

## Meet the Presenters & Staff of Summer Camp Amelia Island



**Cynthia Biron, RDH EMT, MA Ed**

**President of DH Methods of Education, Inc.** Cindy Biron was Professor and Chair of the Tallahassee Community College Dental Health Programs from 1993 - 2009. In addition to her administrative duties as chairperson, she has taught clinical dental hygiene, dental hygiene theory, periodontology, medical emergencies and allied health pharmacology. She has taught continuing education courses throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and Australia, for private practitioners and dental educators. She is currently an adjunct instructor in the Dental Hygiene Program at Tallahassee Community College, FL

Cindy has over thirty years of sound, hands on experience in private practice dental hygiene in general dentistry and periodontal offices, emergency medicine and dental professions education. She received an A.S. Degree in Dental Hygiene from New Hampshire Technical Institute, a B.A. degree in Medical Technology and Human Biology from Notre Dame College in NH, a certification as an Emergency Medical Technician from The University of Texas Health Science Center, and an M.A. Ed in Adult Higher Education from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

She was also a full-time professor at New Hampshire Technical Institute and at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX. Cindy is a contributing author to the textbooks, *“Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation & Advanced Root Instrumentation”*, by Jill S. Gehrig, *“Patient Assessment Tutorials for Dental Hygienists”* by Jill S. Gehrig and *“Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist”* by Esther Wilkins, and is also co-author of *“Dental Office Medical Emergencies”* with Timothy Meiller, Richard Wynn, and Harold Crossley. Cindy has served as a columnist and consulting editor for RDH Magazine since 1992. She has produced three instructional videos *“Precision in Periodontal Instrumentation”*, *“Precision in Periodontal Instrumentation 2nd edition”*, *“A Focus on Fulcrums”*, and the *“DH Clinic Key”* an encrypted flash drive of videos, quick references and national board reviews for dental hygiene and the video *DH Corroborative Error Practicum Faculty Clinical Calibration* ’

She invented the Porta Sim Stand (sold by Kilgore International) to secure dental manikins for student training, the Sharpening Horse for sharpening dental instruments, and the computerized grading system “TalEval” for dental assisting and dental hygiene programs clinical grading and outcomes assessment and CODA exhibit reports. She recently invented the “Stoney Pony” sharpening stone which is patent pending. She has also had great success with her “Summer, Fall & Winter Camps” on accreditation, teaching methodology and periodontal instrumentation which have been held at Tallahassee CC 2003, Nova Southeastern U 2005., University of TN at Memphis 2006, Salt Lake CC, Harrisburg Area CC, College of Southern Nevada 2007, Summer Camp Mesa Community College, AZ 2007. Winter Camps Jacksonville, FL 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, and Summer Camp Boston, MA 2008, 2009, 2010, Fall Camp Las Vegas 2010, Winter & Summer Camp Amelia Island 2011 - 2019, Summer Camp Santa Ana, CA 2011, Winter Camp Sydney & Adelaide, Australia 2011, Fall Camp Collin College McKinney TX 2011, and TN State University.



**Roberta Brown CDA, RDH, MS**

**Presenter of “How to Teach Dental Materials”, How to Teach Community Dentistry” “How to Teach Radiology” and “Special Needs Patients and Medical Emergencies”** Bobbie graduated with an AAS in dental assisting from Penn Valley Community College quickly followed by a BS in dental hygiene from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. After twenty-five years as a clinical dental hygienist she returned to UMKC as a distance learner to earn her MS in dental hygiene education. Her graduate research, on service-learning, was accepted for publication by the Journal of Dental Education. She accepted a full-time position at Lewis and Clark Community College, in Godfrey Illinois, in August of 2008 where she is an Assistant Professor. The program at Lewis and Clark is a 1 + 1 program and Bobbie teaches both dental assisting and dental hygiene students in a wide variety of courses including, dental materials, radiology, periodontics, community oral health, dental specialties, and office management. Her interest in distance education prompted further study that culminated in earning the Master Online Teacher certification from

the University of Illinois in June of 2014. All of her courses are web-enhanced and she also designed and teaches the first web-blended (hybrid) course in the dental assisting curriculum at Lewis and Clark. Bobbie is active in her professional association and is currently Delegation Chair for the Missouri Dental Hygienists’ Association. Bobbie has been presenting for DH Methods of Education, Inc. Summer Camp since 2014.



