

our special PRESENTERS 2024



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 and 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 is a graduate of the Southwest Institute of Healing Arts (SWIHA). Besides providing Hypnotherapy for clients, she also facilitates work-



shops on Self-Management for Chronic Pain, a Matter of Balance and Finding Meaning and Hope for caregivers of loved ones with Dementia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's Disease. Additionally, she has published a book telling the story of the Army Nurse Vietnam Veterans suffering with PTSD.



Babineaux, Mark

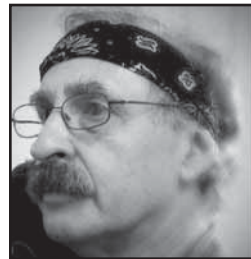
Mark is a practicing attorney in Lafayette, Louisiana trained in both Mediation and Collaborative Issue Resolution. He is a Life Diplomat with IMDHA, a Certified Master Trainer

with IACT and teaches many hypnosis-related curricula. His hypnosis practice includes helping individuals and groups overcome destructive habits and im-

prove beneficial habits.

Bennett, Linda

Linda is a Senior Curriculum Specialist and the Hypnotherapy Program Director at Southwest Institute of Healing Arts. She is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Board Certified Hypnotherapy Instructor and Certifying Examiner as well as a Life Coach. Linda is a regular contributor to the Unlimited Human! journal and the esteemed recipient of the 2023 IMDHA Life Fellow Award, 2022 NATH Lifetime Achievement recipient, 2014 IMDHA Educator of the Year.



Blum, Peter

Peter has had a full-time practice since 1987. He has trained hundreds in the spiritual art form of hypnosis. He studied for many years with

Native American mystic Joseph Rael, and psychiatrist and author Dr. Lewis Mehl-Madrona, with whom he has frequently co-presented. Peter is the co-author of *The Phonebook - How to Use NLP on the Telephone*. He is a member of The Order of Braid (NGH) and has been honored as a Life Fellow in Hypnosis by IMDHA, and inducted in 2021 into the Hypnosis Hall of Fame.

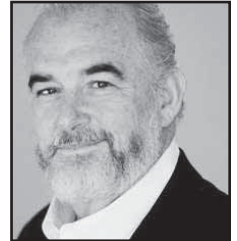
Branante, Albert

Albert is a theatrical agent with over 20 years of experience in the field. He is also a hypnosis and NLP Practitioner who was trained by Will Horton, George Bien, Jeffrey Cohen, Jason Linett amongst others.



Castor, Douglas

Douglas practices hypnotherapy in Orem UT, providing services to clients, and working with issues keeping them stuck or facing blocks keeping them from increasing performance. He is a Board Certified Hypnotherapist (IACT), a Clinical Hypnotherapist (RTT) and a Master Trainer (IACT). He has been practicing hypnotherapy since 2018, and coaching since 2004. He enjoys coaching the unconscious mind. Before that, he enjoyed a 30-year professional career.



Chong, Dennis & Jennifer

Dennis and Jennifer are respectively Fellows of the Society of Neuro-Sem-

antics, 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 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.

Cleary, Daniel

Dan is an internationally recognized Hypnosis Instructor, Pain Relief Educator, and a Master Practitioner of Neuro Linguistics. Teaching hypnosis and hypnotic techniques throughout the United States and Europe to doctors, therapists, and hypnotists. His special-



ties include pain relief and personal transformation.



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.

Donnelly, Lori

Lori is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist and certified Brain Health Coach with The Amen Clinic, IEMT (Integral Eye Movement Technique) Trainer/practitioner, advanced NLP practitioner, Master Therapeutic Imagery Facilitator. She is a graduate with the highest honors of Hypnosis Motivational Institute of Los Angeles in Mind-Body Psychology and continues her studies regularly, keeping current with the latest techniques available.



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. Dr. Eimer regularly teaches workshops on Pain Control Hypnosis to hypnotherapists, psychologists, psychotherapists, physicians, dentists, and nurses.



