

## Connections Facilitators, 2019

**Emily Archer**, writer and facilitator, is grateful for a long-time relationship with NH Humanities and for opportunities it gives her to meet and engage many wonderful people statewide. Veterans, hospice and medical staff, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, arts communities, and library reading groups have all deepened her love for civic conversation and reflective reading. An avid book-maker, she enjoys passing on that skill and pleasure in *Connections* classes. Emily lives in Mont Vernon.

**Sara Backer** writes fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, teaches composition at UMass Lowell, and leads reading groups through *Connections* in the Concord men's prison. A former world-wanderer, she returned to her native New England and lives in Hollis.

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**Bill Badgley** taught ESL, citizenship, and civics for many years at Dover Adult Learning Center. He currently teaches shorter, targeted vocabulary, writing, and literature classes for higher level ESL students. Bill has master's degrees in secondary English education and in adult education.

**Susan Bartlett** is a freelance writer and editor and long-time *Connections* facilitator. She is currently working towards a Master's in Creative Writing and Literature at Harvard Extension School and is an adjunct English faculty member at New England College where she teaches composition. Susan was the *Connections* Coordinator from 2013 – 2017. She lives on a blueberry farm in the Monadnock Region with her husband, two dogs, four donkeys, and frequent visits from grown children and young grandchildren.

**Alice B Fogel** has been New Hampshire's Poet Laureate (through 2019). The author of five poetry collections and a guide to appreciating poetry without having to "get" it, she teaches reading and writing to students with learning disabilities at Landmark College in Putney, VT, and has worked with populations of many backgrounds around a love of literature and other arts. She lives in Walpole. <http://alicebfogel.com>

**Linda Graham**, artist, teacher of small children, lives in Concord, NH where she gardens and enjoys the outdoors as much as possible. Having worked with a broad array of families and children, she enjoys facilitating the connections we make between our lives and those in literature. <http://lindagraham.org>

**Judith Hertog** is an essayist, journalist, and teacher. She grew up in Amsterdam but immigrated to Israel as a teenager, and, after some wandering around the world, eventually ended up living in Vermont with her family. She lives in Norwich, VT.

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**Carolyn Hutton** is a teacher to international students at Berwick Academy and Portsmouth Adult Education and feels lucky to be a New Hampshire Humanities *Connections* facilitator as well. Her dream is to bring people of all places and ages together through music, writing, reading, and hearing each other's voices. Now that her four children have scattered around the globe, she remains in Madbury with a garden, two cats, and one faithful hen.

**Courtney Marshall** currently teaches in the English department at Phillips Exeter Academy. Before Exeter, she taught English and Women's Studies at UNH. She also enjoys researching African-American food history and teaching Zumba classes. She lives in Exeter. <https://www.exeter.edu/faculty/courtney-denine-marshall-0>

**Patrice Pinette**, poet, teacher and tutor, is inspired by collaborations between the arts and loves linking poetry to painting, music and dance. She works with teenagers at High Mowing School, graduate students in Antioch New England's Healing Arts in Education program, and, most recently, brings her love of literature and writing to *Connections* and New Voices. She lives in Wilton.

**Maren Tirabassi**, author of twenty books, most recently *A Child Laughs – Prayers of Justice and Hope*, is a writing teacher, new author mentor, workshop facilitator, and pastor, but her happiest job has been the last decade facilitating *Connections* programs. She lives in Portsmouth. <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/about/>

**Tammi Truax** is a writer and a teacher. She loves nothing more than helping readers and writers of all ages find their voices and to share her love of literature with them. American history and visual art often find a way into this work. She is the current Poet Laureate of Portsmouth. She lives in Eliot, Maine. <http://Tammitruax.com>

**Charlie Zoeller** brings to his *Connections* classes his life experiences and love for languages, travel, American history, new arrivals to our country and their cultures, food and histories, civic engagement, books and libraries, music and art, enriched by his careers in human rights, Alzheimer's care and high school teaching. He lives in Derry.