**Presenter: Radiology Educator’s Workshop** Dr. Buchanan is a Board Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist. Dr. Buchanan received her dental degree from the Medical College of Georgia, School of Dentistry and completed her residency training in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Dr. Buchanan also received her Master of Science degree from San Antonio.

Dr. Buchanan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Oral Health & Diagnostic Sciences at Georgia Regents University (GRU), College of Dental Medicine (CDM). At GRU CDM, she teaches at both the predoctoral and graduate levels and provides a cone beam computed tomography overread referral service for both local and remote practitioners. Her research interests include cone beam computed tomography and digital radiography. Dr. Buchanan has been presenting

**Allison K. Buchanan DMD, MS** at Summer Camp Amelia Island since 2012.

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**Presenter of “DA Accreditation Workshop” and Co-Presenter of “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation.”** Christine has 46 years of experience in the dental field with more than 25 years devoted to dental hygiene and dental assisting education. During her clinical work she became a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) and enjoyed combining this with dental hygiene. She began her accreditation experience at New Hampshire Technical College, Concord Community College at its inception and continued her challenges by starting the Mount Ida College dental hygiene program that opened its doors in 1999. At this time she was trained to be a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and worked in this capacity for 6 years. Much experience and knowledge has been acquired over the years with all facets of accreditation of dental programs. Christine is also a consultant examiner for the North East Regional Board (NERB). She is currently Professor and

**Christine A. Dominick, CDA, RDH, M. Oc. Ed**

Associate Dean of Dental Hygiene at the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science University at the Worcester, MA location.

Christine has been a presenter in DH Methods of Education, Inc. camps since 2005. Dental Assisting attendees rave about her leadership in accreditation for the dental assisting profession.

The views of the presenter do not necessarily reflect the view of MCPHS University where she is employed.



**Lane Foreman, CDA, CRDH, BS**

**Presenter of “How to Teach Histology & Embryology” , “Special Needs Patients and Medical Emergencies”** Lane is an Associate Professor in the Dental Health Programs at Tallahassee Community College. In addition to her certificate in Dental Assisting and AS Degree in Dental Hygiene, Lane has a BS degree in Biology from Florida State University. Her teaching responsibilities include Clinical Dental Hygiene, Histology & Embryology, Clinical Dental Assisting, Dental Materials, Dental Specialties, Community Dentistry, and Medical Emergencies.

She has participated in the development of TalEval, a computerized grading system for dental hygiene and dental assisting schools.

Lane is the author of the Medical Emergencies Chapter in the current edition of Esther Wilkins textbook, *“Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist”*. Lane has been teaching in DH Methods of Education, Inc. camps in various cities since 2006.



**Gwen Grosso, RDH, MS**

**Presenter of “How to Teach Pharmacology”** Gwen has been in academia for 24 years and a practicing hygienist for 35 years. She has taught in a variety of clinical and public health settings. She teaches at both the associate and baccalaureate levels at the University of New Haven. She currently teaches Pharmacology and Pain Management, Periodontology, Local Anesthesia Laboratory, and Principles of Communication for Health Professionals. Other areas of teaching experience include: Dental Hygiene Research, Dental Public Health, Local Anesthesia, and mentoring degree completion student projects and internships.

She has developed a course in accordance with the Connecticut Dental Hygiene Practice Act, to educate registered dental hygienists in the certification of Local Anesthesia. Her professional speaking engagements included invitations from Old Dominion University and the University of Maryland to present the Local Anesthesia certification course to faculty.

She co-authored, *DH Notes: A Dental Hygienists’ Chairside Pocket Guide (2017)* and a chapter titled *“Local Anesthesia and Pain Management” Dental Hygiene: Application to Clinical Practice. R. Henry, M. Perno Goldie. 2016*

In 2017, Gwen received appointment to the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) as a dental hygiene examiner.