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 International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis.



Fitzner, Sheri

Sheri is a Certified Hypnotherapist, a Reiki master, and a teacher who hosts lectures and workshops focusing on How the Mind Works, Conditioned Responses, Past Life Regression, Dream Analysis, Group Hypnosis, Collective Healing, Balancing the Masculine and Feminine Energy, and so much more. Originally from Buffalo, NY, Sheri manages a virtual and in-person practice in her current town of Cuba, NY.

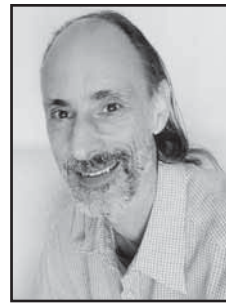
Geers Dahl, Monica

Monica is an IMDHA educator who started teaching hypnosis certification courses in 1994. She opened a private practice of hypnosis in 1985 and earned Biofeedback 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.



Gerey, Nicolas

Nicolas is a Goulding Method Consultant, Trainer, and Mentor; Clinical and Medical Hypnotherapist and NLP MP with more than 20 years experience. He trained in Europe, Australia and the USA. Presently living in Europe. He is presenting the Goulding Method at conferences in the US and the EU; and training, and mentoring Consultants worldwide, mainly online. He is also the President of IGMA, the International Goulding Method Association.



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 include transpersonal hypnotherapy, fertility, trauma release, and emotional divorce. She is proud to have received the IACT 2016 Hypnotist of the Year award.

Granger, Sheila

A UK Clinical Hypnotherapist, Sheila's mission is to educate, motivate, and help other practitioners to achieve more than they thought possible. Most known for the Virtual Gastric Band weight loss protocol that's helped thousands of hypnosis practitioners across the globe launch and grow their practices, Sheila has taken hypnosis into almost all walks of life. From working with the homeless to hospitals, schools, and businesses. She was the IMDHA Hypnotist of the Year in 2019, and her own business won the national UK Business of the Year in 2021. A multi-best-selling author on Amazon, Sheila constantly tests the boundaries of what is possible with hypnosis and a hypnosis business. And, has enabled others to help over 140,000 clients with hypnosis! She's ego-free with a big dollop of a "can do" attitude!



The pre-conference lecture with Monica was an A+. Thank you to every person who helped put this event together.

-Shayna Daniel, Miami, FL

"It was a really enjoyable conference."

-Fredric Mau, Columbia, SC

**Hand, Karen**

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

good. Karen is headquartered in Chicago and sees clients and trains 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 Like A Pro!*, *Trance Dance*, and *Hypnosis So Easy You Can Do It with your Eyes Closed*.

Hanson, Jessica

Jessica is the recipient of IACT's 2023 Educator of the Year award is often described as an "old soul" because of her many experiences. She learned hypnosis at the age of 13 and credits hypnosis for saving



her life. Jessica is co-author of IACT's Trainers Manual, owner of a state-licensed Hypnosis School, author of 4 books, and creator of the TURTLE Trance-Formation Process. She is Roy Hunter's chosen protégé-helping to preserve and make available Hunter's contributions to hypnosis. Her passion is helping people Trance-Form with Hypnosis

**Hewerdine, Carrie**

IACT and IMDHA Board Certified Clinical 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 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, C. Roy**

Roy teaches hypnotherapy professionals domestically and abroad. His hypnosis texts come highly praised and are required reading in many hypnosis schools

around the world. Roy is the recipient of numerous awards, including lifetime achievement awards from three different organizations. He is a Life Diplomat of both IMDHA and APHP.

LeClaire, Jacqueline

Jacqueline has been a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist for nearly three decades and is the owner of Results Wellness Center, LLC. She is a Master Trainer with the International Association of Counselors and Therapists. She is a Usui Reiki Master, Holy Fire Reiki Master and Trainer and Integrative Energy Practitioner (IET). She is a Certified Colorpuncture Practitioner. She has appeared on National Television, and been a welcomed guest on numerous radio programs and podcasts.

