



Norman, Suzanne

Suzanne is a healthy lifestyle expert and unconventional game-changer in the field of transformational coaching and personal development. Her extensive experience and knowledge in multiple healing modalities as well as her special skill in subconscious mental training for permanent change, has allowed her to work with high-level individuals and groups world-wide. She has over twenty years experience in the fields of complementary and alternative therapeutic practices and personal development.



Papadakis, Debbie

Debbie is a Registered Psychotherapist, Clinical Hypnotherapist, Diplomate of the IMDHA, practicing since 1995 as well as Author of the newly released book *The Relationship Code: Heal Your Wounded Heart*. She has been featured in Oprah's "O Magazine, O's 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 and recipient of the IMDHA Life Diplomate and Fellow awards in Hypnotherapy.



Pelles, Donald

Donald is a hypnotherapist in Kensington, MD. He works with his clients to resolve their difficult issues and thus transform their lives, utilizing hypnosis and Neurolinguistics (NLP). Hypnotherapy is Donald's third successful career; he was previously a mathematics professor, making significant contributions to the field, and later a software developer. Donald is very happily married to Rosalyn; they have three grown sons and four grandchildren.



Prakash, Sunil

Sunil is a certified Trainer & Hypnotherapist practicing in India; addressing various forms and provided training to the team of management professionals where DOW chemicals is a big name. He provides an online course for Hypnotherapy. Through his sessions he has helped people from all walks of life with issues related from general to specific problems. Release of soul attachments is his forte.



Ring, Kenneth

Ken-Adi is a Hypnotherapist and Certified Instructor, since 2010. CEO Tri-Unity Wellife Associates, Ken-Adi is a certified yoga/meditation instructor, Licensed Massage Therapist and Instructor in practice since 1975. In addition to decades of teaching Ken founded the Wisconsin School of Massage & Bodywork in the 1980s. He has produced 40+ years of events such as 20 Mother Earth Festivals, led Sacred Sweat Lodge, produced dozens of Wellness & Metaphysical Expos and sponsored leading edge author-speakers such as Deepak Chopra MD, Marianne Williamson, Dr. Wayne Dyer, Joan Borysenko, PhD, Bernie Siegel, MD & many others.



Rocki, Weislaw

Weislaw is a curious wanderer, a worshipper of self-healing, and a medical doctor for the last 45 years. My last clinical practice was focused on holistic medicine which included hypnotherapy (certified since 2009). Last two years I have dedicated to writing and learning the therapeutic aspects of theatrical improvisation. I am currently returning to clinical practice, this time as a real doctor- the teacher and a coach. I am applying healing modalities, including a combination of hypnosis and improve.



Rosen, Eric

Eric is an Adjunct Faculty with the Florida School of Professional Psychology at National Louis University, Tampa, with specialization in pediatrics, child/family/ & couples work, school psychology, clinical hypnotherapy with Master Certification for teaching (IACT/IMDHA), working with special needs populations including Deaf, Deaf Blind, ASD, intellectual disabilities, learning disabled, and ADHD, fluent in ASL. He also is a certified trauma professional (IAPT), and does forensic work in areas as expert witness, parental fitness, competency to proceed and criminal responsibility cases. Eric also has a diplomate fellow in clinical psychopharmacology. He was awarded an international Educator of the Year award by IACT for hypnosis teaching (2018), and Lynn Groves Keys to Excellence Award (2019) by the Hypnosis Education Association of Florida for Contributions and Accomplishments in the Field of Hypnosis.



Sacco, Patricia

Patricia is an NGH Certified Consulting Hypnotist, NLP Practitioner, and clinical Registered Dental Hygienist with 30 years of experience. Patricia has a B.A. in Health Studies and connects studies of dental anxiety to general health.



Sacco, Marc

The Patient Whisperers, Roger Woods & Marc Sacco are both ED RNs with over 50 years of experience between them. Both are NGH Board Certified Hypnotists and NLP Practitioners. Having used hypnosis on over 30,000 patients, they co-authored the book *Verbal Medicine*, and are known as SMEs of Hypnosis in Healthcare and tireless advocates for their patients and are on a mission to enlighten the medical world about the phenomenal advantages of integrating complementary medicine into modern medicine.



Sanchez-Domenech, Juan

Juan is an author of *Hypnosis 2100 - Parallel Dimension-Alternative Complimentary Counseling Therapy*. He has a Ph.D. in Counseling and advanced training in Clinical Hypnosis. He has been working with the physical and mentally disadvantaged clients. During the last years he has been working in the pharmaceutical area and providing complementary therapies. He has been a professor/lecturer with the University of Puerto Rico at the Mayaguez Campus, Metropolitan University Ana G.



Scharlau, Amye

Amye is certified as an instructor in hypnosis by two internationally recognized organizations, as well as being an international speaker. She holds degrees in art and theater! Her presentations are lively and interactive, prepare to learn and have fun! She brings her training, experience, exceptional interpersonal skills, and the joy of healing into every presentation. Her clients are successful losing weight, stopping smoking, dealing with stress, building confidence, and navigating through life.