**Cristina Lekas, CDA, RDH, BA Sc**

**Co-presenter: “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation”** Cristina Lekas has been actively involved in dentistry for 30 years. Currently she teaches as a part time instructor in clinical dental hygiene at Central Georgia Technical College in Macon, GA.

Previously Cristina taught at Tallahassee Community College Dental Health Programs under the mentoring and tutelage of Cindy Biron.

Her journey has been challenging and inspiring. Now in GA she uses her years of practice to promote a more critical thinking and activity based teaching environment for her students.

Cristina is a team presenter in the camp in the hands-on workshop, “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” and also works on the administrative staff of DH Methods of Education, Inc.



**Presenter of “How to Teach Ethics” and Co-presenter in “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation”, “How to Teach DH Preclinic” and “DH Clinical Calibration”** Robin graduated from Westbrook College (currently University of New England) in Portland, Maine with her AS degree in Dental Hygiene and University of Rhode Island with her BS in Dental Hygiene, with a Specialty in Health Education. She was EFDA (Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary) trained at University of Pennsylvania Dental School in 1981. She also graduated from University of New England School of Law in 1986 with a JD in Law.

**Robin Blatt Matloff, RDH, BSDH, JD**

Robin’s career spans over thirty-four years of clinical and teaching experience. She has been a full time faculty member and taught both didactic and clinical courses at Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene in Boston MA, as well as Quinsigamond Community College, in Worcester, MA. Robin began teaching at Mount Ida College in Newton MA, where she served as Program Director from 2003-2007. She became a CODA examiner in 2004.

Robin was First-Year Clinic Coordinator at Mount Ida College. She taught Pre-Clinic and Clinic 1. She coordinated and taught Medical Emergencies Lecture and Lab, as well as Dental Ethics and Practice Management. She was a clinical instructor in the Pain Management/Local Anesthesia Lab. She has presented training courses for graduate Dental Hygienists at Mount Ida College, in Local Anesthesia, since August of 2005, the year that it became a delegable duty for Dental Hygienists in the state of Massachusetts.

Robin has lectured for the Massachusetts Dental Society on various topics. She has also presented numerous lectures at the Yankee Dental Congress over the years, which is the fifth largest Dental Convention, held yearly in Boston, Massachusetts. She was granted Tenure at Mount Ida College in May of 2005. Robin retired from her position at Mount Ida College in 2018, the same year the Dental Hygiene Program was transferred to Regis College in Massachusetts.

Robin serves as a consultant for DH Methods of Education, Inc. and provides in-services on TalEval Computerized Clinical Grading. She has been a presenter at camps in various cities since 2007.



**Presenter: “How to Teach Oral Pathology” , “How to Teach Head & Neck Anatomy” and “How to Teach Local Anesthesia”** Brent Molen has been teaching dental hygiene students since 2008. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Education from the University of Phoenix, as well as other degrees from Utah Valley State College, Idaho State University and the Utah College of Dental Hygiene.

Brent currently serves as a permanent Board Member and as President and Director of the dental hygiene program at the Utah College of Dental Hygiene (UCDH) in Orem, Utah. He has taught Dental Morphology, Dental Embryology & Histology, Dental Materials, National Board Review, Professional Dental Hygiene IV, Educational Concepts, and Professional Dental Hygiene I - Expanded Functions. Brent has also served as a clinical instructor for first and second year dental hygiene students as well as a clinical local anesthesia instructor.

**Brent K. Molen, RDH MA Ed** Brent has been working in the dental field for more than twenty eight years. His first job in the dental field was as a teenager at Snow Mountain Orthodontic Laboratory in Provo, Utah. Since then, he has worked as an instructor for a dental assisting program, as a dental laboratory technician, a dental laboratory owner (DentOvations Dental Lab), a joint owner of two dental practices (The Mall Dental Group and Hollywood Dental for Kids), a dental front office manager, a pediatric surgical center/O.R. dental assistant, and as a dental hygienist/dental hygiene instructor/educator.