**Mau, G. Fredric**

Fredric is a clinical mental health counselor and hypnotherapist in private practice. As Core Faculty for Graduate Medical Education in the Psychiatry Residency Training Program at the William J McCord Adolescent Treatment Facility he trains psychiatric residents (physicians) in psychotherapy. He is an investigator in a randomized controlled trial of the effectiveness of VR-enhanced guided imagery for pain relief, and is a popular international keynote speaker and author of three books.

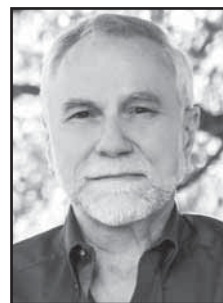
**McCool, Melanie**

Melanie, known as "The Entrepreneur's Hypnotherapist," is an IACT Certified Master Trainer of Hypnosis with over 20 years of entrepreneurial experience. She

utilizes neuroscience, money mindset, sales confidence training, hypnosis, and NLP to eliminate subconscious blocks, ending cycles of procrastination and self-sabotage cycles in her thriving hypnosis practice.

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 Triip, a non-profit veterans' service organization. He holds a Sr Master (7th Degree Black Belt) in Tae Kwon Do.

"Thank you for a wonderful conference. I enjoyed every moment. The presenters were great and inspirational, and I feel so enriched to have met so many beautiful people."

-Karin Laing, Xaghra Gozo, MALTA

"Thank you so very much for all your effort and time in providing the live streaming of this year's conference. Overall, I think the presentations were actually better than last year!"

-Terri Raymond, Sedona, AZ



Myronyuk, Natalie

Natalie is passionate about helping people reach their highest potential and heal anything that stands in the way. Her approach to work and life is simple and

solution-oriented. She can help people achieve their goals on a deeper level of being.

Papadakis, Debbie

Debbie is a Registered Psychotherapist, Clinical Hypnotherapist, Diplomate 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.



Peterson, Chandra

Chandra is an independently Licensed Mental Health and Addictions Therapist. She has created presentations, trainings, and workshops on

a variety of hypnosis skills. She helps those who have encountered trauma, abuse, PTSD, or Grief, find a state of healing and peace. She has trained and certified many students in hypnosis over the years and truly enjoys helping others succeed. "Cooperation, not competition, is the motivating force behind success."



Prakash, Sunil

Sunil is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist and Certified Trainer of Clinical Hypnotherapy from California Hypnosis Institute (CHI) USA, International

Medical & Dental Hypnotherapy Association (IMDHA), International Association of Counsellors & Therapist (IACT) USA, Hypnosis Motivation Institute (HMI) USA, National Hypnotist Guild (NGH) USA. He has been successfully running a Hypnotherapy school in India since 2009.

Rocki, Wieslaw

Wes is a medical doctor (managing diseases), hypnotist (exploring possibilities), physiologist (supporting health), and improviser (playing with life's demands). The hallmarks of his 40-year medical practice in four specialties and hypnosis (last 12 years) are integrity, curiosity, awareness, integration, playfulness, and self-healing care. Included in his practice are intuition medicine, spiritual healing, energy medicine, and trauma-related psychosomatic healing. His ongoing cancer healing journey expanded his medical knowledge to the patient's perspective.



Rosen, Eric

Dr. Rosen is an Adjunct Faculty with the Florida School of Professional Psychology at National Louis University, Tampa, and has a Master's Certification for teaching (IACT/IMDHA).

Rosen, Karen

Dr. Karen Rosen, PsyD holds a doctorate in clinical psychology and specializes in adults, children, and families. She holds practice with her husband, Dr. Robert Rosen, and father-in-law, Dr. Eric Rosen.