Scott, Patricia

Patti is a Certified Medical Hypnotherapist (since 1992), Certified Master Trainer for the IACT, and a Life Fellow with the IMDHA. President of UP Hypnosis Institute (Unlimited Possibilities Hypnosis Inc.) in Florida, she maintains a private practice and teaches Hypnosis, Medical Hypnotherapy and NLP. Prior, Patti had an exciting 20 year career as a professional singer, actor, dancer & songwriter.



Stockwell-Nicholas, Shelley

Shelley comes to us from Southern California. She's President of the International Hypnosis Federation and the author to 25 books on hypnosis and happiness. (She wrote four books with the venerable Ormond McGill) Shelley has appeared on hundreds of radio and television talk shows and has received many awards including the IMDHA Distinguished Service Award, Pen and Quill Award and the IACT Team Player Award. Her classes are based on her books *Mindfulness Made Easy* and *Spiritual Counselor's Secrets for Professionals*.



Svatek, Mary Beth

Mary Beth, an IMDHA Certified Hypnosis Practitioner and Life Coach, holds a MA in Psychology with 10 years as counselor for individuals, family and group therapy and Crisis Case Management. She has 6 years experience as administrative director; is the developer of Energy Model of Therapeutic Change and founder of the Psycho-Energetic Institute (PEI)



Tiers, Melissa

Melissa is the founder of The Center for Integrative Hypnosis with a private practice in New York City. She is an international lecturer and trainer in clinical hypnosis, NLP and mental health coaching and an adjunct faculty member of The New York Open Center and the Tri-State College of Acupuncture. Melissa is an award winning author of the books *"Integrative Hypnosis: A Comprehensive Course in Change"*, *"The Anti-Anxiety Toolkit: Rapid Techniques to Rewire your Brain"* and her new book, *"Keeping the Brain in Mind: Practical neuroscience for coaches, therapists and hypnosis practitioners"* co-written with Shawn Carson, is now available at amazon.



Vallei, Mary

Mary has been a Hypnosis Professional since 2007. She is an Internationally Certified Hypnotherapist who has a thriving Multi-State Practice in CO, NM, MI, and other areas in the Western United States. Her clients range in ages from 7 to 94. She works with individuals, groups, couples, and families.

She is a Life Fellow of IMDHA and a Member of the IMDHA Advisory Board. Mary is a member of ACHE, and active with the Colorado Association of Psychotherapists. In MI she served as President of the MI Association of Counselors and Hypnotherapists and as an Instructor for the MI School of Hypnotherapy. In her practice, *Hypnotherapy Center for Positive Change*, Mary specializes in anxiety, fears, stress, general wellness and personal growth and performance. Mary is dedicated to assisting her clients in discovering how to live who they are for as long as they can in the happiest, healthiest ways.



Wackernagel, Nicole

Nicole is the CEO and director of the Swiss Hypnosis Institute in Switzerland. She has a full time practice in Frauenfeld as a hypnotherapist. She is also a IMDHA/IACT trainer, a trainer for the Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute, for Sleptalk from the Goulding Institute and collaborates with different hypnosis schools world-wide.



Watson, Michael

An international trainer of NLP and Ericksonian Hypnosis, Michael has been practicing hypnotherapy for over four decades. He is a former trainer for Salad Ltd in the UK and on the training team for NLP of the Rockies and the UP Hypnosis Institute. A Diplomate of IMDHA, and IACT “Educator of the Year”, Michael is a faculty member of HPTI and is the Director of Phoenix Services for Personal Development. Known for his lighthearted and caring style, Michael’s training programs are as enjoyable as they are practical. His developmental work in Evolutionary Hypnosis is “cutting edge” and offers a new skill set to hypnotists in contemporary practice. When he’s not traveling and training, he lives in Orlando, Florida where he maintains a private practice.



White, Rachel Horton

Merging the spiritual with the real world, Rachel Horton White helps people release negative patterns in their lives, with practical tools like mindfulness, energy and intuition exercises, to connect with their true, inner selves. Through her work in Soulful Work Intuitive Consulting, Rachel is a certified clinical hypnotherapist, life coach, mindfulness teacher, intuitive reader, tree-hugger and loves to talk to angels. Rachel also has a Bachelor’s Degree in English from Wellesley College and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Georgia, yet claims her true education came from studying abroad in Dakar, Senegal. Her greatest teachers these days are her two bright-eyed, energetic children in Portland, Maine.



Woods, Roger

The Patient Whisperers, Roger Woods & Marc Sacco are both ED RNs with over 50 years of experience between them. Both are NGH Board Certified Hypnotists and NLP Practitioners. Having used hypnosis on over 30,000 patients, they co-authored the book *Verbal Medicine*, and are known as SMEs of Hypnosis in Healthcare and tireless advocates for their patients and are on a mission to enlighten the medical world about the phenomenal advantages of integrating complementary medicine into modern medicine.



Yolles-Young, Nora

Nora holds a Bachelor of Arts in Human Origins and Prehistory from The University of Redlands, Johnston Center. Nora considers her work as a certified integrative and regression hypnotherapist and instructor; Life Between Lives® therapist; consciousness coach; and healer to be both her art and her soul's purpose. In her twenties Nora worked as a contract archaeologist in Hawaii and California; today, she blends her understanding of consciousness and people and a variety of methods to achieve desired results.