Brent has been the Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) School Coordinator at the Utah College of Dental Hygiene since 2008. He has contributed various copyright free illustrations and how-to guides into the medical/dental education online forums featuring his work as a medical/dental illustrator. In 2012 Brent was presented with the Instructor of The Year Award from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and has volunteered as a Team Leader conducting accreditation site visits for ACCSC since 2008.

Brent has been a presenter in Summer Camp Amelia Island since 2015.



**Theodore Jon Neal**

**Event Coordinator for Summer Camp Amelia Island** In addition to his role as Event Coordinator at *Summer Camp Amelia Island*, Theodore (Ted), is the webmaster of the **DH Methods of Education, Inc.** website. He designs and manages the online store for registration and the purchases of educational products.

Ted is usually the first one camp attendees meet when they check in at the registration desk. He prepares all the copyright agreements, certificates and other documents for camp and organizes the classes and lunch reservations and oversees the entire event. Ted is your go to person with questions about courses, class locations, lunches and tourist activities and restaurants when you are at camp.

When not working on the details of the website and the camp, Ted is the Purchasing Agent for three different design firms in the Boston, MA area: Elizabeth Schwartz Interiors; Wilson Kelsey Design; and Woodman Design Studio. Ted has been with DH Methods of Education, Inc. since 2012.



**John W. Preece DDS, MS**

**Lead Presenter: “Radiology Educator’s Workshop”** Dr. Preece received his DDS from Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago, Ill. and his MS from the University of Alabama, School of Dentistry in Birmingham. He is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Dental Diagnostic Sciences and the Dental Hygiene and Dental Laboratory Technology Departments in the School of Allied Health Sciences at The University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio, and has consulting faculty appointment to Austin Community College's Dental Hygiene Program.

Previous faculty appointments include: The University of North Carolina, School of Dentistry [1970-75], Northwestern University Dental School [1967]. Previous administrative appointments include: Associate Dean, School of Allied Health Sciences; Interim Dean, School of Allied Health Sciences; Interim Dean of Department of Dental Diagnostic Sciences. Dr. Preece has certification from the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology [AAOMR] and Diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology [ABOMR]. He is a member of the American Dental Association and the International Association of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology [IADMFR]. He is a former consultant to

the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation for Allied Programs.

Dr. Preece is also a member of The Dental Honor Society, and Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene Honor Society, His awards are too numerous to list in this article, but some of them include the: Minnie S. Piper - Professor of the Year Award for Teaching Excellence, and election to the MuNu Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. Dr. Preece has been a presenter at DH Methods of Education, Inc. since 2011.



**Lynn Prine, CDA, EFDA**

**Co-Presenter Radiology Educator’s Workshop Hands-on Session**

Lynn Prine, has over 40 years of experience in dentistry. Lynn graduated with an AAS from Penn Valley Community College and has enjoyed her profession as a chairside dental assistant for over 30 years. Lynn’s years of practical experience in dentistry and her passion for serving patients well, led her into teaching as adjunct faculty in dental materials and radiology at Penn Valley Community College, a CODA accredited dental assisting program. The last 7 years she has been a member of the radiology department staff at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. Lynn’s duties at UMKC SOD include pre-clinical instruction of radiographic techniques to novice dental and dental hygiene students using phosphor plate and solid-state sensors. She assists and supervises students as they provide intraoral and panoamic radiographs on patients in the dental clinic, also evaluating and approving stuents radiographs to assure diagnostic quality. She has served as a member of the UMKC

SOD CE advisory committee. Lynn has been a member of the American Dental Assistants Association and the Missouri Dental Assistants Association (MDAA) since 1976. She is a past president of the MDAA as well as the Greater Kansas City Dental Assistants Society. Lynn was asked to serve as the MDAA representative on the Missouri Coalition for Oral Health and the Greater Kansas City Oral Health Access Committee. She recently was a co-presenter of a UMKC CE presentation, “Imaging for the Dental Professional: Intra-Oral, Panoramic, & Cone Beam, Radiographic Technique and Interpretation”.