Scott, Patricia

Patricia (Patti) is a Certified Medical Hypnotherapist (1992), NLP Master Practitioner, IACT Certified Master Trainer, IMDHA Life Diplomate, Creator of Medical Hyp-

notherapy Specialty Certification, & IHF Certified Instructor. President at UP Hypnosis Institute (UPHI), an IMDHA-approved school in Florida, Patti sees private clients and teaches Hypnosis, Medical Hypnotherapy & NLP live & online. Prior to 1992, Patti enjoyed 20 years as a professional singer, actor, dancer & published songwriter.

Smith Varclova, Barbara

Thirty years ago, Barbara began to study how the mind works. She completed several training programs, starting with The Silva Method of Mind Control, Accumulator, Principles of Life, NLP, Clinical and Pastoral Counselling, CBT, OneBrain, regression, hypnotherapy, and concluding with Rapid Transformation Therapy. In addition, she studied non-traditional modalities such as Reiki, Tarot, energy work, and any available research regarding the physical manifestation of emotional issues creating Quantum healing.



Souza-Campos, Flavio

Flavio has been a hypnotherapist since November 1996, with more than 43,000 sessions done, a Professor of Mystical Philosophy and Hypnotherapy,

and a prolific author. Most of the work done in hypnotherapy has been in the areas of relationships, health, and prosperity. Flavio is an ordained minister and has four children. Flavio credits his recovery from a profound personal crisis that resulted in two NDEs to the use of hypnotherapy, furthering his enthusiasm for the profession.



"I'm back in France. I want to thank you again for this amazing Convention."

-Brice LeMaire, Nice, FRANCE



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, Swiss Medical Maven turned Hypnotic Heroine, is also the recipient of IACT's 2023 Hypnotist of the Year award. After diving deep into daily hospital life, a light bulb moment steered her to hypnotherapy. Now, she's turning skeptics into believers, one swinging pendulum at a time. Founder of the Swiss Hypnosis Institute awarded hypnotist and a YouTube sensation with 300+ grin-worthy videos, she's making medicine mesmerizing or tickling the ivories. Her dream? A clinic where 'you're getting sleepy' is the new norm.



Waters Shankman, Beverly

Bev spent her earlier career in healthcare business development. During her NDE from stress-induced cardiac arrest,

Bev's parents told her to "go back and help others manage their stress before it kills them, too". Since earning her CCHt through SWIHA, Bev combines training in Hypnotherapy, Healing Arts, Yoga, Health and Wellness, and Plant Based on Living in her HypnoFusion practice. She is most proud of her growing family which includes 9 amazing grandchildren 6 and under.

Watkins, Derrick

Derrick is a comedy entertainer, author, and keynote speaker with more than 20 years of experience. Derrick brings to the stage high-quality professionalism, charm, and energy that is unmatched. Specializing in clean and family-friendly event entertainment, Derrick has the gift of motivation that can uplift all audiences so that they can tap into their personal and professional power. He is a highly sought-after speaker and hypnotist who has been seen on ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, TvOne News, TRL-MTV, The Bleacher Report, 98.7 Kiss-Fm-New York, Love, and Hip Hop-New York as well as many radio stations and podcasts.



Watson, Michael

An internationally known trainer and NLP with over 40 years of experience in the field. A frequent presenter at conferences and workshops and a pioneer in online education, he is an IACT

Educator of the Year. Along with Karen Hand, Michael Co-Hosts the Virtual Chapter Online. He maintains a full-time practice in Orlando, offers courses and training, and provides mentoring services to practitioners. Known for his lighthearted and caring style, his training is as enjoyable as it is practical.

Young, Jacqueline

After retiring from a successful career in education as CEO of a school board, Jackie pursued her love of brain research, mindset, neural psychology, plasticity, and the subconscious - all of which naturally led to hypnosis! She believes the client already holds all of the resources for growth, and that hypnotherapy is about connecting or uncovering those resource states working alongside the client. Jackie has established a successful online business and offers multiple online courses.



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