



## 2021 Conference Biographies



**Martha Bryan** is a management consultant, author, speaker, and seminar leader who speaks nationally and internationally regarding the development of human potential and personal excellence. With an education background in teaching, she has taught at both high school and college levels and has held positions in both government and private industry. Fascinated by what makes some individuals strive to be the very best, Martha has devoted her life to studying peak performers. She is a highly effective organization consultant and dynamic public speaker who is recognized for her informative, down-to-earth, and entertaining keynote presentations and workshops. You will enjoy spending time with her!



**Thad Shunkwiler** is a licensed mental health professional and works as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Science at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has spent over 10 years treating mental health in both community and correctional settings. Professor Shunkwiler was appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to the Task Force on Medical Cannabis Research in 2016. His research interest include how chemical use impacts mental health symptomology and substance use prevention. Professor Shunkwiler has spoken at numerous national conferences and is well known for his engaging and dynamic presentation style.



**Marit Anne Peterson** is the Program Director for the Minnesota Elder Justice Center. Prior to joining the Elder Justice Center, Marit practiced estate planning and elder law with a metro-area law firm. Marit currently serves on the governing council of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Elder Law section and is a member of the Probate and Trust Law section. Marit is also an adjunct faculty member at Augsburg College in the Philosophy Department, where she teaches ethics and bioethics in the adult undergraduate program. She serves on the steering committee for Minnesota's Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders.



**Phillip Galli** is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls (UWRF). His research interests include community corrections and the role of family social support in the lives of offenders. Phil's dissertation focuses on social support prior to and while incarcerated. Prior to working in academics, Phil worked as a probation/parole officer in Missouri, Ohio, and Illinois.



**Kevin L. Saunders**, Chief Housing Officer, Redeemer Center for Life. Kevin leads housing and property management for multiple apartment complexes and single-family homes. The role includes maintaining and growing RCFL's footprint in affordable housing in North Minneapolis. Residents are provided opportunities to increase their income potential through a proven self-development program (formerly UpWorks Empowering Adults). Kevin is also developing a youth leadership program to enable young people of color toward access to higher education and sustainable employment. The most important aspect of this new role collaborates with community to overcome challenges of poverty, disenfranchisement, and inequity. Kevin holds a BS- Ministries - Univ. of Northwestern- St. Paul, and MA Strategic Leadership – Bethel University. Married with two daughters, and one grandson.

**Kevin L. Saunders**, Associate City Director, LINC – Twin Cities. In this role Kevin collaborates with local churches and ministries to assist aspiring Church Planters, Micro-Schools, and other ministry-oriented individuals. The primary objectives are to develop well defined plans, build needed teams, aid ministry launches, and cultivate appropriate support networks. Responsibilities include refining training curriculum, leading various development classes and sessions, identifying new opportunities, and building relationships across the Twin Cities.



**Tim Walsh** is the Vice President of Long-Term Recovery and Mental Health Services at Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge. He became an ordained minister in February of 2017. He completed his doctorate in public administration at Hamline University in 2012. He received his Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology from St. Thomas University in 1993. Tim earned a double Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies and Social Sciences/Psychology from the University of Northwestern, St. Paul. He has been licensed as a psychologist since 1998. He has been an executive leader in the fields of chemical dependency, mental health, human services and corrections for over 30 years. Tim has been an independent strategic and organizational consultant for 20 years and is a frequent conference speaker and trainer in Minnesota and nationally. He has been a professor at Anoka Ramsey Community College and Hamline University. He currently teaches for the University of Northwestern, St. Paul at the graduate and bachelor levels in Human Services and Psychology.

**Barbara Carson, Ph.D.**, is a consultant and program evaluator for the Brown County STOP Truancy program. As a sociologist for over 30 years, she focuses on courses in community corrections and program evaluation. Currently as a professor emeritus, she us a consultant for several drug treatment courts and is a governor-appointee to the state of Minnesota's Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group.

**Andreas Braulick** is a Senior Corrections Agent who has been in the field for seven years since graduation from Minnesota State University Mankato in 2012. In 2019 he was hired to develop and implement the STOP Truancy Program in Brown County Minnesota. He currently serves on the Training and Education Committee for the Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers and leads the Southern Minnesota Truancy Group.

**Gary Kalstabakken** started with the BCA in June 2012 as a Product Manager. He is a liaison between the BCA and criminal justice agencies and advocates to ensure that their business needs are met by the information they receive through BCA systems. He has responsibility for Probation Client Notification, National Data Exchange, Predatory Offender Registration and other services used by probation agents. Gary is a graduate of the FBI's National Academy and St. Cloud State University. He had a 30-year career in law enforcement including 14.5 years as chief of police with the Rosemount Police Department

**Carla Duellman** has been with the BCA for over 20 years. She has worked as a CJIS trainer for criminal history and Hot Files certification, as a member of the Suspense Team on Criminal History, and on deployment and agency training for LiveScan and eCharging. Currently, Carla is a liaison between the BCA and criminal justice agencies, advocating for agencies that use MNJIS products and services to ensure that their business needs are met and they receive the information they need. She has primary responsibility for the Criminal History System, LiveScan, AFIS, MRAP, and other fingerprint services.



**Willow Sweeney** is a co-founder of Top 20 Training that provides training and materials to empower leaders, teachers, parents and students to develop their potential. She and her Top 20 team have trained over 500,000 people throughout the United States. Her work focuses on helping others further develop their potential, through social and emotional skills and develop more effective workplace teams and cultures. Willow has co-authored Top 20 Teachers: The Revolution in American Education, Top 20 Parents: Raising Happy, Responsible and Emotionally Healthy Children and Top 20 Teens: Discovering the Best-kept Thinking, Learning and Communicating Secrets of Successful Teenagers. Willow's career has included high school teaching, coaching and she has been a national speaker and trainer since 2002. She and her husband, Brian, have two sons and live in St. Cloud, Minnesota. (St. Cloud Times Article, Women In Business, The Unstoppable Willow Sweeney Flaherty)