**Kelly Simon, IT AV**

**IT and AV Technician** Kelly Simon provides internet, computer technology and audio visual support for all the classes in Summer Camp Amelia Island. He assists with other operations of the camp such as registration and administrative responsibilities whenever and wherever he is needed. Kelly is married to Lorinda Simon who teaches in the camp and also serves on the DH Methods of Education, Inc. staff. Lorinda and Kelly Simon are the only married couple in the camp family and they are always nearby for attendees and camp faculty and staff, ready to answer questions and assist with our needs.

When Kelly is not working for Summer Camp Amelia Island he has a full time position at Florida State University as a “Systems Administrator” for the IT AV needs of the university.

Kelly came on board with DH Methods of Education, Inc. in Summer Camp Amelia Island in 2018.



**Lorinda Simon CDA, CRDH, MS**

**DH Methods of Education, Inc. Executive Administrator and Co-presenter: “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” and “DH Clinical Calibration”** Lorinda is a full time faculty member at Tallahassee Community College Dental Programs. She teaches Medical Emergencies in the dental assisting and dental hygiene programs and preclinic and clinic in both program as well as dental materials lab. She received an AS in Dental Hygiene from Tallahassee Community College in 2001 and a BS in Health Science from Nova Southeastern University in 2017. She received her Masters of Science degree in Organizational Leadership in 2020 from Nova Southeastern University .

Lorinda also participated in the development of TalEval, a computerized grading system for dental hygiene and dental assisting schools. She provides TalEval training in-services at dental hygiene schools.

She has taught in the “How to Teach Periodontal Instrumentation” and “DH Clinical Calibration” workshops in various camp cities since 2007. Lorinda also serves as an administrator on the DH Methods of Education, Inc. staff.



**Presenter: “How to Teach Periodontology”, “How to Teach Nutrition”, “DH Clinical Calibration”:** Cynthia lives in Neptune Beach, Florida and has been married to husband, David for 32 years. She has a daughter, Madison and a grandson.

Cynthia graduated from Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY with her degree in dental hygiene and went on to complete a Bachelor’s and Master’s after a 20 year hiatus from school. She has 42 years of experience as a dental hygienist. Seventeen of those years have been dedicated to dental hygiene education.

Cynthia is currently a Professor of Dental Hygiene at Florida State College at Jacksonville. She teaches a variety of subjects in the dental hygiene curriculum, serves as clinic coordinator for Clinic I and Clinic II and has taught instrumentation for 15 years and has been the lead instructor for 8 years.

She has been an attendee of the camps for years and served as Co-Presenter in the Clinical Dental Hygiene Teaching Methodology course in 2016-2018. She is contributor the DH Clinic Key “DHNBE on Nutrition”.



**Presenter: DH Accreditation Workshop** Gwen Welling is presently an independent consultant for dental hygiene education and accreditation. Her clients include developing programs, community colleges and university programs, both public and private. Services provided vary from program review, simulation site visits, presentations in educational methodology, curriculum mapping and outcomes assessment.

From 2005 to 2012, she was Manager, Dental Hygiene Education for the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). During that time she managed over 325 dental hygiene programs, staffed over 100 site visits and consulted with school administrators regarding CODA’s policies and procedures on reporting compliance.

**Gwen Welling, RDH, MS** Gwen’s career spans over 40 years of administrative and teaching experience in allied dentistry. She has directed programs and/or taught at Indiana University, Loyola University of Chicago, Edison College (Florida) and Owens Community College (Ohio). Gwen has expertise in CODA accreditation standards, policy and procedures; analysis and solutions to meet the needs of accreditation processes; DH program curriculum review; DH program development for initial established programs; and educational methodology.

She received her associate degree in dental hygiene and baccalaureate degree in education from Indiana University and her masters in educational administration and leadership from Purdue University.

Gwen’s clients report that she has a thorough understanding of dental hygiene curriculum, program requirements and the accreditation process; excellent problem-solving skills; and is helpful and reassuring during the consulting process.

She has been a presenter for DH Methods of Education, Inc. since Summer Camp 2013 and provides attendees with expert guidance in preparing self-study documents and planning for accreditation site visits.